

Aviation Genius Lear Parlayed Ideas Into \$60 Million Industry

By JACK STEVENSON

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—William P. Lear, who kicked up an international fuss after becoming the first American to fly his own plane to Moscow, is an aviation pioneer who parlayed energy and ideas into a 60-million-dollar business.

The outspoken industrialist has the reputation of being an inventive genius with the drive of a super salesman. "If I were alive 100 years from now," he once said, "it wouldn't surprise me to be able to televise my entire body through the air by electronic waves."

This startling statement is typical, yet Lear is not exactly a visionary. At 54 he is chairman of the board of Lear, Inc., which he established in 1939 and since has built into one of the main suppliers of electronic and mechanical gear for American planes. His firm makes 500 separate items.

When Lear flew his five-place private plane to Moscow Tuesday, he said his electronic equipment was "extremely" new to the Russians. He was quoted as saying he expects NATO embargoes on trade with the Communists to be lifted soon.

This brought the comment from his company here that the equipment in the plane is "entirely civilian commercial equipment that anybody can buy any place in the free world through any of the Lear distributors."

Company President Richard M. Mock added that no sales have been made in Russia and no sales will be made. Mock termed Lear's visit "strictly a pleasure trip."

Lear himself said last night in Moscow that he had no intention of selling any of his company's equipment to the Soviet Union. He was summoned to the American Embassy for a talk with U.S. Minister Walter Wines, but he declined afterward to discuss their conversation.

No desk man, and no idle traveler either, Lear acts as test pilot to evaluate nearly every device his firm perfects. And he spans the world in his private plane to plug his products.

He is famed within the aviation industry as the creator of small black devices that automatically land in the foulest weather, any plane on which they are installed, from tiny private jets to the latest jets.

Perfection of this equipment for jets won him the Collier Trophy in 1950, at the height of the Korean conflict, when it was considered a boon to fighter pilots. President Truman himself made the presentation.

Lear, Inc., developed the first automatic pilot for small private planes. The firm also builds an automatic radio direction finder which the company says is specifically adapted to the European market.

A man of limited formal education—he finally finished high school in Tulsa, Okla., "where I did four years' work in two semesters"—Lear moved about restlessly in earlier years. At 16 he was a veteran of World War Navy service as a radio operator. He gave up the Navy upon deciding that it would "take too long to

become an admiral." Thereafter he embarked on a career of selling his ideas to the highest bidder. Once he worked briefly for Radio Corp. of America as a consultant for \$25,000 a year, plus \$15,000 engineering fee. This he also gave up.

"I didn't want to be hog-tied," he explained. "I didn't want any man or anything for a boss."

Abandoned even earlier were post-school jobs in radio and as a garage mechanic. But it was in those days that he learned to fly, in war surplus jennies. This set

the pattern for his ultimate career. He hit the jackpot financially when he began to invent radio gadgets. The first was a standard-frequency amplifier. Over the years there were scores of others—an auto radio, a direction finder, navigational aids.

But not all his inventions are in the transportation field. One is a device that whispers confidentially to housewives in stores, urging them to buy certain brands.

His present company centers about 92 per cent of its activity on government production, yet Lear holds that the future of aviation rests with the business airplane. Last September he established his personal headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland. His wife Moya, daughter of Ole Olsen of the "Hilltoppers" comedy team, and the four Lear children live there with him.

TODAY'S CLOSE
N.Y. STOCK QUOTATIONS
(By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Admiral Corporation 18 1/2
Allied Chemical 112 1/2
Allis Chalmers 34 1/4
Aluminum Co. of America 119 3/4
American Airlines 25 1/4
American Cyanamid 43 1/4
American Motors 6 1/4
American Tel. & Tel. 180
American Tobacco 78 1/2
Anaconda Copper 72 1/2
Atchafalpa Railroad 157 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 151 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co. 89 1/2
Borg Warner 43 1/2
Burlington Adding Mach. 43 1/2
California Packing 41 1/2
Canadian Pacific 31 1/2
Caterpillar Tractor 84 1/2
Celanese Corporation 15 1/2
Chrysler Corporation 64 1/2
Cities Service 66 1/2
Consolidated Edison 46 1/2
Crown Zellerbach 63 1/2
Curtis Wright 72 1/2
Dodge Aircraft 21 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours 21 1/2
Eastman Kodak 81 1/2
Emerson Radio 8 1/2
Ford Motor 56 1/2
General Electric 61 1/2
General Foods 46 1/2
General Motors 45 1/2
Georgia Pac. 58 1/2
Goodyear Tire 72 1/2
International Harvester 35 1/2
International Paper 134 1/2
Johns-Manville 50 1/2
Kaiser Aluminum 55 1/2
Kennecott Copper 124 1/2
Libby, McNeill 16 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft 45 1/2
Loew's Incorporated 74 1/2
Long Bell A. 41 1/2
Montgomery Ward 38 1/2
New York Central 42 1/2
Northern Pacific 24 1/2
Pacific American Fish 20 1/2
Pacific Gas & Electric 50 1/2
Pacific Tel. & Tel. 138 1/2
Pennsylvania R.R. 94 1/2
Pepsi Cola Co. 23 1/2
Philo Radio 20 1/2
Pittsburgh C. & I. 27 1/2
Pittsburgh Corning 42 1/2
Rayonier Incorp. 34 1/2
Republic Steel 45 1/2
Reynolds Metals 74 1/2
Richfield Oil 79 1/2
Safeway Stores Inc. 34 1/2
St. Regis 53 1/2
Scott Paper Co. 70 1/2
Sears Roebuck & Co. 30 1/2
Shell Oil Co. 81 1/2
Sinclair Oil 65 1/2
Socoy 57 1/2
Southern Pacific 50 1/2
Standard Oil Calif 50 1/2
Standard Oil N.J. 57 1/2
Sunshine Mining 7 1/2
Swift & Company 45 1/2
Transamerica Corp. 39 1/2
Twentieth Century Fox 24 1/2
Union Oil Company 61 1/2
Union Pacific 172 1/2
United Airlines 39 1/2
United Aircraft 70 1/2
United Corporation 6 1/2
United States Plywood 48 1/2
Warner Pictures 26 1/2
Western Union Tel. 19 1/2
Westinghouse Air Brake 33 1/2
Westinghouse Electric 45 1/2
Woolworth Company 45 1/2

