



LOOK GOOD TO HIM—Republican National Committee Chairman Leonard Hall holds a Telephoto in his Washington, D. C., office of President Eisenhower posing in wheelchair at Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver. Hall commented that the chief executive looked very, very good.

Aerial Ambulances Serve 3000 Patients Per Month

San Antonio, Tex. — (U.P.) — A fleet of aerial ambulances shuttles back and forth across the country with commuter-bus devotion to meeting schedules, and the personnel serves in a dedicated manner.

The pilots who fly the hospital ships of the air call their mission Air Evac, short for aerial evacuation. It's the peacetime outgrowth of the large-scale air movement of sick and wounded during World War II and the Korean War.

Though skimpy by wartime standards, the current edition of "Wings for the Wounded" handles 3,000 patients a month—most servicemen who are stricken while on duty.

Ambulance service by air has almost totally replaced train and ship movement of long haul patients through the Armed Forces.

Servicemen and their dependents, veterans, merchant mariners, and in some cases civilians are eligible to use Air Evac, with Uncle Sam picking up the tab to the tune of \$750,000 a month.

31 Planes
The Pentagon wants to give the ailing servicemen the best possible care at a government hospital nearest the man's home. With Air Evac doing the job, the patient gets there faster and gets back on his job faster than if transported by other means. Thus the government feels the man-hours saved justify Air Evac's expense.

But more important, Air Force officials maintain, an ever-ready Air Evac system can convert to full wartime mobilization on short notice should an emergency arise.

It's a dedicated bunch of fly-boys, flight nurses and ground

crews that makes Air Evac work. "Part of it is the mission," said Lt. Col. Webster Plourd, commander of the Air Evac Squadron at Brookley Air Force Base, Ala. "It's knowing you are doing something humanitarian today rather than training for something tomorrow."

But perhaps the most remarkable feature of the little-known operation is that 31 planes and fewer than 1,000 officers, men and flight nurses do the whole job.

Feeder Flights
The Air Evac team, known formally as the 1708th Air Transport Group, a part of the far-flung Military Air Transport Service, assures economical use of personnel and equipment by the simple trick of putting every man and plane to work.

Of the 233 men and women who compose the Air Evac officer corps, only 30 do not fly as either pilots or flight nurses. Even Group Commander Col. O. H. Rigley Jr., who rates his outfit "the finest group in the Air Force—bar none," takes a regular turn in the cockpit.

The wings of Air Evac are 26 C-131Bs, commercial-type Convoirs equipped with litters, and five four-engine C-54 Skymasters. They cross the country on regularly scheduled twice-weekly trunk line flights, carrying patients to and from 400 government hospitals.

But this isn't the half of it. What Rigley calls the "bread and butter" of Air Evac is a system of feeder flight—something akin to shuttle buses—that bring patients into the trunk line points.

And, of course, there are always those urgent calls. A polo victim in Great Falls, Mont., a man dying of a brain tumor in Memphis, Tenn., the crew of a plane suffering from burns following a crash.

Feeder and urgent flights go out from the five Air Evac squadron headquarters — at McGuire AFB, N. J.; Scott AFB, Ill.; Brooks AFB, Tex.; Travis AFB, Calif., and Brookley — as the need arises.

Lakeview Youth Dies After Car Hits Horse

Lakeview — (U.P.) — John William Wigginton, 18, died in a Lakeview hospital yesterday of injuries suffered Monday in an auto accident five miles south of here.

Wigginton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wigginton of Willow Ranch, Calif., was a passenger in a car which struck a horse running wild on the highway. The horse, one of a band running loose in the area was killed and young Wigginton was thrown against the windshield.

Another car was demolished the same day when a woman driver encountered the band of horses.

STRIKE POSTPONED

Miami — (U.P.) — Employees of Pan American World Airways obeyed an injunction to remain on the job today in Miami and New York, postponing a strike scheduled to start last midnight.

GM Seen Headed for Billion Dollar Year

New York — (U.P.) — General Motors Corp., earning more during the first nine months of 1955 than any corporation in history has ever earned in a full year, seemed well on its way today toward a billion dollar net profit year.

The giant firm's nine month sales report, issued Wednesday, said its sales for 1955 already have amounted to \$9,607,875,772 and its net income for the three-quarter period was \$912,487,537. The previous year's net income record was \$834,044,039, set in 1950.

The total sales figure for the first nine months of 1955 was nearly as great as the record sales figure of \$9,823,529,000 for all of 1954. With the company entering full scale production, GM seemed certain to top the 10-billion-dollar sales mark this year.

Mountbatten Due To Confer in U.S.

Washington — (U.P.) — Adm. Earl Mountbatten, First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty, arrives here today to confer with top U.S. defense officials before beginning a tour of American naval installations.

Adm. Arleigh M. Burke, chief of Naval Operations, invited Mountbatten to make the tour to view recent U.S. advances in naval developments. Mountbatten will study nuclear submarines, guided missile ships, anti-submarine tactics, and the Navy's new long-range jet sea-plane.

ROK RECOGNIZES DIEM

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — The Republic of Korea today recognized the South Viet Nam government of President Ngo Dinh Diem and said it will exchange diplomatic missions with the new republic.



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