



**SKY HORSEMEN**—Riding the skies over Fort Worth Friday morning, B-36 and B-29 bombers and F-82 Twin Mustang fighter planes of the 8th Air Force will roar a salute to the 8th's seventh birthday, beginning at 10:25 a. m. An 8th Air Force artist's sketch depicts the final "buzz" to be given the city between 1-1:30 p. m. by a B-36 of the 7th Wing and two B-29s of the 509th Wing.

## SPAATZ, HERE, CALLS ONE OF 'ALL WE NEED'

Gen. Carl Spaatz, retired, former Chief of the Air Force, was emphatic on his arrival in Fort Worth Thursday night that "the nation can't afford two air forces—it's too expensive."

Brisk and quick-spoken, Spaatz explained that "the present Air Force is excellent—and the Navy's air force is fine, too—but there's just no sense in trying to keep up both of them."

Here to "take" the 8th Air Force's seventh anniversary review Friday morning, as one of its original commanders in England, he was accompanied by Brig. Gen. Robert Landry, President Truman's Air Force aide, and Col. Stewart Towle Jr., retired, both of whom served under him in the "old" 8th. Their eight-hour plane trip from Washington encountered winds of 60 miles an hour over Missouri, delaying their arrival until almost midnight.

Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, also a former 8th commander, came in several hours earlier from California by commercial airliner.

### 'Wise Decision.'

Spaatz assured Maj. Gen. Roger Ramey, present 8th commander, that "your B-36s looked fine in that review over Washington last Thursday, during the inaugural. They're so darned big that at 1,500 feet they looked as though they were only 500 feet above us." He described the Air Force decision to buy more B-36s as "a wise one, because they're the best we have in the bomber class now."

Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, who brought the war-weary "old" 8th home from England; Maj. Gen. Clements McMullen, who re-activated the postwar 8th in Fort Worth in 1946; and Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, chief of the Strategic Air Command of which the 8th is now a part, will arrive Friday morning.

These famous "wranglers" of the Air Force aerial remuda will be in the review stand at 10 a. m. Friday when the new 8th goes through its paces in a parade of its new B-36s, largest bombers in the world.

### Begin Assembling.

The 11 or more B-36s will begin assembling at 8:30 a. m. over Clarendon, while B-29s of the 509th Wing at Roswell are assembling over Abilene and F-82 Twin Mustang fighters from Kearney, Neb., go into formation over Wichita Falls. The three elements will converge over Possum

Kingdom Lake and Graham. At 10:25 a. m., with the B-36s leading, they will dip across Carswell, the 36s at an altitude of 1,700 feet.

Circling over Denton the formation of bombers will return for a second pass, the fighters meanwhile making two low-level turns over the field. The entire formation will then circle over Dallas and make a final run over Fort Worth and the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum at 12:08 p. m.

### Final Salute.

One B-36 and two escorting B-29s will deliver the final salute between 1 and 1:30 p. m. as they circle the city at low level several times.

The parade opening the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at 2 p. m. will take up the celebration, leading off with the 7th Bomb Wing's color guard and 585th Air Force band, and a float dedicated to the 8th Air Force by the city's World War I Fliers Club and Air Reserve Association chapter. General Ramey will be host to the visiting generals for a

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## Truman Says Rent Eviction Is Poor Tactic

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP).—Eviction of tenants as a protest against rent controls is a poor approach, President Truman said Thursday. He added that he does not believe landlords will get away with it.

Rent control came up when a reporter mentioned that St. Louis property owners are considering eviction of renters as a protest against further rent control. The president said the idea originated in Tulsa, Okla., and he did not believe it could be carried out.

## Warships Leaving Malta

MALTA, Jan. 27 (CTS).—The 27,000-ton United States carrier Philippine Sea and three destroyers are scheduled to leave here Thursday after a five-day visit during which marines and naval aviators carried out exercises ashore.



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luncheon to include also Brig. Gen. Robert J. Smith, Dallas, national Air Reserve Association president, and Col. D. Harold Byrd, Dallas, regional commander of the Civil Air Patrol. Byrd and General Spaatz will leave Saturday to fly to Acapulco, Mexico.

All will attend the opening performance Friday night of the Stock Show.

Pilots of the B-36s in the formation Friday will include Lt. Col. Ellery D. Preston, formation leader; Capt. Warren Baulch, Maj. W. G. Renfro, Lt. L. N. Walker, Capt. J. R. Cooper, Lt. W. L. Pendergraft, Capt. J. W. Hanley, Lt. Col. George T. Chadwell, Lt. Col. F. J. Schuck, Lt. D. G. Curry, Capt. George N. Payne and Lt. G. H. Bowers.