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Efficient Security..

A DVOCATES of airpower are beginning to of interdiction that isolate the area of enemy operation. MacArthur and Eisenhower have been described as the leading military proponents of this form of security, and their opinions are going to show up in the form of increased appropriations.

The lessons of Korea have shown that army on a man-to-man basis. World War II planes are definitely on the way out. Demand for new and faster jet bombers has caused a change in the production methods for the Boeing 6 jet B-47. Certain models will be frozen in "blocks" to make specific numbers of a given type available. Further modification and improvement will then take place between these production blocks or groups of planes.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the simple "git there fustest with the mostest" axiom of warfare is still fundamental. The virtually unlimited manpower of the Communist world means that local superiority can be gained at any chosen point of aggression. To oppose Russia with relatively immobile ground and sea forces spread thinly around the world is futile from the start.

Airpower, on the other hand, can quickly bring opposing force to bear on any area chosen by the enemy. This can be in the form of men, material, direct firepower, indirect or strategic firepower, and the many types

Question for Pentagon

Essentially, airpower means more "fighting power" of all kinds for each taxpayer's dollar. This efficiency may prevent the dire consequences of a war of "economic attrition" which might result from a standing

Civilian Defense Status Pitiful

CIVILIAN defense is like military preparedness--it is a complete success if it never has to function. With modern radar warning nets, it is possible that our vulnerable cities would have enough time to take precautions that would greatly reduce casualties.

ing in most places would in itself cause enough panic casualties to make a bomb GENERAL MacArthur holds out boil down to the hope, on the one nothing more than an anti-climax. Our civilian defense is pitifully inadequate.

buying time for military preparedness by this precious time for civil defense as well, we are inviting complete disaster. A word to the wise ---. sacrificing men in Korea. If we fail to use to the wise ---.

At present, however, a one hour warnough panic casualties to make a bomb thing more than an anti-climax. Our civ-an defense is pitifully inadequate. According to General Marshall, we are ying time for military preparedness by

YOUNG SOLDIERS DON'T FADE AWAY Weeds for Dinner

Ex-POW's Give Tips on Survival

sabotage, a clump of weeds is offi-ner, a canteen a pressure cooker. These are tips on survival for the living dead of 1941-45, former prisoners of war in Japan and Cormany. A little sugar ruins a gasoline engine—a simple way to sabotage enemy equipment. A razor blade is a handy flint

Germany. Here are a few samples from a booklet, "How to Survive in A Prisoner Camp," planned by the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., now meeting in Chicago: All meat is edible, regardless of the kind of animal. And weeds and tree bark have food value, too. Sometimes, the trick is in the preparation. A tin can makes a good stove. A canteen is a pres-

CHICAGO, May 8—(P)—A hand-ful of sugar is a weapon for sabotage, a clump of weeds is din-per a capteen a pressure cooker of for green things to prevent precious vitamins from draining off

whose name appears.

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when matches aren't available. A man can drink, cook and wash with just a quart of water a day—if he knows how. (The ex-prisoners say the U.S. daily average per person is 300 gal

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Also involved is General Marsh-all's matter of buying time in Korea while preparations are made to resist even greater threats.

Seemingly secondary with the general, but always in the back-ground, is his belief that intensi-fied action against China would not bring Russia into the war. He also seems to think Russia would not be much force in a far eastern war if she did come in. eastern war if she did come in. Yet MacArthur described how the Russians trained the North Koreans in Manchuria, passed this real army through the North Ko-rean border patrol and attacked South Korea. American intelligence had known their actions but not their intentions. Then the Chinese, after MacArthur's Inchon landing, began massing their troops in Man-churia, but as MacArthur said, it is very difficult to determine an-other power's intentions, both with regard to the North Koreans and Chinese, the facts did not produce an American decision to be pre-



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The general is significantly sil-Be Happy Go Luckye

"As far as the initial state of an attack is concerned, you must understand that our own pre-paredness, atomic preparedness, is far in excess of that of the potential enemy at the present time. ""As far as the initial state of stepped in to help the Republic of South Korea. Are there reasons other than those specified by Mr. Truman? It is quite possible the senators may hear some.

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that study was to remove re-strictions on "air reconnaissance" of China coastal areas and Manchuria. Air reconnaissance is "a directed effort in the field to gather information of the enemy.

terrain, or resources," according to the military definition. It does not mean attacking targets. does not mean attacking targets. Applied to the JCS study, this would mean that U. S. aircraft would fly over China and Manchur-ia to see what the Communists were doing to further the Korean War, what preparations they might be making for new moves against Southeast Asia or Chiang Kai-Shek's Formosa. MacArthur appears also to be proposing bombing attacks in Red assembly areas and supply centers in Manchuria. The ICS namer which MacAr-

The JCS paper, which MacAr-thur said he assumes was vetoed by Marshall or Mr. Truman, also proposed removing restrictions on operations of Chiang's Nation-alist forces now on Formosa and providing supplies and equipment to help them operate against the

Communists. That, says MacArthur, is all he

Mr. Truman, said that "if we were to do those things, we would become entangled in a vast con-flict on the continent of Asia." He referred to the proposals on bomb-ing and on use of Nationalist troops Is this refusal to give Chiang

support for offensive, instead of purely defensive power, dictated only by over-caution and fear of bringing Russia into the fray? The Joint Chiefs may tell senators there are other controlling MacArthur estimates the Na-

MacArthur estimates the Na-tionalist force on Formosa includes "in the neighborhood of a half million troops." He says they are excellent troops, but their equip-ment is "spotty," that they lack artillery, trucks, a "great many of the modern refinements."

out war by Russia.

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