

# Air Force Academy Dedicated at Lowry

DENVER, July 11.—(AP)—The United States Air Force Academy was dedicated today by Air Force Secretary Talbott as "a bridge to the future, gleaming with promise of peace in a stable, sane world."

Addressing the first class of 306 cadets and a swarm of dignitaries at Lowry Air Force Base, Talbott said in his dedication "a powerful United States Air Force is the greatest stabilizing influence on this volatile earth."

"Our air power has kept the peace: It is keeping the peace. God willin', it will keep on doing so. This academy we are founding today will carry forward that great effort."

## IN TWO YEARS.

The academy will be located at Lowry until the permanent buildings are ready at Colorado Springs in about two years.

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force chief of staff told the cadets:

"One mistake in the Air Force . . . could easily cost millions of lives. So at the academy discipline similar to that of West Point and Annapolis will just be a starting point for the discipline that you must possess when you have graduated and take command of combat airplanes."

Talbott said the "superiority of our American aircraft and the unsurpassed skill of our airmen are world renowned. Still I say the one element of air power in which America enjoys the greatest margin of superiority is leadership. What potential enemy of the United States can boast experienced leadership of air power such as this Nation is fortunate to command?"

The secretary said the Air Force has "truly priceless" and "superb" leadership today "in the renowned airmen who command our forces, and in the peerless president who leads our Nation. It is the objective of this new academy to provide such leaders for the future."

## HELD ON RUNWAYS.

Dedication ceremonies on the sizzling asphalt runways of Lowry were presided over by Lt. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon, academy superintendent.

Honor guards from the United States military and naval academies, the United States Air Force band and fleets of the latest Air Force jet bombers and fighters saluted the first members of the Nation's third service academy.

The cadets were enrolled beginning at 8 a. m. After a brief

for uniforms and then drilled for the dedication ceremonies.

The first to enroll was Vermont William Bourque, South Hadley Falls, Mass. He said he wants to be a fighter pilot and acknowledged he was "pretty nervous" about registering as the first cadet in the academy. He was followed by Lee Roy Dorey, Henrico County, Va., and Zachary Anderson Coles Jr., Nashville, Tenn.

## GENERAL'S SPEECH.

Twining told the cadets they must make up in a few years "in other qualities what you will lack in experience and judgment of years. One of our greatest Air Force leaders was Gen. (Henry) Arnold. He had thirty-one years of service when he took command of the Air Force. Under his guidance and direction it became the world's largest Air Force, larger than any in the world even today.

"Yet one man in one bomber today can deliver more explosive force than all of General Arnold's Air Force could in 1945. . . . This is why we must have a very special kind of self-discipline. A single pilot may be alone, thousands of miles from home, hundreds of miles from any control or supervision. If the going is rough, no one can see him if he falters—except himself. It will take a lot of courage and skill for him to succeed. This is the product of discipline."