

FERRYING BOMBER REACHES ENGLAND WITHOUTAILERONS

Giant Seaplane Badly Crippled Halfway Across—Pulls Out 17,000-ft. Dive.

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 26.—(P)—The Consolidated Aircraft corporation today released details of what it termed an unbelievable delivery flight of a Catalina bomber to England, made with both ailerons and one wing tip missing.

The company said the story was so amazing its release was delayed until information could be obtained from the British ministry of information.

Half way across the Atlantic while the seaplane bomber was cruising at 18,000 feet, the automatic pilot suddenly jammed with the starboard aileron, one of the flaps on the wings that give lateral control of the ship, full down.

In Spiral Dive

The 30,000-pound craft went into a spiral dive. The strain as the giant ship whirled toward the ocean was too great and the starboard aileron broke completely away. With it went the entire wing tip.

Consolidated said the pilot and his five companions received a quick glimpse of the tossing waves rushing up to meet them as the plane hurtled on its 17,000-foot dive. Then the other aileron broke loose and fluttered away.

Loss of the second aileron saved the plane, the pilot reported. It served to balance the bomber. Just 800 feet above the water the Catalina, with both pilots straining at the manual controls, swooped into level flight.

During the dizzy spin, the radio operator sent an SOS, but later learned the condition of the radio aerial prevented proper transmission and the message was never received.

As the ship leveled off the pilot decided to fly on instead of sending another SOS. The ship was six hours from its destination, and a message stating "both ailerons gone" was transmitted and received.

Believed Lost

Officers receiving the message later told the crew they had been given up as lost because they believed it impossible to navigate a plane having a 100-foot wing span, weighing 15 tons, across half the Atlantic without ailerons and one wing tip.

When observations were taken the pilot said he learned the plane was flying in the opposite direction from that necessary to take him "home." The job of turning the giant plane around, without either of the lateral control surfaces, was a feat, the British informed Consolidated, which deserves space in the aviation record books.

To add to the difficulties, the bomber encountered a heavy storm off the British coast and the crew was forced to maneuver the plane down into a harbor three miles from the scheduled landing place.

The British reported the plane had been repaired and had joined a fleet of Catalinas on patrol duty in the Atlantic, searching for German U-boats and surface raiders. A Catalina played a major role in the destruction of the German battleship Bismarck.

OREGON DRIVERS USING MORE GAS

Salem, Sept. 26.—(P)—Secretary of State Earl Snell turned over to the state treasury today a check for \$1,536,794, the check being for August gasoline tax receipts, the largest monthly receipts in history.

August gasoline consumption in Oregon totaled 30,735,874 gallons, a 12 percent increase over August, 1940, and an average of 73 gallons for every motor vehicle registered in the state.

Total August consumption was 423,000 gallons more than the July total, the previous record.

Consumption during the first eight months of 1940 totaled 193,362,363 gallons, an increase of 22,709,875 gallons over the same period of 1940. Gasoline tax receipts for the first eight months this year totaled \$9,778,118, a gain of \$1,135,493 over the corresponding period last year.

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FACES TURN RED WITH FAST TWIST IN WAR EVENTS

By Jack Stinnett

Washington.—The capital in wartime:

The number of people this war has thrust between the horns of a dilemma couldn't be estimated, but the situation of "For Finland, Inc., 522 Fifth avenue, New York, N. Y.," certainly is a case in hand.

No nation that has fallen under the heel of aggression has had more sympathy from the United States than Finland. The phrase "poor little Finland," with all the implications of "courageous little Finland," had become stock with Americans. Finland had paid its war debt in installments to the United States. Its government was democratic. Its sociological pattern was one that people in the United States admired. Its courage in taking up arms against an aggressor far superior in size and arms practically made the old Liberty Bell ring all over again.

Then what happens? Germany goes to war with Russia. Finland joins hands with the nazis. America's friend, Great Britain, officially and actively joins the soviet, tying the United States hand and foot into at least a technical opposition to Finland.