Weather Table
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24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Friday

	Max.	Min.	Prep.
Baker	81	47	—
Bend	80	29	—
Eugene	76	43	—
Klamath Falls	89	50	—
Lakeview	89	56	—
Medford	90	48	—
Newport	80	52	—
North Bend	82	51	—
Pendleton	88	54	—
Portland Airp't	89	47	—
Roseburg	79	49	—
Salem	74	44	—

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Suit Charges Timber 'Gyp'
TACOMA (AP)—Three Oregon men who took an option to buy a stand of timber presumed to be worth \$548,000 from an Aberdeen woman are suing her for a refund of their down payment plus out-of-pocket costs. They say the timber isn't worth 20 per cent of the amount represented to them.

Phillip Suetter, Beaverton, Ore., and August Meyer and Ben Moore Co. of Portland filed suit in federal court here Thursday against Miss Edna M. France of Aberdeen for \$7,770.

The plaintiffs said they paid Miss France \$4,500 earnest money on 1,540 acres of timber lands in Pacific County on an option to buy pending results of a timber cruise. The plaintiffs said Miss France told them there were eight million board feet of old growth and 33 million board feet of second growth fir on the property.

Actually, their complaint said, the cruise showed only eight million feet of second growth and no old growth at all.

They want their down payment back, plus cruise and other expenses.

Miss France owns two-thirds of the timber. One-third is jointly held by John Knox Sutherland of Stockton, Calif., and Jean Sutherland Brown of Aberdeen.

Marilyn and Miller Keep Plans Secret
ROXBURY, Conn. (AP)—Playwright Arthur Miller and actress Marilyn Monroe kept their wedding plans a secret Friday.

They arrived at a press conference 90 minutes late after witnessing an automobile accident in which a French woman correspondent was reported to have been injured seriously.

Morton Miller, Arthur's brother, who drove the couple to the playwright's farmhouse, said the correspondent apparently was trying to follow him up the winding Goldmine Rd., when the car crashed into a tree.

Miss Monroe emerged from her future husband's car visibly shaken and dashed into the house.

Thirty minutes later, the couple came out to the lawn and stood under a shady maple tree for photographs.

Asked about his wedding plans, Miller said: "I'm not going to say when or where we'll be married. I think it is time enough for you to know when it happens."

GERMANS PAY FOR TROOPS
BONN, Germany (AP)—The West German government announced Friday it will contribute 400 million marks (\$95,200,000) to help support British armed forces in Germany in the next 12 months. The agreement boosted West Germany's financial commitment to Western forces to nearly a quarter of a billion dollars.

Cycle Rider Driven Away After Crash
Police have not yet definitely identified a motorcycle rider who is believed to have been injured in a collision at Hood and North Church about 11:30 o'clock Thursday night.

Cleo Leneer Keppinger told police that he was driving his car east on Hood Street when he saw three motorcycles going south-east on Fairgrounds Road at a rate of 30 or 40 miles an hour. As they turned west on Hood, he said, one of them slid into his car.

He thought the rider suffered a broken leg, but he told the officers that someone who was at the scene put him into a car and took him away, and also removed the plates from the cycle.

Police have found that the cycle was legally loaned by a dealer, but whether the rider was the man to whom it was loaned is not definitely known.

The cycle was badly damaged.

Police Play 'Stop Music'
It was necessary to call police early Friday morning to turn off a radio that had been left on in an apartment at 855 Oak street.

