

### Colonel Claims That Italy Has a First in Jets

By CESARE BRUSINI

Rome—An Italian air force colonel claims to be the first man to pilot a jet propelled plane over a commercial route. Colonel Mario De Bernardi, 1926 Schneider trophy winner, recalled the flight in an interview. "That was November 30, 1941, when I drove the first jet plane from Milan to Rome," he said. "I was at the time, one of the Caproni aircraft factory's test pilots and in April 1940 I tested the jet plane for the first time, taking off from the airport of Taliedo."

The tests went on for over 18 months, and at the end of November 1941, I flew the jet—a Caproni Campini—from the airport of Linate near Milan to Guidonia, near Rome."

An air ministry spokesman readily backed up De Bernardi's claim.

"We don't want to act like the Russians who claim that they were first in everything," observed Col. Elbano Ghiglia.

"But we have found reason to believe that De Bernardi was the first man to fly a jet over a commercial distance. At the time he carried air mail bearing the stamp 'first jet propelled flight Milan-Guidonia.'"

"After De Bernardi's successful attempt, a new type of jet was prepared by the Caproni factories under Secondo Campini's supervision. But after the armistice, the Germans prevented us from working on it any more."

The Journal of the British Royal Aeronautics society of Jan. 1948 records Germans flew jet for the first time Aug. 27, 1939, with a Heinkel H.E. 178.

The magazine added that the British Gloster Whittle E-28/39 flew for the first time May 14, 1941, while the Americans took off with their Bell P-59/A Ariacomet Oct. 1, 1942.

Col. Ghiglia said that Italian intelligence has proved that the Germans never flew any commercial distance with their jet Heinkel in 1939.

Col. Ghiglia drew on his memory to describe the birth of jet propulsion in Italy.

He said the inventor of jet went to the air forces commander of northern Italy, General Rino Corso Fougier, in 1939 with the plans for his new plane.

"Secondo Campini, the inventor, arrived at the general's office with a leather case full of documents. He told the general he had discovered a new system to fly planes without a propeller."

"The general did not believe him at first, but later looked into Campini's simple drawings, and was persuaded that 'there was something' in jet propulsion."

De Bernardi flew the 474 kilometers from Milan to Rome at an average speed of 209.451 kilometers per hour, according to the official air ministry records.



Colonel De Bernardi

### Lady Astor Hits Stress on Sex

London, Nov. 8 (AP)—Lady Nancy Astor last night called upon the "uncommon people" to do something about "insistence on sex in... this modern striptease world."

The Virginia-born Lady Astor said she thought the world was being swept off its feet by Hollywood.

"Nothing but wretched pictures of naked women and girls," she said. "I really get tired of the glamor girls and I think this insistence on sex is degrading..."

"I do not believe young people are sexy. They are perfectly natural and can take this so-called mystery—sex—in their stride."

Modern oil wells commonly reach depths of 10,000 feet.

### Development Makes Progress

Salem Heights — A new land development of this area is getting underway. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Putnam of W. Browning avenue have purchased a tract of land which borders Liberty road, from Frank Hall, of Portland. This has been named the Piedmont subdivision. Two roads have been put through, with the one across from Charles avenue, being Vine street and one at right angle, called Seneca street.

E. H. Hulbert, who is with the International Business Machine company, has started his new home there. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling B. McAlpine, who is the industrial accident commission supervisor of the I.B.M. plans to start building in the spring.

This subdivision has been started to provide a place to start tuff-stone homes. This tuff-stone is a volcanic ash material that is sawed in block form, which is suitable for building. It has many outstanding features and can be used and handled in the same manner as wood, only that it will not burn. This product is a native of Marion county.

The water and electricity have already been made available to the subdivision.

Liberty — A new home is being built on Cunningham Lane by K. G. Barker Jr. He returned from Germany, where he was stationed for three years with the Army Engineers, last January. He brought with him a bride, whom he married in Germany before returning to the states. They plan to make their home here.

