

Heavy Jet Bomber Beats P-80 in Test

ses Lake, Nov 18—(AP)—A Boeing test pilot gave a strong hint today of the terrific speed of Boeing's new XB-47 jet stratobomber, saying it had outrun a fast army jet fighting plane.

Scott Osler, Boeing project test pilot, and Jim Fraser, copilot, discussed the plane at a press conference during a visit to the base by eastern aviation writers and Seattle and Washington state newsmen. It was the first press visitation to the base since the XB-47 tests began two months ago.

"We were calibrating the XB-47's speed system, using a Lockheed F-8 jet fighter plane as a pacer," Osler said. "At the higher part of the speed range, the jet fighter couldn't keep up with us."

The only previous speed release has stated that the bomber was in the 600-mile-an-hour class, while ordinary bombers are rated at 300 miles an hour.

Osler also said that the XB-47 is a great deal easier to fly than conventional type bombers and the 120,000-pound craft handles like a fighter. Air force acceptance tests have been completed, he said.

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WORLD HEADLINES

By John M. Hightower

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—The strong "France first" views of General Charles De Gaulle, now enhanced by his increased political power, are again becoming a source of sharp concern for top American officials.

Diplomatic authorities fear that if De Gaulle gains control of the French government, his policies will jeopardize (1) success of European recovery program and (2) development of the projected North Atlantic defense alliance.

They regard his nationalism as running against the present trend of increasing international cooperation among the western European nations themselves and between them and the United States.

Considerable interest was aroused among the state department officials by DeGaulle's comment to a news conference yesterday that while he approves of the Marshall recovery plan it must not be allowed to displace "the essential interests of France." He made the statement in reaffirming his opposition to American and British plans for developing western German industrial resources as an essential element of the recovery program.

De Gaulle held the news conference following the recent success of his French people party in attaining a strategic position in the upper house of the French parliament.

In talking about joint western European defense plans in which Britain plays a leading role, he asserted, "it is inconceivable that the defense of France should be assured by anyone other than the French themselves."

No one in authority here seems to consider it possible that De Gaulle even in a row over the future control of German industry, would pull France out of the recovery program.

What the policy-makers are afraid of is that if he were in power, the French leader would tend to disrupt international cooperation by an uncompromising attitude, particularly on the German issue.

Secondarily, authorities here believe that by making a domestic political fight on the issue De Gaulle may inflame French fears about a revived Germany to an extreme degree, and thereby hamper the operation of French governments even though his personal position was not decisive.

The United States and Britain have taken the position that what they want to do with Germany is not in fact a threat to France. They have already set up a compromised production for the benefit of other Marshall Plan countries. There is apparently well founded speculation that the United States, at least, may be willing to go still further in trying to meet French fears about Germany's future.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—

Committee Heads Named for Benefit

Committee heads for the AWS Christmas Benefit Tea were announced Wednesday by Jeannine Macaulay, general chairman.

Marge Petersen will be in charge of distributions; Donna Kletzing, invitations and publicity; Sally Waller, contracts; Joyce Bailey, decorations; Donna M. Brennan, program; Maggie Johns, food; and Helen Gatewood, serving and clean-up.

All committee chairman must attend meeting at 4 p. m. today in the upstairs room at the Side, Miss Macaulay said.

Pre-Registration To End Saturday

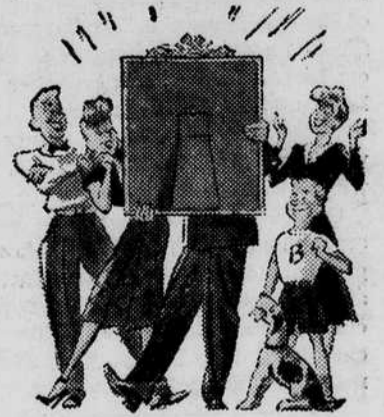
Adviser conferences and class enrollments will end Saturday noon, November 20, in accordance with the announced schedule of registration will not be available until January 3.

Interior department officials said today they are investigating possibilities of shipping Alaska coal to the Orient.

H. Rex Lee, assistant director of the division of territories, said Alaska coal producers have suggested that oriental markets be opened to the territory's coal. He said no conclusions can be drawn from the investigation up to now as to whether the proposal is feasible. Lee said he could not predict the outcome of the investigation but that preliminary studies indicate China has other coal sources and will not be in the market for Alaska coal.

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