

Aviation Makes Record Growth In Current Year

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Washington, Dec. 21 (UP)—American aviation shook off its post-war depression and climbed to great new heights in 1948.

This was the year of the Berlin airlift... the year the transport planes fed and warmed an entire city in the cold war with Russia.

Air power—bomber and transport alike—proved itself an effective instrument of foreign policy.

This was the year it was announced officially that Capt. Charles Yeager had flown for the first time in history—faster than sound in the X-1 rocket plane.

It was the year that the official world speed record was pushed to 670.6 mph by Maj. Richard L. Johnson in an F-86 jet fighter. And in 1948 jet fighters, American F-80's and British Vampires, flew the Atlantic for the first time.

Welcome "Kitty Hawk"

It was the year, too, that the nation welcomed home with belated honors the original flying machine. After 20 years of exile in England, the Wright brothers' Kitty Hawk came to its final harbor in the Smithsonian institution.

A brief span of 45 years lined the supersonic rocket ship and the jets to the 12-horsepower biplane which first flew at Kitty Hawk, N.C., on Dec. 17, 1903. Men of science expect the most extravagant prophecies to look conservative at the end of another such period.

When 1948 opened, military aviation was dangerously weak. The aircraft industry had suffered a \$100,000,000 loss before taking advantage of tax carrybacks. The airlines had just finished a year of unprecedented losses and disastrous crashes.

Then came the reports of President Truman's air policy commission and the congressional aviation policy board. Together they became the lodestar of American air power, charting the course toward aerial rearmament, a strong aircraft manufacturing industry, sounder commercial aviation and intensified aeronautical research and development.

The year now ending had its troubles as well as successes. It was the first full year of unification of the armed forces. But unification looked like the wrong word. Economies were not effected.

Industry Shows Profit

The aircraft industry expected to end the year with "modest profits," but by no means enough to offset 1946 and 1947 losses. Sales of the 15 major companies were expected to total \$1,110,000,000. Military aircraft production was estimated at 2,200 to 2,400 planes, a gain of about 500 over last year. Without cutbacks, production should be 3,000 next year from orders placed during 1948. Commercial transport production declined, however, amounting to 170 planes compared with 280 in 1947. Approximately 135 are on order for 1949.

America's international airlines expanded on all fronts, flying more passengers, express, mail and freight and increasing their total fleet from 173 to 197 planes. The domestic airlines had carried 9,125,230 passengers in the first nine months, a decline of 199,000 from the 1947 period.

But in other categories they showed gains—8.6 per cent in mail, 5.9 per cent in express and 99.8 per cent in freight. Their airliner fleet increased to 862, a gain of 118 over last year.

Legislators Meet With County Officials



Legislators from five counties were in Bend yesterday to meet with members of the county judges and commissioners for a discussion of matters pertaining to the forthcoming session of legislature. In the group above are Henry Semon, representative, Klamath county; W. B. Morse, representative, Crook and Jefferson counties; Phil S. Hitchcock, senator, 17th district; James F. Short, representative, Deschutes and Lake counties, and A. P. Meyers, representative, Deschutes county.

County Officials Meeting Is Held By Farm Bureau

The Pilot Butte center farm bureau held its regular meeting Friday evening at the Rock school house. Guest speaker was Warren Hilliard of Pendleton, Oregon farm bureau membership director.

Main issue of the meeting was the discussion of potato marketing in Central Oregon. Reports were given on the potato meeting held in Redmond Dec. 15. Committees were appointed to study the present market conditions and to determine if possible a way of getting potatoes to the consumer in better condition.

Chairman Bruce Dyer appointed a committee to attend the C. O. I. water meeting to be held in Redmond January 5.

Refreshments were served by the Pilot Butte center associated women.

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smaller under the statute now in effect.

Recommend Changes

The district meeting was informed of the state association recommendation for law to allow road district meetings in the spring, instead of in November as now, also of a report in favor of a change in the method of appointing members of the state board of forestry and grazing. The change would give sole authority to the governor instead of leaving some of the designations to groups especially interested in timber and in livestock.

The state association will memorialize congress asking that federal motor vehicle excises and taxes on gasoline and oil either be reduced or that the amounts raised from such taxes be appropriated. Federal revenues of the kind run from \$900,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 annually, Judge Phipps explained, but only an approximate \$450,000 is appropriated back for highway purposes. At the same time, he stressed, states which divert license and gasoline tax proceeds of their own to non-highway uses are penalized by reduced allocations of federal money.

Inspection Law Discussed

Strict enforcement and strengthening of the Bangs disease inspection law in its application to auction lots and sales rings and in regard to calf vaccination is one of the association's recommendations.

Report of an interim committee of the legislature will seek unification of bills having to do with county officer salaries, it was stated. The purpose will be to have one bill cover all salary changes instead of one or more bills for each county as has been the procedure.

Madras Dogs To Face Tie-Up

Madras, Dec. 21—Following the recent plea for owners of home flocks of sheep in the Redmond district that dogs be restrained at night to prevent them from ganging up and chasing sheep within a substantial radius of towns, parents of the Madras grade school have complained so vigorously that city authorities have ordered that dogs here must not run at large.

Parents and teachers complain that dogs, congregating at the school have become a menace to small children.

City Recorder Nestor Seaman says that the police will destroy dogs not kept confined at home quarters or restrained on a leash.

Entry Restrictions On Tourists Hit

Washington (UP)—The American Automobile association wants congress to eliminate entry restrictions for tourists who visit this country from "friendly nations" and stay less than six months.

Michael Frome, assistant public relations director of the AAA, told the staff of a senate judiciary subcommittee that the association feels "no more genuine demonstration of sincerity to other nations could be made than through a willingness to meet them halfway on the elimination of entry requirements."

Frome endorsed a bill which Sen. Owen Brewster, R., Me., introduced in the last congress. It would set up branch offices of the state department's passport division and authorize the waiving of visa requirements for temporary business and pleasure visitors.

The AAA spokesman pointed out that 11 nations of Europe already have waived their visa requirements for American travelers "without demanding reciprocity" and that many Central American and Caribbean countries "ask no more than a tourist card."

Frome said the AAA felt "we cannot forever be advising other nations to tear down their barriers while maintaining our own at their present near-insurmountable heights."

DISPATCHES STOPPED

Batavia, Java, Dec. 21 (UP)—Dutch military censorship today stopped all United Press dispatches referring to the republican radio, which has returned to the air to give the Indonesian side of the present fighting in Java.

Testaments Given School Children

Madras, Dec. 21—Following a custom inaugurated last year, H. J. Adler, founder of the Adler Construction Co., and his associate representatives of the Gideon society, have just presented 179 New Testaments to fourth and fifth grade students of Jefferson county schools.

The men passed out 106 Testaments at Madras. At Culver 41 students received them and 29 were presented at the Metolius school.

Adler was accompanied at the ceremonies by Robert Henske and

LUMBER BIDS RECEIVED

Portland, Dec. 21 (UP)—The corps of engineers received 40 bids for supplying 14,000,000 feet of timber for shipment to Korea by close of bidding last night, the Portland district office announced today.

Hospital News

New patients admitted yesterday to St. Charles hospital include Royal DeLaney, of 512 Roanoke, Mrs. Albert Campbell, of Redmond, and Bud Cates, of Gilchrist.

Those dismissed yesterday were W. H. Inman, 743 Colorado; Don Stewart, Redmond, and S. W. Ware, Gilchrist.

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