

'Down, b89—~~not that~~ one—down,
you dumb mutt'



A visit to Strategic Air Command base is reassuring in several ways

CARSWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Fort Worth, Texas — It's an ill wind which blows no good. Or, sometimes a problem can be blessing in disguise. A small plane from Bend, Oregon, developed a little oil leak coming into Fort Worth this week. As a result, one newspaper editor got a rare, for him, look at the big Strategic Air Command base here. And he feels better for the visit, thank you.

While the oil leak was being repaired, the editor took a look at the Fort Worth telephone book. He knew a college classmate of his was living somewhere in Texas, and thought he would check. Sure enough, the name was there, so he called. The old friend (really not any older than the editor) and her husband picked him up for the day while the plane engine was being repaired. The classmate's husband is an Air Force colonel, commanding a Strategic Air Command (SAC) bomber wing stationed here. During the day the editor was a guest of the colonel on a tour of the base.

In recent months, large numbers of American citizens have read the book "Fail-Safe," a fictional account of an accidental start of a nuclear war.

The book makes a very plausible story out of the whole affair, but it describes a system which doesn't exist. Once that point was settled, and it was settled rather quickly, the tour began.

The basic weapon of the wing stationed here is the B-58, a long-range supersonic bomber, America's only bomber designed to deliver nuclear bombs anywhere on earth faster than the speed of sound. A few larger, slower, B-52s are assigned to the wing, but the emphasis is on the B-58.

The B-58 is an incredible piece of machinery. It's big. Fully loaded it weighs about 80 tons. It's a real thrill, albeit a noisy one, to stand alongside the runway when one takes off at night with a roar like that of 10,000 plumber's blowtorches all going at once, belching flame behind it as the afterburners are cut in to give it extra boost.

It carries a crew of three. One man is the pilot. The second is a navigator. The third is in charge of the weapons of offense and defense. The pilot flies the plane, but his basic job is to take it off and land it. Most of the flying can be done by a strip of magnetic tape, coded by a computer, which is fed into a computer carried on the aircraft. There are no dual controls. The pilot sits in front by himself, the navigator is second in line several feet away, and the man who defends the aircraft is in the rear seat. The jobs are not interchangeable. The fellow in the back seat would not be able to get to the controls in an emergency, even if he knew what to do when he got there. Nor would he be able to pilot at navigating.

Each man is a highly-trained, thoroughly experienced specialist, who spends a couple of hours in a flight simulator on the ground for each hour he spends in actual flight.

Twenty of the B-58s are kept ready to roll all the time. If one is down for maintenance, another ready aircraft takes its place. All 20 of the craft are supposed to be able to be airborne in 15 minutes from the receipt of orders, either test or combat orders. And in tests this time has been beaten. Crews are ready, all the time, changing off at regular intervals so that the planes are ready, 24 hours per day, seven days per week, 52 weeks each year.

To save fuel, the B-58 normally cruises just below the speed of sound until it is within striking range of its target. Then the afterburners are cut in again, and the plane doubles its speed. The results are fantastic. A B-58 once made a run from Los Angeles to New York and back to Los Angeles in four hours, which figures out to an average, including refueling in flight, of about 1,400 miles per hour.

Crews are all volunteers. Most are Air Force pros, who intend to make the service a lifelong career. Enlisted men, too, particularly those involved in the maintenance and service of the big birds, are highly-competent, well trained professionals, who take a great deal of pride in their part of the operation.

The capability of a wing such as the one here to spread death and destruction to an enemy anywhere in the world is tremendous. The B-58 can outperform any known foreign fighter, and is faster than most American planes. It can carry a big load, and deliver it with pinpoint accuracy. Any possible enemies are well aware of the strength of the B-58, and the people who operate it.

During emergencies, such as the Cuban affair of about a year ago, SAC personnel get little sleep. But you can sleep better knowing they're on the job.

Quotable quotes

I was once young myself. — Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu, fiery first lady of South Viet Nam, when asked what she thought of American college students.

We expected some of them to be intercepted by hawks, but this was the first time the whole flight got lost. — A spokesman from the Japan International Goodwill Pigeon Race, when one of the 200 birds in the race showed up at the finish line.

Turn the people and the money loose and they will make the country strong. — Ludwig Erhard, West Germany's new chancellor, in a 1948 speech announcing the end of rationing.

By Lyle C. Wilson
UPI Staff Writer

It doesn't take much imagination to suspect that Ike and Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller were in cahoots in last week's presidential political maneuvering.

In an interview, former President Eisenhower said of Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.): "I think that before he can be considered a truly serious candidate (for President) he has to do his best to make his views clear."

This comment could not be regarded as a loud Eisenhower cheer for Barry Goldwater. On the contrary, it seemed more a challenge to the senator's presidential candidacy.

Rockefeller's move was

quickly to invite Goldwater to meet him in television debate, an invitation the senator dodged instantly. Goldwater argues that top Republicans should be debating with the New Frontiersmen and not with each other.

