

Husband tells about worrying over his wife's air expeditions

EDITORS NOTE: About 90 women took off from Fresno, Calif. Saturday and spent the weekend flying across the country in the annual Powder Puff Derby, a transcontinental race for women fliers. Back home were their husbands, fixing meals, caring for their children and worrying about their flying wives. Here in an interview one of the husbands tells what it is like to be married to an aviatix.

By Elizabeth H. Zakroff
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LEONIA, N.J. (UPI)—Walter Cronan is married to a woman who's been up in the clouds 23 years. He used to be up there too.

Mrs. Selma Cronan, 50, of 209 Hillcrest Ave., is a member of the Ninety-Niners, an international organization of licensed women pilots.

"She's been flying since World War II," Cronan, 53, said. "During the war Mrs. Cronan was a member of the WAAFS, the Women's Auxiliary Air Force Service."

Now Mrs. Cronan is in charge of public relations—and a competitor in—the all women's transcontinental air race—the Powder Puff Derby. The race is sponsored by the Ninety-Niners.

Cronan, a consulting engineer

for 25 years, used to fly too. "After the war, we bought an old crate and Mrs. Cronan taught me how to fly," he said. "I dabbled in it off and on."

Injured in Crash
In 1951, a plane Cronan and a friend were flying crashed. Both were seriously hurt and Cronan was hospitalized for several months. That ended his flying career.

"We decided that with two children one of us had to stay alive. I have no desire for immortality."

The Cronan twins—Thomas and Jefferson—are 17 years old.

"Although the boys have been up several times with their mother, they're more interested in driving cars now," he said.

The boys often flew with their mother when they were babies.

Life around the Cronan household starts getting hectic two months before the race.

"Every day," Cronan said "there are conferences and more conferences. Maps are spread all over the house with women sprawled all over them speaking some lingo I can't hope to understand. Then as quickly as they appear they disappear, taking Mrs. Cronan with them for a month."

Usually Eat Out
"We eat at home when we can stand it and go out the rest of the time. Although we have a maid she's as lost as we are. By the time Mrs. Cronan comes home, a house chock full of dirt is waiting for her."

Cronan used to worry about his wife's flying.

"But not now," he said, "it's been such a long time. Everything is pretty much routine. Besides, Mrs. Cronan is a very skilled pilot."

Cronan is a member of the Forty-Nine and a Halfers, a club formed by the Ninety-Niners for their husbands.

"We even get a certificate," he said, "a certificate of doubtful competency. I guess it means we're not as good as women."

Being married 23 years to a woman constantly getting publicity, Cronan said, means he's always asked questions which are impossible to answer.

"It's sort of like being married to a race horse. What can you say?"

Court ruling hints at new Profumo doings

LONDON (UPI)—A court ruling hinted today at new sensations in the Profumo case with the revelation of a mysterious tape recording made by play girl Christine Keeler.

The possibility of further disclosures in the scandal that forced the resignation of War Minister John Profumo arose when a court granted an appeal to a Negro jazz musician who was convicted of beating up Christine. The appeal was based on the argument that there was "important new evidence" in the tape recording Christine made when she was "high as a kite."

Two policemen were sent by the court to take possession of the tape recording made by Profumo, whose relationship with Christine had threatened to topple the Macmillan government of Harold Macmillan.

Macmillan met today with opposition Labor party leaders in the face of the new development.

Tonight he meets with the 1922 Committee, a powerful group of members of Parliament from his own party, which is expected to challenge his leadership. Informed sources said the committee would tell Macmillan that a majority of Conservative party M.P.'s want him to quit before the next general election, which must come before October, 1964.

Aloysius (Lucky) Gordon, 31, the Jamaican musician, was not in the Court of Criminal Appeal today when three judges granted attorney Ashe Lincoln's plea for permission to appeal his conviction of beating Miss Keeler, which carried a three-year sentence.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT
City police Saturday apprehended Jasper Clyde Sumpter, 33, of 224 E. Emerson Avenue and booked him on a disorderly conduct charge. Bail was fixed at \$100.

Arrested Sunday on charges of being intoxicated in a public place was William Howard McLaughlin, 52, of Herkimer, N.Y. His bail is \$27.50.

TOOK IT HARD
LINCOLN, England (UPI)—Employees of the Lincolnshire Road Car Co. went on strike for two hours today in protest of the firing of bus driver Roy Baker.

Baker, 35, killed himself last week, five hours after losing his job.



FINANCIAL FIGURE FOUNDED SLAIN — Authorities remove the body of Mervin Gold, shown at left, missing Cleveland, Ohio, financial figure, from the trunk of his car. Gold was found guilty recently of using stolen Canadian bonds as collateral for loans. Rackets figure, Alex "Shondor" Birns, right, is being sought in connection with the case.

Missile companies trying to close gobbledegook gap

By Leon Daniel
UPI Staff Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI)—A couple of companies instrumental in the success of the Minuteman missile are making a determined effort to close the space industry's "gobbledegook gap."

