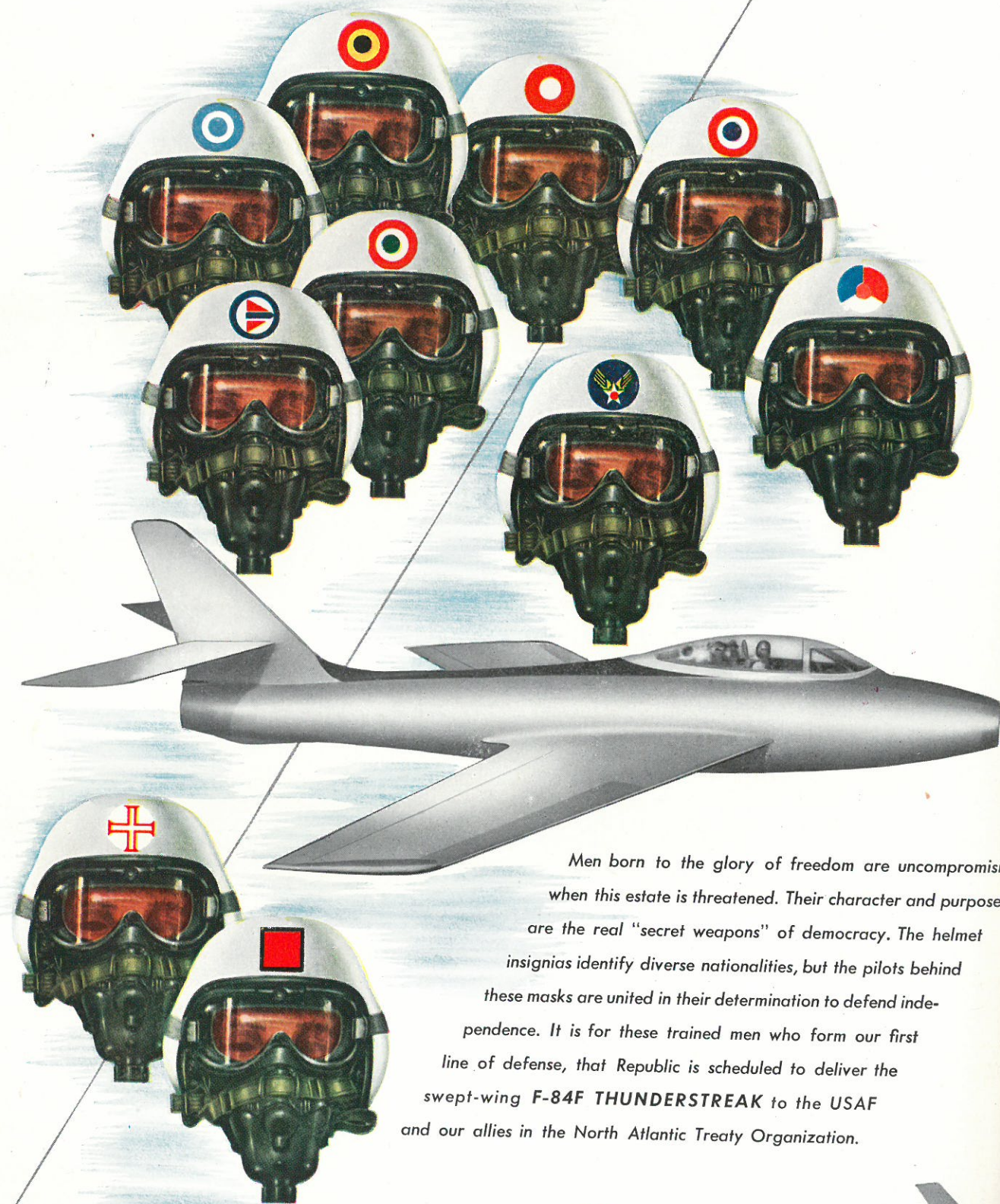


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dear guardsmen:

Few things go so far toward raising Editors' morale as letters such as we received recently from opposite Coasts and the great Mid-West.

Capt Jack A. Magney of Hq, 161 Inf, Spokane, Wash, sent us a batch of bulk subscriptions for the EM of that outfit, noting that "the interesting stories and pictures" in THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN "will be very valuable as 'sales material' for our recruiting teams."

1st Lt Andrew J. Moynihan, CO of Massachusetts' State Hq Det, sent us individual subscriptions for 61 of his men who want THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN delivered to their homes (making 100% of his men individual subscribers). He volunteered this comment:

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our cover

Under simulated combat conditions, the 386 Armd Engr Bn, of Texas' 49 Armd Div, gives demonstration of bridge-building on Ft Hood's maneuver area, as smoke keeps the operation under cover. Helicopter (lower left) was used by the 111 Med Bn in demonstrating evacuation of casualties.