Says Goldwater Mistaken
The governor argues that such a debate would lead toward a Republican consensus on principles and their application. He argues further that Goldwater is mistaken in believing that debate among Republicans would be divisive.

Goldwater's avoidance of the television debate was in language which left open the question whether he and Rockefeller should engage in debate

if both were avowed presidential candidates. To refuse to debate under those circumstances would be a quibble since both men are likely to be in head-on collision next March in the New Hampshire presidential primary.

Put it down in your future book, therefore, that there will be a Rockefeller-Goldwater television debate in the pre-convention period unless one or both of them withdraws. It would be a good idea, too, for Goldwater to say as much and to say it soon.

This refusal to accept straight off Rockefeller's invitation to debate does not blend well with the Goldwater image currently prevailing. The Goldwater for whom a great many

of his fellow citizens are whooping it up—the Goldwater who leads the popularity polls —is a handsome, fighter pilot type, always smiling, never taking himself too seriously, and afraid not of the devil himself.

Jumped At Chance
That Goldwater—the fighter pilot—would have seized Rockefeller's hand if he had been challenged to television debate, and he would have dragged the governor to the nearest TV camera, there to demolish him.

That is what the Goldwater-for-President buckaroos expect their hero to do to John F. Kennedy in the presidential campaign. That is what they expect their boy to do to Rockefeller and all other soft-boiled

Republicans who may stand in the way of the senator's presidential nomination.

And Goldwater can't begin doing that too soon for the delight and satisfaction of his followers. So, say it ain't so, Barry; that you are not running away from a TV debate with Rockefeller but, merely, are putting the debate with Rocky on ice against some appropriate occasion.

The old pros will be wondering who is masterminding the stop - Goldwater maneuvers. That is, who dreamed up the idea that Ike should suggest a clarification of Goldwater's views to be followed by Rocky with an invitation to television debate. Thomas E. Dewey, maybe, or Henry Cabot Lodge!

Disputed area scene of armed African clashes

By Phil Newsom
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Southward from Casablanca, the mountains take on a mud-brown hue, deeply slashed by the erosion of centuries and sloping gradually into the Sahara.

Even from the air, it is a picture of desolation broken only occasionally by the green of an oasis.

Such an oasis is Tindouf, 400 miles south of Casablanca on an ancient caravan route. Such also are Tinnjoub and Colomb-Bechar. All lie along the ill-defined desert borders of Morocco and Algeria in an area claimed by both sides, frequent scene of armed clashes between the two.

Morocco describes them as "Moroccan lands under Algerian control." Included are areas rich in oil, natural gas and other resources.

The Moroccans claim they were "annexed" by France when she controlled Algeria. Scene of the most recent clashes has been Tinnjoub, of little value except as a bargaining point.

Increasing Enmity
Of perhaps greater moment than the real estate in immediate contest is the increasing enmity between King Hassan II of Morocco, the young constitutional monarch, and President Ahmed Ben Bella of Algeria, the dedicated revolutionary.

Hassan is the son of Mohamed V, whose foreign policy linked Morocco firmly with the emerging independent countries of black Africa.

But Hassan himself, for better or for worse for his future in Africa, has been linked with the West. And, like President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia, which flanks Algeria on the other side, frequently has found himself a target of Ben Bella.

Ben Bella is a proclaimed socialist whose views lean toward Fidel Castro.

Hassan has tried to follow a course of enlightened reform.

A year ago he set up Morocco's first constitution, and, through a popular referendum, proclaimed Morocco a "democratic social monarchy."

Has Wide Powers
The designation itself is one of vague proportions. The king names the premier and his cabinet ministers, he also must approve all legislation. He can, if he wishes, refer legislation to a popular referendum.

But the new constitution also provides for a popularly elected parliament with rights for women. Tax reforms have been instituted and an agrarian reform program is distributing land to landless peasants.

Democracy in Morocco is a far cry from democracy as it is understood in the United States. But a start has been made.

Since 1957, the United States has provided Morocco with well over \$350 million in various forms of aid, and will continue its help even after U.S. air bases in Morocco are abandoned.

But Morocco has been caught up in the vortex of the struggle for influence in Africa which affects both its internal and external policies.

A year ago there were rumors that Hassan's 22-year-old sister might marry Ben Bella. If there ever was an agreement, today it definitely would seem to be off.

DROUGHT TO CONTINUE

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Weather Bureau says the dry spell will continue along the Eastern Seaboard but the central United States should get some drought relief.

In a 30-day weather outlook issued Wednesday, the bureau said precipitation is expected to remain subnormal in the eastern quarter of the nation, except in the extreme southeast, but "substantial rains" should occur over the central states.

Washington Merry-go-round

Jackie's host once fined \$7 million in U.S. ship deal

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON—There's been a lot written in the European press about Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy's cruise on the yacht of the glamorous Greek shipping magnate, Aristotle Onassis, once indicted for cheating Uncle Sam and required to pay a whopping \$7,000,000 fine.

Actually the publicity began long before Mrs. Kennedy arrived. It resulted from the fact that her sister, Princess Radziwill, spent most of the summer on the Onassis yacht, or as guest of the big, brusque, and charming ship owner at his home.

