

Money Spent To Keep Big Planes Aloft Claimed Good Investment

Travis Air Force Base, Calif. —(U.P.)—It costs about \$1,500 to keep a B36 bomber in the air for an hour and \$900 to fly an F86D Sabre Jet for 60 minutes. "But it's worth every penny of it," Brig Gen. Alfred F. Kalberer, commander of the Strategic Air Command's 14th Division here, said. "This money is an investment in the security of America. We can't afford not to spend it."

"I don't want to do any unnecessary ruffling of feathers," Kalberer said. "But the people who complain about the money the Air Force spends simply do not understand the absolute necessity of what we're doing."

Old Army Cadet

The hard-driving, 48-year-old officer, who first entered the old Army Air Corps as a flying cadet in 1927, said the biggest problem he and other base commanders face is securing an adequate budget.

But Kalberer said if it takes \$30,000 to carry out a practice B36 bombing mission, as one recent and typical exercise was estimated to cost, "we're still getting a tremendous value."

"If a war should break out tomorrow any one of our B36 crews would be capable of flying directly to any enemy target in the world," he said. "But it's only through constant training and practice that they're able to keep in such peak condition."

Kalberer's command embraces one of the most varied in the Air Force. Primarily, Travis is a Strategic Air Command base dedicated to instant retaliation in the event of war. The fifth wing in Kalberer's 14th division comprises three strategic bombing squadrons the 72nd, 31st and 23rd.

Many Functions

But this busy installation also houses the Air Defense Command's 82nd fighter interceptor jet squadron, an anti-aircraft battalion, and a bustling military air transport service terminal which shuttles 1,000 passengers a day between here, the Pacific and the Far East.

The overall picture at Travis is one of men and women going

places in a hurry, doing things vital to the nation's security.

Theirs is a peacetime mission now, but a wooden sign board outside the 72nd bombing squadron headquarters serves as a mute reminder of a tragic past. "Pearl Harbor, New Hebrides, Solomons," the sign reads. "Ad-

miralty, Dutch New Guinea, Philippines."

Travis exists for the sole purpose of seeing to it that if another war should break out there never will be a sign board on an enemy base reading:

"New York, Omaha, San Francisco."

Sunday School Said Not Enough Religious Education for Child

Washington —(U.P.)— Parents who believe that "you can make a Christian of a child merely by sending him to Sunday school" are suffering from a "dangerous delusion," a prominent religious educator said today.

"One of the tragic myths of our time," said Mrs. Marion M. Kellerman, "is the popular notion that you can rely on Sunday school to handle the job of Christian education."

It is "utterly unrealistic," she said, for parents to expect Sunday school to give a child, in one hour a week, all of the religious training and experience he needs to equip him for life.

Long Experience

Mrs. Kellerman has served for more than a decade as director of Christian education for the Episcopal diocese of Washington, and as a top Sunday school adviser to the national council of her church. She is also professor of religious education at Virginia Theological seminary at nearby Alexandria, Va.

She said in an interview that not even an ideal Sunday school — with a b u n d a n t classroom space, fully trained teachers and up-to-date curriculum materials — could do the job which many parents seem to expect of it.

And the average Sunday school, she added, does not approach these ideal requirements.

Many schools also are trying conscientiously to overcome their admitted deficiency in educational standards, she said. They have instituted teacher-training programs, and are over-

hauling their teaching materials to reflect "the real needs" of children.

Home Example

"What good does it do to talk to a child on Sunday morning about forgiveness and the prodigal son, if he never experiences the fact of forgiving love in his own family?" she asked.

With this in mind, many churches using the new teaching materials have started parents' classes, at which mothers and fathers are given guidance on how a child's Sunday school instruction can be directly related to his daily life at home.

Mrs. Kellerman is convinced that this kind of home-and-church teamwork is the only sound approach to religious training.

"Don't expect Sunday school to make your child a Christian," she said, "unless you're prepared to be one, too."