The Finns, through their minister here, Hjalmar Procope, and through their New York publicity corporation, in its publication called "Called from Finland," try desperately to prove that Finland is fighting only "for Finland" and Finnish freedom and charge again that Russia was the aggressor and the nazi declaration of war against the soviet had practically nothing to do with the new outbreak of hostilities between Finland and her big eastern neighbor.

Perhaps those persons whose faces are the reddest in all this are the officers and national committee members of "For Finland, Inc."

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CREWS BURROW ACROSS NATION TO LAY CABLE

New York (U.P.)—A buried transcontinental cable, designed to speed the requirements of both national defense and business, has been one-fourth completed, with three cable trains working under forced draft to finish the big task by next year.

Working under floodlights attached to the tractor trains engaged in plowing a 30-inch deep bed for the steel-encased cable, the work is carried on 24 hours a day when necessary.

The cable system eventually will provide more than 600 telephone channels, almost triple the present number of transcontinental circuits. Also, several channels will be used for telegraph and radio network circuits.

Cable laying crews of the American Telephone and Tele-

graph company, working in three groups over the prairies and mountains between Omaha and Sacramento, Cal., have averaged more than 40 miles a month and are ahead of schedule. One group, plowing through soft Nebraska farm land, traveled 17 miles in a week.

The cables are buried mainly 30 inches below the surface, although variations in the soil sometimes require a 36-inch coverage. After the line has been laid and covered, gas pressure, maintained inside the sheath, is tested to determine possible breaks in the covering.

DEFENSE TREASURE

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 26.—(P)—J. H. Goode went into his back yard, dug up \$600 in small coins from beneath a pecan tree, hauled it to a bank and bought eight defense bonds. He and his family began saving the money in a dime bank 20 years ago.

POSTMASTER EXAM

Washington, Sept. 26.—(P)—The civil service commission will receive applications until the close of business October 10 for the Cave Junction, Ore. postmastership, annual salary \$1500.

EARTH GIVES UP SECRETS OF PAST TO RIPPLE READER

AP Feature Service

Norman, Okla.—Some men of science, standing in need of relaxation, may read a book, but not Dr. O. F. Evans. He reads ripples.

Now ripple reading is not a laughing matter. For this University of Oklahoma geologist it is serious business, and he is considered the nation's foremost ripple reader.

By reading the ripples left in sedimentary rocks, Dr. Evans can piece together another geological page from the unprinted past. Because there wasn't enough material around this inland town, Dr. Evans felt he wasn't getting in enough ripple reading. He rigged up apparatus on his back porch. With an old sewing machine, a pump and a tank, he can simulate the ripple marks

which he finds in ancient rocks, and thus obtain a clue to the conditions that caused them.

"Old shorelines," says Dr. Evans, "can be located by ripple marks. This is important because oil fields are believed to be generally located seaward from old shorelines at distances up to 100 miles."

The study also furnishes a clue, he says, to the character and origin of sedimentary rocks, the home of oil.

The American Philosophical society thought enough of Dr. Evans' odd specialty to give him a grant so he could make further investigations this summer along the Great Lakes.

76 Per Cent of Auto Fatalities Occur in State's Rural Areas

Salem (Sp.)—Seventy-six per cent of the fatal accidents re-

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ported in Oregon in the first seven months of this year occurred in rural areas, according to figures compiled by the traffic safety division of the state department. Most of these accidents occurred on straight stretches of highway in open areas, indicating that speed too great for conditions was a major contributing factor, it was said.

Patricia McClure, member of Skyline grange, Portland, was declared state winner of the Grange safety essay contest for young Grangers. The title of her winning essay was "The Grange Defense Against Rural Accidents."

Pointing to the problem of preventing rural accidents, Miss

McClure's essay declared the grange was in an advantageous position to obtain facts on the rural safety problem and to wage a campaign against accidents in these areas.

Essays were judged by representatives of the State Grange and the state traffic safety division.

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