

Air Force to Parachute Men From Balloons 17 Miles Up

By VERN HAUGLAND
 WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force plans to parachute human beings from balloons riding 17 or more miles above the earth. The unprecedented bailout would take place over the New Mexico desert late next fall. The men would jump from heights as much as two times any heretofore attempted.

Policeman Credited With Rescue of 12

CHICAGO (AP) — Policeman James Ross was credited with rescuing 12 persons, including seven children and an elderly crippled and blind man, from a burning apartment building on the West Side Monday. Ross, 29, was passing the building en route to his traffic post when he saw two small boys carrying an undressed infant. He questioned them about the infant and they pointed to a building, saying, "There's a fire in there." Ross ran into the smoke-filled building and found four small boys huddled in the hallway. He carried two and pushed the other two to safety. He re-entered the building but flames prevented him from ascending the stairway to the second floor. He pounded on doors of first floor apartments and helped to the outside three adults and two children in one apartment. The policeman then climbed an outside stairway leading to the second and third floors. He broke a window of a vacant apartment and began rousing occupants of the upper two floors, including a mother and infant daughter. Meanwhile Police Sgt. John Murphy arrived and they found Jack Falvey, the blind cripple, leaning against a wall of the second floor hallway and carried him down the outside stairway. Ross suffered deep cuts on his left hand when he broke the window. Fire officials said the blaze was believed due to faulty wiring and caused about \$1,000 damage.

were disclosed at a news conference Monday night by three Air Force officers associated with high altitude, high speed bailout experiments.

The officers reported that Lt. Henry P. Nielsen, 31, co-holder of the unofficial record for high altitude parachute jumps, will lead the new attempts. Nielsen and one other airman would make the jumps, using recently developed automatic operating parachutes and other experimental equipment.

Taking part in the news conference were Nielsen, Col. Arthur Henderson, assistant chief of the Aero Medical Laboratory, Dayton, Ohio, and Capt. Edward G. Sperry of the Air Research and Development Command, Baltimore.

Henderson said the purpose of the planned jumps is to develop safe equipment and procedures for bailing out of fast planes at altitudes up to 30,000 feet.

Sperry and Nielsen set the present record for high altitude bailout.

On the third try, Nielsen plans to step out into space at about 30,000 feet. He said he did not believe they could go higher until they are provided with bigger or less weight balloons.

The fourth and fifth experiments will be launched from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.

Fred Allen's Final Rites Jam Church

NEW YORK (AP) — A throng of theater and broadcasting luminaries jammed St. Malachy's Church Tuesday for the funeral of Fred Allen.

Police estimated that 1,200 persons, including many standees, crowded within the church on 49th Street near Broadway. It is known as "the actors' church." Another 700 persons massed behind police lines out front.

A high requiem mass was offered for the renowned comedian by the Right Rev. Msgr. James B. O'Reilly, pastor. There was no eulogy, but a prayer was offered that Allen would "attain eternal rest and happiness."

Allen's widow, Portland Hoffa, was escorted by Jack Haley, one of the honorary pallbearers.

Interment will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in suburban Westchester County at a later date. Yesterday's severe snow storm made immediate opening of the grave impossible.

Allen, who was 61, died of a heart attack early Sunday morning after collapsing on the street while strolling.

Senator Jackson Calls for Ground-to-Air Missile Test

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Jackson (D-Wash) said Tuesday he will press for a "realistic full test" to determine which of the various ground-to-air defense missiles is most effective.

Jackson, a member of the senate armed services committee, said such a test is "absolutely essential in view of the hundreds of millions of dollars that have gone into these programs."

He raised the issue at a hearing in which James H. Douglas, under-secretary of the air force, testified before a senate armed services subcommittee.

Jackson said the comparative capabilities of the Nike and Talos defense missile systems must be shown "before further millions are pumped into either program."

Douglas agreed that the committee should be given the comparative information.

Talos is the missile system developed by the air force. Nike is an army product.

"I think all we've done so far," Jackson said, "is to compromise an interservice rivalry. I am neither pro air force or pro army."

"If Talos is better than Nike or vice versa then we should concentrate on the one that is proved the better."

Portugal Tells Trade Contracts

LISBON (AP) — Portugal announced Tuesday night trade agreements with Red Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and East Germany.

The agreements, for a total of 26 million dollars, were reached by a representative of the bank of Portugal on a trip to those countries last February, a communique said.

The accord will be effective March 1 through Feb. 28, 1937, the communique added.

SYNTHETIC BEER
 TOKYO (AP) — Three Japanese scientists have perfected a synthetic beer. They make it from succinic acid, hops, filtered starch, glucose, spices, yeast, coloring. Sounds awful, but the scientists say it costs only one-fifth as much to make as the real stuff.

Dulles Expected Back From Asia Inspection Today

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department said Tuesday Secretary Dulles is expected to arrive here Wednesday afternoon from his 10-nation Asian tour.

Press Officer Lincoln White said Dulles will review on the air, Friday night, his 27,000 miles journey. White said the speech will be carried live on ABC radio and television; live on Mutual and CBS radio and NBC will rebroadcast it on radio starting at 11:30 p.m.

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