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## Ent Base Adds \$36 Million In '58 to Region's Economy

Ent Air Force Base put a total of \$36,904,558 into the Pikes Peak Region economy in 1958 in the form of military pay and allowances and civilian payroll, according to figures supplied to the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce.

The amount is a \$7,086,498 increase, or 23.8 per cent above the \$29,818,060 figure for 1957.

The 3,639 military personnel and 1,222 civilian employees of Ent, together with the expenditures of the air base in the Colorado Springs area during 1958, have a profound effect on the economic growth of Colorado Springs, Chamber of Commerce industrial director William E. Carraway noted in announcing the new figures.

The total payroll figure includes \$26,030,403 in military pay and allowances, \$4,162,271 in dependents' allowances, \$6,105,098 in civilian payroll from appropriated funds, and \$606,786 in civilian payroll from non-appropriated and private funds such as clubs, concessions and others.

Military personnel include 3,071 Air Force, four Marine, 50 Navy and 514 Army. Of these, only 515 reside on the base.

Altho it is difficult to determine the approximate economic effects of military personnel in a community, the Chamber spokesman said, a very thoro study by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce permits the development of sound estimates of the economic effects of the 1,222 civilian employees of Ent.

Based on the study of the U. S. Chamber, these employees are responsible for a total of 3,620 population in 1,370 families in the community; 623 school children; 1,310 automobiles; 48 retail establishments; an annual personal income of \$7,200,000; and bank deposits of \$3,300,000.

Annual retail sales of \$4,400,000 can be attributed to these families on the basis of the Chamber study.

One area in which a good estimate of the effects of the military is the threat to the life and health of

### World News At a Glance

#### SHIP AGROUND

BERGEN, Norway (AP)—A Soviet ship, the Nowajasibir, ran aground on a rocky stretch of the Norwegian coast early today.

All 46 persons aboard were rescued by the Scottish freighter Soutra as near gale winds and heavy seas pounded the stranded ship.

#### ARMS SENT

LONDON (AP) — Britain disclosed today she has been sending arms to Premier Abdel Karim Kassem's revolutionary Iraqi government.

A Foreign Office spokesman told a news conference requests for British arms were made by Iraqi authorities before and after the July 14 uprising which brought Kassem to power and toppled the Nuri Said government.

#### NEW AMBASSADOR

VIENNA (AP) — Dr. Miloslav Ruzek has been appointed Communist Czechoslovakia's new ambassador to the United States. The Prague Communist party newspaper Rude Pravo said the present ambassador, Dr. Karel Petrzelka, will get a new assignment.

#### FALSE RUMOR

WARSAW (AP) — The U. S. Embassy is besieged by Poles who've heard a false rumor that the United States has lifted all restrictions on immigration.

Speculators who want to buy up choice land from would-be emigrants at bargain prices are blamed for planting the story. One version has the United States offering to pay fares and grant land to immigrants willing to settle in

## Planners Rule Out Pool Site, Study New Location

Another special meeting of the City Planning Commission is tentatively planned for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the City Council chambers to consider an alternate site in Patty Jewett Golf Club which would permit Tropicana, Inc., to construct a swimming pool, skating rink and allied facilities there.

Harry W. Hoth, chairman of the commission, said the meeting would be held next Wednesday if a quorum could be achieved.

This was decided after the planners had denied Wednesday a request for a use variance on a 4.1-acre tract with the main entrance to the concession area to be off LaSalle Street.

Even tho the commission turned down the one request, it was indicated they would be in favor of the idea provided another location could be found which would be less objectionable to nearby residential property owners.

But if the planners okay a new location, the matter would still have to go to the City Council for final approval. Permission from the Jewett heirs must also be obtained.

The new location, according to City Planning Engineer Paul A. Griffith would be more on the east side of the golf course, south of the drainage ditch and east of No. 14 fairway. He said access could be provided off Union Boulevard and possibly Caramillo Street.

John Hendrie, president of Tropicana, Inc., expressed some concern at the meeting about finding a new location since it might involve quite a cost item for core drilling.

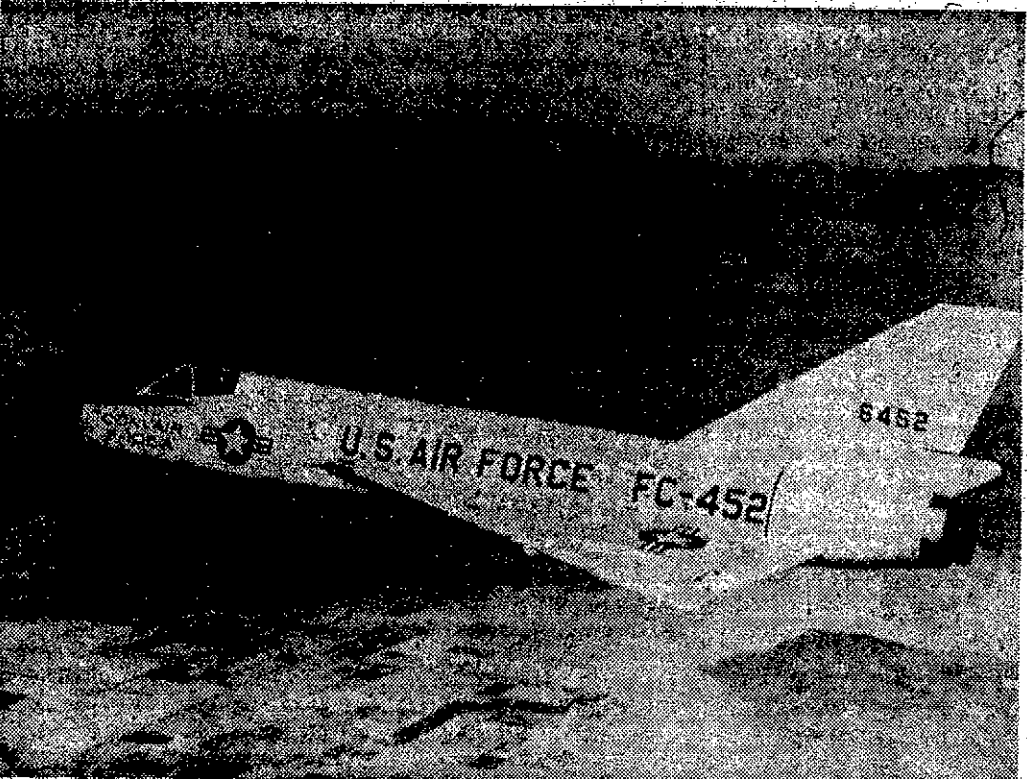
After the meeting was over, however, and since the firm wants to get the operation started this summer, the new site was discussed with Griffith.