The war on this game of verbal hide-and-seek, sometimes called "weasel wording," is being waged by the Boeing Company and Space Technology Laboratories (STL).

According to Kenneth L. Calkins of the Boeing public relations department, this type of writing "often clothes itself in a protective sheath of jargon and can be identified by its artful way of saying nothing."

Calkins' crusade is aimed at the people within the industry—industrial writers and other employees whose job it is to write letters, memos and reports dealing with the extremely complicated business of making missiles.

Here is an example of the kind of writing Calkins hopes to eliminate: "Man-machine requirements in this system environment impose severe visual acuity problems."

Can't See Panel
This translates "he can't see the instrument panel."

Calkins said that about a year ago STL project manager Ivar M. Holliday looked over some Boeing and STL reports and correspondence on the Minuteman program and—although he is quite familiar with the missile—he couldn't decipher some of them.

Holliday decided that what was needed was some quality control of the hundreds of pages written about the Minuteman.

Partially as a result of Calkins' and Holliday's efforts, Boeing and STL employees have attended classes aimed at lifting the fog from their writing.

Calkins believes that unexplained abbreviations have no place in a field that already is highly complex. In a top story in an Air Force command newspaper he counted 60 unexplained abbreviations.

Typical Air Force writing leans heavily to the use of unexplained abbreviations, but Calkins said Air Force manual 10-4 reads, "the space saved by using abbreviations does not begin to compensate for the loss of clarity that may result..."

Needed An Aid
Calkins said he knows of one

Ranch worker to get sentence for 1962 shooting

RENO, Nev. (UPI)—A 19-year-old itinerant ranch worker was scheduled to go before a panel of three judges here today to be sentenced for the fatal shooting of an Oregon man last August.

Lester E. Morford III has pleaded guilty to the fatal shooting of Jack Foster, 23, Medford, after he kidnaped the victim and his bride of two days, Patricia, from a Reno motel.

He forced them to drive to Lake Tahoe where he shot Foster in the back of the head with a 22-caliber pistol and dragged his body off the road.

He later allegedly criminally assaulted Foster's wife twice before she was able to jump out of the car at Carson City and escape.

Morford, whose parents live in Santa Rosa, Calif., was arrested near Carson City in a gasoline station.

Police said he may have been sniffing glue at the time of the killing. They said they found 12 tubes of plastic cement and airplane glue in his motel room. Several were open.

U.S. producing millionaires faster than ever

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The nation is producing millionaires at the fastest clip since the get-rich-quick era of the late 1920s.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) — in its latest tabulation on the subject — reported today that 388 persons filed returns showing \$1 million or more income in 1961.

This was the largest number since 1929 when the stock market was at the peak of its stratospheric binge, and the total of 318 million taxpayers hit a record 513.

Ninety-two new faces were added to this select group in 1961, the biggest increase since 1928 when the number spurted by 221.

The IRS statistics show only those who reported earning \$1 million or more during the 1961 tax year. Authorities on the distribution of U. S. wealth estimate there are a lot more Americans who are worth \$1 million today.

Some have placed the number as high as 100,000.

Government tax reports, of course, mention no names. But from these studies, it is possible to get a statistical profile of the average \$1 million taxpayer in 1961. It would look something like this:

The average top-bracket taxpayer had an adjusted gross income of about \$2 million. He paid about \$800,000 in income taxes.

Most likely he was on a payroll, although his income from salaries was a drop in the bucket — to him, anyway. The biggest chunk of his earnings came from profits on the sale of such items as stocks and property.

The IRS Millionaires Club accounted for about 8 per cent of all taxes paid in 1961. By contrast, those in the \$5,000 to \$7,000 bracket paid 8.4 per cent of all taxes collected that year.

Miss Universe contest starts

MIAMI BEACH (UPI)—Some of the most beautiful women in the world practiced poise and pulchritude today for the opening of the week-long Miss Universe Pageant.

Although actual competition does not begin until Tuesday night the 97 beauties began receiving instructions from old hands and contest officials, learned in the art of beauty review.

Miss Universe of 1963 will be crowned before a national television audience at Convention Hall here Saturday night. The title is based on beauty and carriage. No talent is involved.

One of the young women representing all of the United States and countries around the globe will be crowned by Argentina's Norma Nolan, reigning Miss Universe. The winner will receive \$7,500 in cash and a \$10,000 personal appearance contract.

Miss U.S.A. preliminaries will be held Tuesday and one of the American beauties will be crowned Wednesday night to compete with the global contestants in the Miss Universe preliminaries Thursday.

Isolated storms hit segments of East, Midwest

By United Press International

Thunderstorms which broke a searing drought in the Midwest moved across the Appalachians today, drenching dry New England forests and easing crop conditions along the Atlantic Seaboard.

A steady rain fell in the Northeast and scattered showers sprinkled the Southland and Great Plains.

