

## JULY 30, 1959 TORRANCE HERALD Nineteer Steel Strike May Bring Increase

he or won't he go for the pro-duct that substitutes the cheap-er and lighter materials?

A FISHING rod manufactur-er says: "If buyers think our prices are too high after a steel

prices are too high after a steel price increase, we may well switch to high-impact plastics or aluminum." A lawn mower manufacturer came out this spring with plas-tic replacing some light steel components. A refrigerator maker has tested boxes in which the inner liner is made of plastic. A stove company plans an oven using aluminum as door framing; tooling costs are 25 per cent less than for chrome-plated steel. And even at present prices, aluminum is cutting into steel's markets for freight cars and truck bodies. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE —

air forces. **PEALE'S PLAN** would sub-contract its production to var-lous aircraft firms in the NA TO nations, thus avoiding huge defense dollar expenditures by defense dollar expenditures by any one nation to develop a weapon system comparable to the F-105D. The U.S. has in-vested millions in research and development to bring this ad-vanced aircraft to production, he said, adding: "Few, if any of our NATO allies could afford to duplicate this investment." A program to "Europeanize" the F-105D, Peale points out, would stimulate the aviation industries of the respective countries participating, w it h one country building the wings, another the engine, another the electronic equipment, etc. THINGS TO COME—A die-

THINGS TO COME—A die-sel outboard motor will be in-troduced early next year . . . A new automotive storage bat-tery has replaceable cells, sav-ing the motorist the cost of buying a whole new battery when—as frequently happens —only one or two cells go dead . . . A British firm promises to market a lawn mower re-motely controlled by a minia-turized radio transmitter.

turized radio transmitter. MIGHTY MITES - Electron-ics, while helping our economy grow bigger, is going through a phase in which many of its

In Sales for Aluminum, Plastic By REYNOLDS KNIGHT Higher steel prices – almost a certainty if the steel work-ers win their wage demands– could boost sales of plastics and aluminums

could boost sales of plastics and aluminums. Every price hike for steel leaves some of its uses more marginal. Steel will for some time to come remain cheaper by the pound than its newer ri-vals, but higher tooling and but that advantage. A firm that machining costs tend to thin the cost of a reinforced plas-tic product has come down 25 the pound than ics newer ri-vals, but higher tooling and machining costs tend to thin corporation of America, work-out that advantage. A firm that maches sports car bodies says the pound than come down 25 the cost of a reinforced plas-tic product has come down 25 the cost of a reinforced plas-tic product has come down 25 the cost of a reinforced plas-tic product has come down 25 the cost of a reinforced plas-tic product has come down 25 the cost of a reinforced plas-tic product has come down 25 the cost of a reinforced plas-tic product has come down 25 the cost of a reinforced plas-tic product has come down 25 the toot of a reinforced plas-tic product has come down 25 the cost of a reinforced plas-tic product has come down 25 the cost of a reinforced plas-tic product has come down 25 the cost of a reinforced plas-tice reduction in size of vital mili-tary devices. In the micro-mo-Steel has been inching up. Manufacturers who can con-vert from steel to plastics or aluminum are taking a long, hard look at the consumer. Will tors and other electronic parts

tors and other electronic parts is being compressed into tiny micro-modules — circuit-build ing blocks measuring only a third of an inch on each side A cubic inch will hold 27 of these blocks. The workhorse of the indus' try, the electron tube that has been at work for the past 30 years, also is decreasing in size as it grows in performance; RCA's thimble-sized "Nuvistor" tubes were made available this month to electronic equipment manufacturers on a limited month to electronic equipment' manufacturers on a limited sampling basis. The Nuvistor-concept "opens the way to mass' production of high-perform-ance miniature tubes more rugged, reliable and efficient than their larger counterparts," according to RCA engineers.

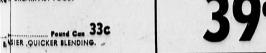
at present prices, aluminum is outing into steel's markets for freight cars and truck bodies. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE — If the North Atlantic Treaty organization — 15 nations banded together solely for the purpose of preventing war—is outarantee another decade of peace, its member nations must "put renewed wigor and re-newed military capability" in-to the effort, believes Mundy I. Peale, president of Republic Aviation. With manned aircraft still forming the principal detri-neurope for the supersonic nu-clear-armed jet plane. He has proposed a joint European pro-duction program to build the Mach 2 (twice the speed of sound) all-weather F-1055 fighter- bomber for the NATO air forces.

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