



LANDING ON ICE CAP covering Greenland at highest ice cap altitude in history, this U. S. Air Force C-47 opened some 390,000 square miles of cap to air rescue operations. Planting flag of Denmark is Lt. Gorn Jensen, Danish meteorologist, who accompanied crew. (International)

Navy To Launch USS Forrestal, Largest American Ship, Saturday

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Washington — (U.P.) — A triumphant U.S. Navy Saturday will launch the largest American ship ever built, the \$197,859,000 super-aircraft carrier U.S.S. Forrestal.

The mighty man of war, 1,036 feet long and displacing 59,650 tons will be eased gently into Hampton Roads, Va., with pomp befitting a new capital ship specially designated for the jet-atomic age.

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson and others will wish the ship well in speeches to a audience of congressmen, government officials, military leaders, shipyard executives and workers. The gigantic flattop will be sponsored by Mrs. James V. Forrestal, widow of the first defense secretary whose name it bears.

One of the most controversial ships in naval history, the Forrestal is being built for \$20,141,000 less than the \$218,000,000 forecast when the keel was laid on July 14, 1952, the Navy said today.

It is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1955 and commissioned in the fleet with a complement of 3,826 men and about 90 planes—jet atomic bombers and interceptors. Afloat, with its modern, high-speed planes able to reach targets 1,000 miles from its deck, the vessel will represent an investment of about \$372,000,000.

As the ship moves out of the graving dock, aided by 12 tugs, at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., it will be sailing straight into a new argument over the future need and role of aircraft carriers.

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CAP Squadron Will See Training Films

The Medford squadron of the Civil Air patrol will be shown two movies at their next meeting on Monday, Dec. 13, as part of the CAP training program.

The film on radio receivers will give the radio classes instructions on the operation of the new transmitter and receiver that links the Medford squadron with the state and national CAP radio network on Monday and Friday nights. The film on military courtesy will give the cadets a chance to see the respect that should be shown to those with higher rank whether in CAP, in the home, in the school or in the military service.

The films are on loan from the western film exchange at McClellan Air Force base, one of the extensive film libraries which make films available to the Medford squadron on any phase of the training program.

The Air Force reserve unit will furnish equipment and an operator to show these films for the Medford CAP squadron.

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Funeral Rites Held For Ex-Broadway Star

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Funeral services were to be conducted today for Truly Shattuck, Broadway musical comedy star of three-score years ago who once was the toast of New York.

It as disclosed yesterday that the one-time singing actress had died Monday at the Motion Picture Country Home following a long illness. She was 79.

She achieved fame on Broadway as the leading lady of Weber and Fields musical shows. Her rendition of the famous old song, "Dearie," won her widespread popularity. She also appeared in road companies, motion pictures.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday

Police To Distribute Leaflets for S-D Day

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon state police will distribute leaflets calling attention to S-D day to motorists at points along all major highways of the state Monday and Tuesday, Superintendent F. G. Maison said today.

Drivers proceeding in one direction during a one-hour period Monday morning will be handed the leaflets and traffic heading on the opposite direction will receive them during a one-hour period in the afternoon. The operation will be repeated during the same hours, but in reverse order, Tuesday.

SED day, national safe driving day, is Wednesday, Dec. 15, when the entire nation will try to go accident-free for 24 hours.

No Action Planned In Sinatra Fight

Hollywood — (U.P.) — A Hollywood press agent said today he planned no legal action against crooner Frank Sinatra who, he said, picked a street fight with him because he thought he was a detective or a newspaper reporter.

The press agent, Jim Byron, who witnesses said, apparently was in the exchange of blows, said, "I'm no longer mad at Frank and I plan no legal action against him."

"I was mad at first," Byron said, "but now I've decided to let the whole matter drop."

Sinatra himself refused to comment on the incident. His business manager, Hank Sanicola, said, "We have no comment to make. It was only an unimportant incident."

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

MOVIE COLLEGE
New Haven, Conn.—(U.P.)—A Yale instructor says some students are misfits because they envisioned college as a place of all play and no work. Richard B. Young says that too many undergraduates expected to find a "daily round of fun and games to the accompaniment of music that constitutes a college in the movies."

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