Up to a half-inch of rain fell in the Middle and North Atlantic States Sunday. More than 1 1/2 inches fell at Millville, N. J., in six hours of rain hit Curtis, Neb., in less than a half hour.

Cooler air pushed in over the upper Midwest, where temperatures dipped into the 50s during the night. Blythe, Calif., which simmered in 116 degree heat Sunday, cooled off during the night to 104.

Several storm-born tornadoes were reported in the West and South Sunday but caused no serious damage.

Two funnel clouds were reported north of Yoder in southeastern Wyoming while a severe weather warning was in effect. Imperial, Neb., also in the danger area, was battered by hailstones.

A small tornado ripped off a roof, tore down television antennas and uprooted a garage five miles north of Elizabeth City in eastern North Carolina Sunday. No injuries were reported.

Reds launch Laos attack

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI)—Communist Pathet Lao troops, supported by artillery and machine gun fire, were reported today to have launched an attack on neutralist forces entrenched southeast of the Plain of Jars airstrip.

Neutralist military sources here said the Communists fired 70 rounds of shells Sunday night at neutralist positions about two miles southeast of the airstrip.

The sources added that Pathet Lao infantry supported by medium machine gun fire, launched an attack against the neutralists.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.



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Titanic TV vaudeville act misses top twenty cities

By Doc Quigg
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BOONVILLE, Mo. (UPI)—There are still giants in this land. Often you have to get out of the big cities to see them clearly. I refer, in this instance, to the finest Harrigan and Hart vaudeville-type act now rampaging on television.

It is composed of Jerome Hanna Dean, commonly known as Dizzy, and Harold Henry Reese, commonly known as Pee Wee, and they broadcast "The Game of the Week" on Saturdays and Sundays on about 50 per cent of the CBS network. The unlucky half of the network that doesn't get them includes all the major league cities, which means 20 of our biggest towns are bereft.

They do a running comment on what is going on at the baseball game of the moment, throwing in accounts of their own titanic careers in the baseball of yore, and divers other matters, while you look at the game. (Anytime Dean says the word "yore," incidentally, he's pronouncing the word "your.")

I took it all down for about four innings one day, and I still don't believe it. However, I offer the following fragments:

Dizzy: "Yeah, that pitch I used to throw had a vapor trail."

Pee Wee: "Really? That was pretty good, Diz."

Dizzy: "Yeah, a lotta times the umpire hadpella call 'em by the sound."

Two Bump Heads
Dizzy: "Look at that! I never seen two ball ketchers butt heads in my life harden they did. They're laid up, all right, they're hurt—but boy, it was somepin' to see on television."

Pee Wee: "He has a three, point, five-eighths earned run average." (I can't swear to this one, but it sounded like "three, point, five-eighths.")

Dizzy: "He dove back in there. If he'd a-slud, he'd a-made it."

Dizzy: "That batter's shakin' his head—he don't know, I don't know what he don't know, but I know he don't know. Look at them umpires, they don't know neither. They're talkin' to each other and shakin' their heads like they don't know. And that third base coach, he's liftin' his hands—he don't know. And I don't know. If I knewed what they don't know, I'd tell you."

Pee Wee: "Podres has always had a bad back. He stood outta the service for a while with a bad back."

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Takes Leave
Dizzy: "Got a steak sandwich. Be back in 20, 30 minutes."

Dizzy: "Stan the Man's on first. Now he tosses his skull cap over to the coach so that it'll lighten the load, case he has to run to second."

Dizzy: "Got a wire today from George (Doaks, or some such name). Says he remembers when I's just breaking in when I's 17, and he said at that time that this boy would be a great pitcher. And George, if you're listening in today, I wanta tell you, you was right. I was a g-r-a-t pitcher..."

Dizzy: "Folks, reason we hada laugh up here at that was that if that guy hadn't swang and hit it, it woulda hit him r-i-g-h-t in the belly."

Dean is meticulous in his linguistics and never would commit the grammatical gaucherie of using "like" as a conjunction, when all the other broadcasters use the more tidy "as." Like the following, on a windy day: "That high fly was blown right in from center field, as you seen on your screen."

Tacoma girl gets state honor

VANCOUVER, Wash. (UPI)—A 20-year-old coed from Tacoma will represent Washington in the Miss America Pageant at Atlantic City, N.C., this fall.

Blonde-haired Mardi Hagen, a student at the University of Washington who competed as Miss Seattle, was selected Miss Washington at the closing session of the three-day Miss Washington Pageant here Saturday night.

Miss Hagen is 5-feet-5-inches tall, weighs 110 pounds and measures 34-20-36.

Miss Tri - Cities, Kippy Lou Brinkman, was runner-up. Miss Spokane Valley, Colleen Mary Thacker, was second runner-up; Miss White Center, Judith Saunders, third runner-up; and Miss Tacoma, Gayle Yuckert, fourth runner-up.

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