The monthly magazine "Pictures From Greece" for September devoted two pages to Lee Radziwill, including one picture with Onassis, featuring the fact that "she came here at the invitation of Aristotle Onassis" and was dividing her time between two cabanas at Vouliagmeni, the bathing beach near Athens, the Onassis yacht, and the Onassis home, "Mikrokavouri," which means "Little Crab."

Onassis has been separated from his wife ever since Maria

Callas, the famed opera star, left her husband for alleged matrimony with Onassis—which later cooled off.

Shipping Hierarchy
Onassis, who now owns Olympic Air Line as well as a vast fleet of ships, is a former stevedore who married the daughter of Stavros G. Livanos, one of the great shipping tycoons of Greece. His brother-in-law was S. S. Niarchos, another big shipper, who married another daughter of Livanos.

All were part of the shipping cabal which brought American surplus ships at the end of the war for a shoestring and parlayed their fleet into one of the largest in the world.

After the war, a kindly Uncle Sam, with too many ships on his hands, wanted to rehabilitate the merchant marine of European nations.

Greek merchants bought 98 liberty ships for a paltry down payment of \$21,780 per ship, plus a Greek government loan guarantee and Greek certificates extended under the Marshall Plan.

They did not carry Marshall Plan goods to Greece free, as did French, British and Italian government steamers. In addition, some bought ships privately from the United States and transferred them to Panamanian, Liberian, or Honduran registry. They paid almost no taxes in Greece, and as Greek citizens with income from Panama or Liberia, they were not required to pay taxes in the United States.

But by 1949, the United States woke up to the way its surplus ships were being used, and a law was passed cutting out sales to foreign nationals. Some Greek ship owners got around this by forming dummy corporations whose major stock was owned by American citizens.

The Onassis Indictment
This was how Mrs. Kennedy's ebullient and handsome host, Aristotle Onassis, got indicted. He had set up a dummy corporation, including an ex-congressman and an American ambassador, which he used to cloak the purchase of American government tankers.

The Truman administration investigated. The Eisenhower administration inherited the investigation and indicted both Onassis and his American partners on a criminal charge of conspiring to deceive and defraud the United States.

The most embarrassed man in Washington was the man who brought the indictment — Herbert Brownell, then Attorney General. For it was the law of Lord, Day, and Lord, of which Brownell was senior partner, which had advised Onassis that it was legal for him to set up these dummy corporations.

However, the Justice Department, of which Brownell was then boss, ruled that this was a criminal offense.

To get out of the embarrassment, a deal was made by which Onassis, instead of standing trial, could pay what he called a "ransom."

It totaled \$7,000,000.

CHARGES NEW INTRUSION
TOKYO (UPI) — Communist China has charged India with a new intrusion into Chinese territory, the New China News Agency said in a broadcast heard here today.

The broadcast carried the text of a Chinese note directed to the Indian Foreign Ministry charging an unspecified number of Indians crossed into China through the Karakoram Pass Sept. 22.

Limits to application, effects of plastics still not determined

By Jesse Bogue
UPI Staff Writer

NEW YORK (UPI) — One thought seems common to those in the plastics industry today: The limits of its applications and effects upon the world of materials have not yet been determined, and may not be for years to come.

How far these have progressed since one of the first of the plastics to come upon the popular scene made its appearance in the years following the war between the states — the "celluloid collar" days — may be seen by the ordinary household examining surfaces and fixtures around his home; by the electrician applying an insulated wire; by the motorist examining the shiny new 1964 models in his dealer's showroom; or in the columns of production poundage figures offered by the Society of the Plastics Industry.

Plastics Exposition
The extent to which this is a forward-looking industry is shown by the theme of the tenth National Plastics Exposition, scheduled for Chicago Nov. 18-22: New directions in plastics. A meeting of the same sort was held in 1961 in New York City, on the schedule of each 2½ years; it drew a registered attendance of 27,126 persons, and the 1963 meeting is expected to surpass this figure.

It is also the SPI which reported that a recently completed study showed the construction industry in 1962 consumed 1.7 billion pounds of plastics, valued at \$383 million, and up 11 per cent from the previous year.

While these figures illustrate past growth, the industry as a whole keeps working constantly

Sonic boom is explained

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) — The Alaskan Air Command (AAC) at Elmendorf AFB confirmed Wednesday that a sonic boom which shook homes and rattled windows in this area shortly before 11 p.m. AST Tuesday was caused by the Air Force B58 which set a new Tokyo-to-England speed record. The boom was heard and felt widely in this area. City police said they received 50 calls within a few minutes after the boom and another 100 calls throughout the night from residents asking about the cause.

The AAC said it had no information about the altitude or speed of the plane as it passed over the Anchorage area.

Barbs

America is a land of promise just before any election.

Too many people try too hard to impress others to the point of depressing them.



A Massachusetts man was sentenced to polish fire trucks when he turned in a false alarm. A shining example of what not to do!

When a man marries a saving chick he has more chance to pile up a nest egg.

Hodgepodge

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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