The police were called by Mrs. Edna Lacey, occupant of the building, who explained that the renter of the apartment had left and that the landlady wasn't home. The radio was blaring loudly and keeping people awake.

Various keys were tried on the door, but to no avail. So Mrs. Lacey asked the officers to force the door. She said she would take the responsibility. This was done and the music stopped.

Sobeloff Okayed By Senate Group
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Judiciary Committee Friday overrode Southern opposition and approved President Eisenhower's long-called nomination of Solicitor General Simon E. Sobeloff to be a judge of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

However, the committee agreed not to report the nomination to the Senate for at least a week.

Sen. Allen D. Johnston (D-SC) said he and other opponents would wage a "prolonged" fight against confirmation by the Senate.

Police Check 'Kidnap Lead'
Salem police received a tip early Friday morning that might have been connected with the kidnapping of three-year-old Stephen Damman in New York last October.

Shortly after midnight Thursday, a man, woman and small boy came to a Salem hotel, police said. The man registered for a room for the woman and boy and one for himself.

While the clerk was showing him to his room the woman and boy disappeared. The man remained the rest of the night, then checked out.

Hotel clerks, recalling the kidnapping and a recent Associated Press story saying the boy might be in the Northwest, called city police early Friday. Police are doubtful that descriptions of the persons seen here tally with those involved in the kidnapping, but are investigating.

Final Honors Paid Admiral
WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's capital Friday paid final honors to Fleet Adm. Ernest J. King and saluted the departure of the World War II Navy command for Annapolis, Md., in his last resting place in the Naval Academy cemetery.

The final honors were given in front of the capitol after a solemn funeral in the Washington Cathedral and a military procession up Pennsylvania Ave.

The service was conducted by Dean Francis Sayre of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral.

The 77-year-old officer died Monday in the Portsmouth, N.H., naval hospital. He had served as chief of naval operations and Commander in chief of the United States Fleet in World War II.

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Mathewson Arrives in Salem; Plans to Take Over July 1

Kent Mathewson, who will become Salem city manager Monday, and his family arrived in Salem Thursday and are looking for a home.

With Mathewson are Mrs. Mathewson and their three young sons. Mathewson said Friday they would put in the time between now and Monday looking for and possibly deciding on a place to live. For a time they expect to rent.

The Mathewsons left Martinsville, Va., June 1 and have spent the month motoring across country, visiting relatives in various states, and parks and other resorts en route. They drove to Florida soon after leaving Martinsville where they visited a brother of Mr. Mathewson. Then they came to the Pacific Coast by the southern route, visiting Los Angeles, Hollywood and other interesting places.

Until they locate a home here they will be quartered at the Marion Hotel.

Mathewson had been city manager of Martinsville for the last seven years, and also has served in that office in other southern cities. He is 38 years old. He will succeed J. L. Franzen as city manager here. Franzen has held the Salem office for 9½ years and will remain on a month or so while his successor is becoming settled in the office.

"I feel that I will be in good hands at the start," Mathewson said Friday.

The Mathewsons are delighted with Salem weather and with the appearance of the city as a place to live.

County Health Building Tops Week's Permits
The new Marion County Health building near Salem General hospital will provide many facilities not now available to the present downtown quarters, Dr. Willard J. Stone, public health officer, said Friday.

Construction on the one-story \$47,000 structure will start immediately. In general there will be a nursing section, a sanitation section, administrative offices and a clinic area. The administration and clinic sections will each occupy about one-fourth of the floor space.

Of special value will be included a multiple purpose room for staff and board meetings and for larger meetings when necessary. Accommodations will be available for the staff of 12 nurses that the department now employs and for the student program in which two nurses are usually studying public nursing. Quarters also will be available for six sanitarians. The department now employs four.

Another new feature for the department will be parking space on the premises for persons who are visiting or consulting the clinic.

Dr. Willard J. Stone, public health officer, heads the department. James L. Payne, architect, designed the building.

Building permits Friday: Rain-bow Construction Company, to relocate a one-story dwelling and garage at 2500 E. D. Cook, to build a one-story dwelling and garage at 254 Culver Lane, \$11,500.

Stan Parton, to re-roof a 1½-story dwelling at 1150 Spruce, \$255. Mrs. Elva Stanley, to alter a patio at 1680 Berry, \$30. Peter Beck, to build a one-story duplex at 166-176 West Miller, \$17,000.

Mrs. Alice H. Smith, to re-roof a garage at 1457 B Street, \$30. C. L. Martin, to repair a one-story dwelling at 1132 Third, \$200. Ed Curtis, to alter a one-story dwelling at 1120 Highland, \$500.

ERIC BLORE RECOVERING
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Character actor Eric Blore, 70, who suffered a stroke at his home June 15, is reported in satisfactory condition at the Motion Picture Country Hospital.

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CRABE RUSS PRISONER?
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