Generals of Old '8th' Review the New as B 36s Roar on Birthday

Air Force generals who proved to the world the worth of air power turned approving eyes on the “new” 8th Air Force's globe-ranging B-36S as the battleplanes flew over Fort Worth Friday to celebrate the 8th's seventh anniversary.

In civilian clothes and retired but with their interest still centered on the Air Force, Gen. Carl Spaatz and Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, who built the “old” 8th into a mighty fighting force over Europe, were in the reviewing stand as 11 B-36s in formation, followed by a group of B-29s, flew over downtown Dallas, Arlington, Fort Worth and Fort Worth shortly after noon.

President's Aide


When Spaatz and Eaker arrived Thursday night, the former from Washington and the later from California, they exchanged grinning, affectionate greetings and called the early days of the 8th's battle with Hitler's Luftwaffe.

Spaatz and Landry, accompanied by Col. Stewart Towle Jr., on a stormy plane trip from Washington, resumed a thundering air rumble which had been in progress for eight hours on the plane. They played until after midnight.

Advocate of One-APF

Spaatz, brisk, quick-spoken former Air Force chief, was emphatic that the nation can't afford two air forces—"it's too expensive." The present Air Force is excellent and the Navy's air force is fine, but there's no sense in trying to keep both of them." He praised the performance of the 8th's B-36s in their parade over Washington for President Truman's inaugural last Thursday, calling it "wise" that the Air Force has decided to order more of them.

Brig. Gen. Robert J. Smith of Dallas, national Air Reserve Association president, and Col. Harold Byrd, regional Civil Air Patrol commander, also attended the review. Spaatz and Byrd planned to leave the parade for a vacation trip together by plane to Acapulco, Mexico.

General Ramey entertained the visiting officers with a luncheon at the old Air Base at Dallas after the B-36s, preceding the parade to the Fort Worth Club, before attending the formal opening of the Stock Show Friday night as Carter's guest.

42 Subsidies

Open in County For Poll Taxes.

Growing interest in April municipal elections was expected to accelerate payment of poll taxes Friday as 42 substitutions were opened in the county.

Also drawing attention of voters will be the proposed incorporation of River Oaks, Sansom Park, and Hodgkins Highlands in an unincorporated area in the west section of River Oaks. Eastside also will vote next month to incorporate.

Saginaw has been added to the list of municipalities which will hold an April election. A water bond vote is also scheduled for Saginaw. Other municipal elections are scheduled in April for River Oaks, White Settlement, Woodriver, Grapevine, Mansfield, Arlington, Haslet, and Fort Worth.

Thursday only 662 persons paid poll taxes and the year's total reached 11,199 as compared with 8,445 a year ago and 12,512 two years ago.

Early Morning Blaze Damages Bomar Home

A two-alarm fire at 1501 S. New York Thursday morning caused damage to the Bomar home and nearby structures.

Everythin' Bright Again

Lights glowed feebly, flickered off again, then came on bright to stay in thousands of Fort Worth homes Thursday and Thursday night, and by Friday morning electric service had been restored in three-fourths of the city's blacked-out areas.

Texas Electric Service Company's repair crews, augmented by linemen and engineers from Wichita Falls, Eastland and Abilene, expected to have most of the remainder back in service by Friday, night, with only a few scattered sectors remaining.