### Ellsworth Booked For Linn Addresses

Albany—Congressman Harris Ellsworth, representative from Oregon fourth district, will be in Albany, Lebanon and other parts of Linn county from November 16 to 18, according to word received here. He will speak before the Albany Chamber of Commerce Wednesday noon, November 16. Other engagements will keep him busy in Linn county until Friday evening.



Twins and now Triplets for Mother in One Year—Mrs. Thelma Gibbs, 27, smiles from her bed in Grady hospital in Atlanta, Ga., after giving birth to triplet girls. This brings Mrs. Gibbs' total to nine children—five of whom were born this year. She had twins Jan. 16. Mother feels fine, she says, and the babies are doing nicely in an incubator. But Mrs. Gibbs says she is a little concerned for the twins at home—they're still on the bottle. Mr. Gibbs told his employer that he was "too nervous to work today." The nurse is Miss Mary Beck. (AP Wirephoto)

### Skies of November Show Approaching Winter Signs

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Signs of approaching winter are surely with us. At latitude 45 degrees and on a standard meridian the sun is now setting around 4:40 p.m. This varies in middle latitudes by over half an hour both ways, depending upon the latitude and longitude concerned.

The brilliant planets Venus and Jupiter, now apparently closer together than a month ago, are gorgeous in the southwestern quadrant of the sky after sunset. Venus is the brighter and the farther west of the two.

The big Hunter's moon is now clearing the horizon early far over toward the northeast. Its rising point will continue to go northward until November 9 when it will rise several degrees farther north than the sun ever does, and will not set until around 16 hours later. On the 6th old Luna will pass close to the Pleiades. In southern latitudes it will actually tangle with them, and telescopic observers will have an opportunity to see several of the little stars disappear behind the moon with intervals of only a few minutes between occultations.

Let us identify the more prominent stars at about 7 p.m. tonight. The bright Altair, with a guard star on each side of it, is high in the southwest. Only a little west of the zenith Deneb is seen at the head of the Northern Cross. Somewhat farther west, the still-bright Vega is very prominent. Over toward the northwest the Kite is standing almost upright with its brightest component, the orange Arcturus, just about on the horizon.

In the eastern half of the sky, yellow Capella twinkles at a medium height above the northeastern horizon. Somewhat north of east, orange Aldebaran scintillates fairly close to the skyline. Low in the south—and a little east—Fomalhaut, stands alone.



Non-Skid—Virginia Martin of Los Angeles models a French-style bathing suit that definitely has plenty of snap. The suit was especially designed from a thin sheet of white rubber. (Acme Telephoto)

### Four Corners 'Dog Patch' Brings Costume Variety

Four Corners, Nov. 8—Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Binegar, 160 S. Lancaster drive, welcomed about 50 friends Saturday evening at an informal open house. Betty and Fay Futrell entertained the guests with tap-dancing. Following the social hour the Binegars and their guests attended the Firemen's auxiliary benefit dance at the Community hall.

This dance really brought "Dog Patch" to Four Corners for an evening. The hall was filled to capacity. Highlighting the costumes was a unique hat worn by Mrs. O. D. Binegar, topped by a cleverly contrived chicken coop containing five live baby chicks. Many other costumes taken out of the "funnies" were well done.

Mrs. Stan Braden, 3890 La Branche avenue, was hostess at two social affairs this week. On Thursday she entertained with a dessert luncheon, followed by pinocle. Guests were Mrs. Ray Osborn, Mrs. J. H. Iglehart, Mrs. M. W. Tucker, Mrs. Grace Kason, Mrs. Elizabeth Pugh, Mrs. Phillip Bouffleur, Mrs. Everett Lukkes. On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Braden had as their guests the Crazy Kard Klub. Guests for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Christian, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Mellinay, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bales, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Cable, Mr. and Mrs. William Fiester, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tucker, Tennyson Tucker, Misses Ruth and Jean Christian. Honors went to Mrs. Bales and Ross Christian.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Gilming, 146 North Elma, entertained the Crazy Kard Klub on Saturday evening at a costume party. Prizes for costumes went to Harold Snook and Mrs. McLain. Members were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shrake, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shrake, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snook, Mr. and Mrs. Arlo McLain, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Sunderlin. Honors went to Arlo McLain and Mrs. Sunderlin.