BRIG. GEN. E. A. CHAPMAN

## Gen. E. A. Chapman Joins Staff of Army Air Defense

Brig. Gen. Ethan A. Chapman, former Commander of the 7th Infantry Division Artillery in Korea, assumed duties Thursday at Uni-



**FIRST THREE BASES FOR F-106 ANNOUNCED** — The nation's long range defense capability will be boosted by three new F-106 Delta Dart squadrons at McGuire AFB, N. J.; Andrews AFB, near the Nation's Capitol; and Geiger AFB, near Spokane, Washington, Air Defense Command officials announced today. The powerful new interceptor will give North American Air Defense Command and the USAF Air Defense Command increased ability to strike at enemy planes well away from potential targets. Looking like its older brother, the F-102 Delta Dagger, the F-106 can climb to altitudes and speeds for interception of any known manned weapon. Locations for additional squadrons will be announced at a later date. (Air Force Photo)

## ADC Announces Location of Three F-106 Squadrons

Air Defense Command Headquarters today announced the location for its first three squadrons of Mach 2 Convair F-106 fighter interceptors as McGuire AFB, New Jersey, Geiger Air Force Base, near Spokane, and Andrews Air Force Base near the nation's capitol.

Air Force Lt. Gen. J. H. Atkinson, ADC Commander, pointed out that the Delta Dart is a step forward in the program to give North American Air Defense Command and the Air Defense Command increased capability in intercepting hostile planes well away from potential targets.

The all-weather Delta Dart, a big brother to the F-102, and looking similar, will carry Hughes Falcon missiles and in actual de-

## Second District Supports County Reorganization Plan

The County School Reorganization Committee was given a show of approval and confidence Wednesday night by the second school district to be affected by a proposed reorganization plan for El Paso County Schools.

However, the people of District 20 at the Black Forest School, who expressed confidence in the committee and support of the plan, made it clear they do not approve of the interpretation of the school reorganization law, Senate Bill 385, by the State Board of Education.

The people also stated they do not approve of the veto power given to Dr. H. Grant Vest, state commissioner of education. The people stressed they do not approve the way Dr. Vest is using the veto power given him by the State Legislature. The people in District 20 stated

## Denver Druggists Demand Severe Robbery Penalty

DENVER (UPI)—Druggists in the Denver area have begun circulating petitions calling for more severe penalties for persons convicted of armed robbery. "Armed robbers are a constant threat to the life and health of

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# Ent Contributes \$36 Million to Area's Economy

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tary payroll can be given is in housing, Carraway noted. If the 3,124 military personnel living off-base pay an average of \$100 a month for homes, a total of very nearly \$4,000,000 a year would come into the civilian community in this way.

Present indications that the Colorado Springs area will retain NORAD as a permanent installation in new facilities here lend increased importance to the 1958 figures. The sum of \$10 million has already been appropriated to start construction of new underground facilities for NORAD in this area.

The strength figures provided by Ent Air Force Base as of Jan. 1, 1959, show an increase of 261 personnel, or 7.7 per cent, over the comparable figure for 1958. Civilian employes numbered 1,074 a year ago, 148 less than the present figure. Pay expenditures figures show a 23.8 per cent increase during the past year.

The Ent figures show that construction and other expenditures in the local economy amounted to \$5,592,658 in 1957 and \$5,126,434 in 1958.

The Ent payroll expenditures do not include those made by major United States industries which maintain personnel in Colorado Springs for duty with NORAD. Fifteen such offices are maintained separate from Ent, and still other industry personnel work at Ent. The Chamber estimates that these offices and personnel develop an income for Colorado Springs amounting to nearly \$1,000,000 a year.

Companies which maintain offices for liaison or duty with NORAD are American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Architects Collaborative, Boeing airplane Co., Burroughs Corp., Convair Division of General Dynamics Corp., General Electric Co., Hughes Aircraft Co., International Business Machines Corp., Lockheed Aircraft Corp., North American Aviation Inc., Northrop Corp., Philco Corp., Radio Corp. of America, System Development Corp., and Stromberg-Carlson Division of General Dynamics Corp.

Technical representatives are assigned here by Allison division of General Motors Corp., Avco Manufacturing Corp., Bendix Aviation Corp., Douglas Aircraft Co., Martin Co., McDonnell Aircraft Corp., Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division, United Aircraft Corp., Rand Corp. and Western Electric Co.