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SAC commander sacked Imperials sing sweet harmonies

United Press International
LITTLE ROCK — The Air Force commander in charge when a Titan II missile blew up in September was abruptly relieved of command for reasons that may be linked to Air Force accident reports due out this month, officials said Thursday.

Col. John Moser, who became commander of the 308th Strategic Missile Wing at the Little Rock Air Force Base just last June, was replaced without ceremony Wednesday by Col. Ronald Bishop, who was transferred overnight from Vandenberg Air Force Base at Lompoc, Calif.

Air Force spokesmen said their policy was not to explain personnel changes, and Moser would not comment.

"That's a command prerogative on assignments, and I'm not at liberty to say anything," Moser said Thursday.

A new assignment for him is in the works, he said.

But one former Air Force officer in

Washington, who asked not to be identified, said SAC sacks any commander when something under his control goes awry.

"They wait until the smoke clears and clear out the guy in charge," he said. "When people take these jobs, they know the rules of the game."

Air Force officials would not confirm such a policy. But at Rock, Kan., in 1978, the maintenance commander of McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita was similarly reassigned after two men were killed by toxic fumes from leaking missile fuel.

Two Air Force reports on the Sept. 19 explosion at Damascus, Ark., are to be released this month, officials said. The first is a technical safety report and the other is a 1,600-page compilation of facts and testimony.

When the leaking missile at Damascus exploded — killing one airman and injuring 21 — local and state officials loudly denounced the Air Force's tight-lipped policy of refusing to release information. They said the Air Force had not told them about the danger of an explosion and the missile's toxic fumes or the condition of the nuclear warhead, tossed 200 yards across the missile site in the blast.

They also blamed the Air Force for a confused evacuation that frightened many residents.

Reps. Ed Bethune, R-Ark., and Bill Alexander, D-Ark., began an investigation into the incident, but spokesmen for both denied any prior knowledge of Moser's dismissal. Aides to Sens. Dale Bumpers and

David Pryor, both D-Ark., also expressed surprise and said they had not influenced the decision.

The report by Alexander and Bethune will be delayed until after the Air Force's accident report is completed, an aide to Alexander said. The congressmen will have to wait until the next congressional session to present their report to the House Appropriations Committee as planned.

By RICHARD OLIVER
Battalion Staff

When the Good Lord put vocal chords into Armand Morales, Dave Wills, Russ Taff and Jim Murray, He threw away the mold.

Those four make up The Imperials, perhaps the most popular contemporary gospel group in the world. For over 15 years, the group has performed in almost every country in the world and has made 29 albums.

Thursday night at the Bryan Civic Auditorium, The Imperials and God gave a crowd of approximately 4,000 a treat by combining a lot of talent, versatility and some old-fashioned foot-stompin'. As good as the group is, they refuse to credit anyone but the Deity for their talent.

Methodist, Baptist, black and white, all stood while the group ran through old favorites such as "Good Old Gospel Ship" and "Give Them All to Jesus."

Russ Taff is the lead singer of the group and its popular spokesman, and his raspy baritone vocals ranged through soft spirituals and high-powered rock and roll with equal skill.

Backing him up is perhaps the finest high and low duo in gospel music, Murray and Morales. The pair have been members of the group since its infancy, Morales being one of the founding members 15 years ago, with Murray joining one year later.

Throughout the years, the band has progressed through various members and styles. In the '60s, The Imperials headlined for such performers as Pat Boone and Bob Hope and last year became the first Christian group to perform on the Grammy Awards.

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David B. Cohen of the University of Texas at Austin will speak at 4 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

REM sleep occurs four to five times a night for approximately 20 minutes each time. These periods are named for the intermittent bursts of rapid eye movements which accompany them.

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The result has been two awards and a new following, that essentially says it doesn't matter whether you're Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian or Buddhist — might not be born again, have a "personal relationship" with Jesus Christ.

The group's backbone is a tight harmony. The crystal tenor, the unbelievably vibrant efforts of Taff, the beautiful bass of Armand and the tenor of Wills — all have made the group's recordings memorable.

Backing them up is a band, led by charismatic bassist Hemby, whose roving of the frets was a treat in itself.

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