Janice Shrake was hostess at a six o'clock dinner party Sunday evening, celebrating her

tenth birthday anniversary. Coming to offer congratulations were Sharon Eggleston, Betty Snook, Denise Miller, Jo Gannon and Dick Shrake.

Carbon black has been produced by the Bureau of Mines by exploding acetylene gas in helium gas.



'It Was Cold Outside'—Six-year-old Bobby LaMonte is reunited with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaMonte in a Fresno, Calif., emergency hospital after spending a night under a tree after becoming lost on his way home from school. Doctors reported Bobby's condition as good. (AP Wirephoto)

### CONQUERORS CHANGE TUNE

### 'Stop Being Beastly to Huns' —No Sarcasm Any More in This

By J. J. MEEHAN

Frankfurt, German (AP)—Anglo-American officials in Germany are humming snatches of a Noel Coward melody today, but to a tune the composer never wrote and in a mood he never intended. "Let us not be beastly to the Hun!"

In the sarcastic war-time tune the British composer lashed his fellow countrymen for policies that permitted Germany to re-arm during the two great wars.

Coward's song, published when Nazi U-boats were trying to destroy Britain's lifeline across the Atlantic, was dotted with sarcastic phrases. "Let us not be beastly to the Hun," the song went. "Let's build his bloody fleet for him."

But a countryman of Coward's was the most recent top western official to repeat the Coward lyrics, without the Coward sarcasm.

Britain's high commissioner, Sir Brian Robertson, reversing the propaganda that as a wartime general he helped pass on to British troops, said the British were too "arrogant" to Germans.

He warned the civil servants who work for him to stop being beastly to Germans.

"From now on we must get closer to the Germans," the commissioner asserted in a 45-minute lecture at Hamburg. "It means that we have to treat them with respect."

Robertson was repeating what has become official western policy here, accentuated by the changeover from military government to high commission rule and the arrival of U. S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy.

McCloy himself sounded the keynote for Americans when, in unconscious imitation of the first public utterance of Coward's words, he mounted a stage where a dance band usually plays and told Americans to fraternize with the nation they were forbidden to talk to four years ago.

"I think it may, with great force and truth be said," McCloy asserted, "that rather early in her history Germany simply took the wrong turn."

"I cannot believe that Germans as a whole will ever again be so unutterably stupid as to combine complacency and romantic pride in such a measure as again to tolerate Nazism."

The policy set at the top is already filtering down through "channels."

A woman who still remembers the days when combat GIs posted the famous "we came as conquerors" victory proclamation signed by Gen. Eisenhower on practically every wall still standing in Germany, said some American housewives recently

were handed an official note suggesting they learn to speak German — "to earn German respect."

The Siskiyou county dedication of the new eight miles of Highway 99 commencing at the Oregon line will be held Monday, Nov. 21, it was announced today by H. B. Roadman, president of Oregon U.S. Highway 99 association.

The California delegation will meet the Oregon delegation at the Oregon-California line at 4 p.m. After a short dedication ceremony the delegations will proceed over the new highway to Yreka. Upon arrival at Yreka there will be a cocktail hour and a no-host dinner, and a brief program will follow. The program will be sponsored by the Yreka Chamber of Commerce.

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### Investment Banker Speaks

Woodburn — William J. Collins, well-known Portland investment banker, was the featured speaker at the Woodburn Rotary club. He was introduced by Leonard Hewett, program chairman, and spoke on the functions of the security business in national economy.

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