



Jet Propelled Fighter-Bomber—This F-84E Thunderjet, a high-speed long range fighter, has become the Air Force's first jet propelled fighter-bomber. It is equipped with 32-five-inch rockets and six M-3 50 caliber machine guns.

Widow to Wed V. P. Barkley In St. Louis November 18th

St. Louis, Oct. 31 (AP)—The nation's No. 1 lovebirds, Vice President Alben Barkley and Mrs. Carleton Hadley, spent today together, excitedly settling details for their wedding on Nov. 18.

The best wishes of the nation were showering down upon the 38-year-old widow who will rise from secretary to second lady of the land on her wedding day.

Congratulatory messages from throughout the world flooded her modest apartment where the "veep" last night smilingly told newsmen "I yield the floor to the senator from Missouri" to let her tell their wedding plans.



Alben W. Barkley

The remaining 18 days before the ceremony will be busy ones for Mrs. Hadley. There's a tulle dress to be selected. And presumably she will leave her position as secretary to the general counsel of the Wabash railroad.

The ceremony will be performed here but the couple probably will reside in Paducah, Ky., where Barkley has a mansion.

The wedding announcement came as no surprise. Both the veep and his lady had parried questions about a wedding ever since Barkley began squiring the attractive widow around about six months ago.

President Truman, whose friends said he would attend the wedding if official business allowed him, was informed by telephone prior to the public announcement.

Barkley's daughter, Mrs. Max O. Truitt, his official hostess for the past five years, said in Washington that she had known the good news since last Friday.

The couple said last night they had not decided on honeymoon plans yet.

Mrs. Hadley met the 71-year-old vice president and former Kentucky senator at a luncheon last summer in Washington.

Industry Earnings Up In Third Quarter '49

New York, Oct. 31 (AP)—Profits of American industry turned upwards in the third quarter of this year for the first time in 12 months.

They stand only slightly below the all-time high mark of a year ago, when third quarter earnings were the peak in the record year of 1948.

An unusual feature of the third quarter was the substantial increase in earnings of automobile companies, which offset a sharp decline in oil company profits.

The compilation by the Associated Press of earnings reports of 314 leading corporations in all major fields showed today a total net profit of \$1,003,644,061 in the July-September quarter.

That is 4.3 per cent higher than the total of \$962,102,819 reported by the same corporations in the second quarter of this year.

It is only 4.1 per cent lower than the \$1,046,983,291 earned by these companies in the third quarter of 1948.

Corporate earnings slid lower in the final quarter of 1948 from their third quarter peak, and the decline continued in the first and second quarters of this year.

The upturn was not surprising to those who watched the recession of early 1949 give way gradually to an economic recovery around midyear. The present

profit trend confirms that rebound.

Largely responsible for the over-all good showing are the earnings of two automobile companies.

The increase in their earnings more than balanced the decline in profits shown by the oil companies.

Chrysler and General Motors increased their earnings by more than \$98,000,000 over a year ago, while the earnings of 22 oil companies fell nearly \$97,000,000 below the level of the third quarter of 1948.

A comparison of the third quarter of this year with the previous quarter shows the two motormakers added more than \$41,000,000 to their earnings, while the oil companies fell back by some \$13,000,000.

The great increase in population in the 19th century was mainly because of a decrease in the death rate, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.



Maiden Flight—Trailing black exhaust gases, the Glenn L. Martin XB-51, takes off from Martin airport in Baltimore, Md., on its maiden flight. (Acme Telephoto)



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Prizes Awarded For W U Signs

A large motor driven sign demonstrating how the Willamette Bearcat would give "A kick in the rear for the Pioneer," was awarded first prize in the annual homecoming sign contest sponsored by Willamette's living organizations. The sign, which from a mechanical viewpoint was a good imitation of a Rube Goldberg production, was the work of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Chi Omega sorority placed first in competition among women's organizations. This sign was in the nature of a huge map bearing historical spots of the "Pioneer." The homecoming slogan was carried out in the production.

Judging was based on three divisions: theme 50 percent; originality 25 percent; workmanship 25 percent. In no instance was the sorority or fraternity permitted to spend more than \$15. However, judging by the complicated apparatus that was involved in animating the signs, considerable property must have been borrowed to come within the maximum amount invested.

Except for the loss of the ball game to Lewis and Clark and the premature firing of the bonfire, the 28th homecoming program was declared a decided success by students and old grads. Approximately 3500 persons took advantage of ideal weather conditions to see the football game.

Husband-Hunters Carry Rings Along

London, Oct. 31 (AP)—Three pretty Mormon girls from Capetown arrived today, en route to Salt Lake City, Utah, to find husbands.

They even brought rings set with blue and white diamonds. Telephone operator Joan Baker, 22, said, "I want a clean-looking man."

Typist Anita Kehl, 21, said, "I'm looking for a devout man." Clerk Joyce Kehl, 19, Anita's sister, said, "I must have a man who does not drink."



Agrees—A movie producer threw his weight around in Hollywood and insisted upon a written agreement whereby actress Gloria Grahame meekly agreed that from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., five days a week, her husband—and also her director—Nicholas Ray, is the "absolute boss." Gloria, shown while vacationing recently at Palm Springs, was thus enjoined from engaging in any "discussions" on the set with her husband. Producer Robert Lord told Gloria he had been around the film capitol long enough to know what on the set disagreements can do to a shooting schedule. (AP Wirephoto)

The girls brought their own rings because "diamonds are so much cheaper back home."

3-Year-Old Shot
Portland, Oct. 31 (AP)—A revolver found in the car of a neighbor just back from a hunting trip resulted in the wounding of three-year-old Perry Rommel yesterday.

Police said the lad and his 5-year-old brother, Thomas, crawled into the parked car. A few moments later Perry was shot in the abdomen by a .22 caliber

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Ancient Scroll Displayed—The Rev. Athanasius Yeshua Samuel of the Assyrian Orthodox Church displays in Washington an ancient scroll text of the Book of Isaiah in Hebrew script. It is believed more than 2,000 years old.