'Nightmare' Sickness Claims 11th Victim

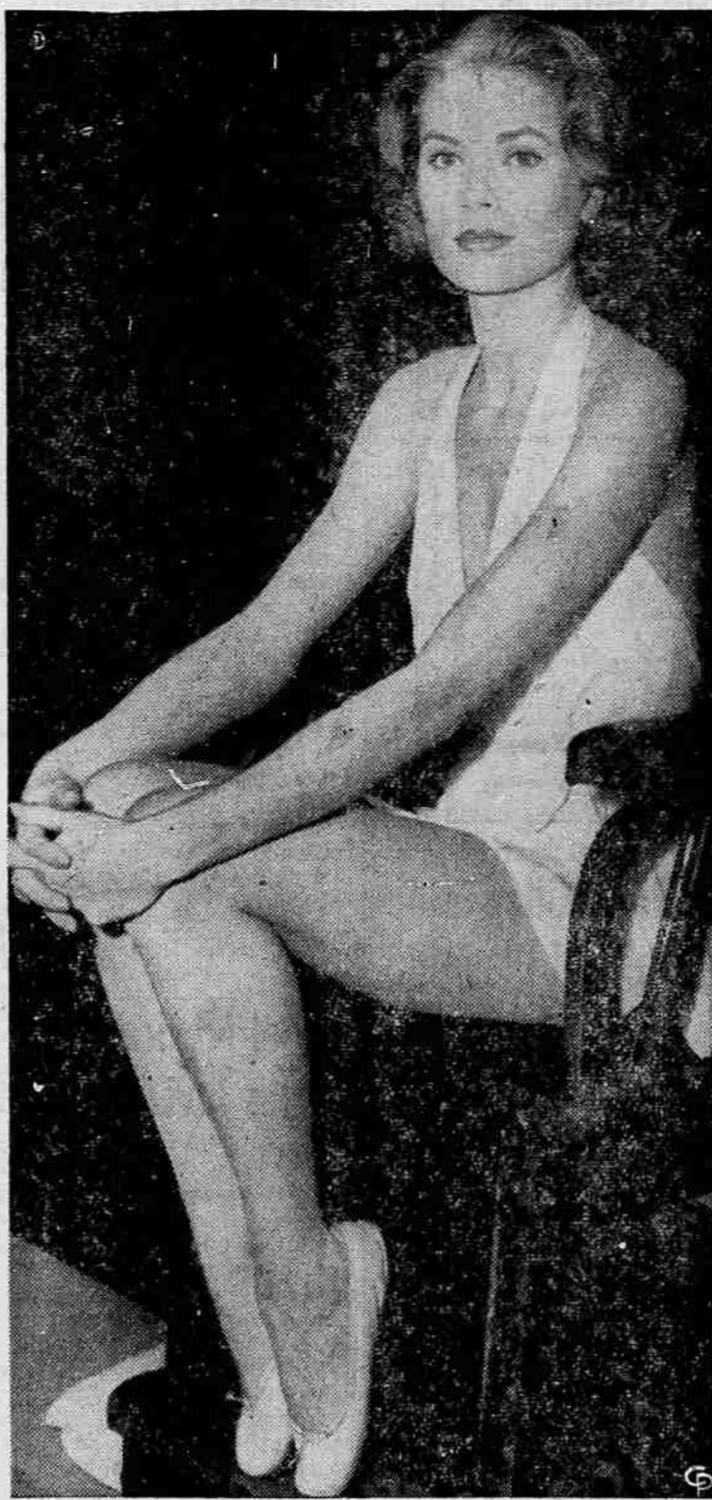
Manila —(U.P.)— The mysterious "nightmare" sickness claimed its 11th victim Saturday.

Medical authorities expressed fear that more may die unless the cause of the malady is discovered.

The latest victim, Eutiquio Paquita, 30, was found dead in bed by his roommate.

As in each of the other cases, Paquita seemed in excellent health and had eaten a heavy meal before he went to bed.

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REFUSING TO WEAR revealing swim suit, Actress Grace Kelly, who will wed Monaco's Prince Rainier in April, greets photographers at Hollywood studio in Grecian-style garb she wears in one scene of film now being shot. (International)

Gloria Swanson's Blood Pressure Soars Over Lack of Help for Engine Builder

By GLORIA SWANSON
Written for United Press

Rome—(U.P.)—While lying in a hospital bed wouldn't you know that I would read the obituary column!

It was certainly good for my blood pressure, though. By the time the doctor made his rounds and got to me, my blood pressure was normal and soaring.

"Come now, Miss Swanson," he said. "Don't get so wound up. Everyone has to die someday."

"But you don't understand," I said. "I'm an American, and we Americans help everybody—of every color, every religion—all over this planet, which is great so long as we don't neglect our own. Let me read you what we have done for a great American."

Inventor Dies

I read from the newspaper as follows: "San Fernando, Calif., Feb. 1—Charles Edward Taylor, 87, who designed and who built the airplane engine of the Wright Brothers 'Kitty Hawk'—the first plane to fly—died Monday night in a sanitarium here."

"Well, now," said the doctor,

"how long did you want him to live?"

I started to get emotional. "I'm surprised he had the heart to live as long as he did, which you'll understand if I can finish these few lines before exploding."

So I read on: "Less than two months ago a special fund had been created by the aircraft industries to maintain him for the rest of his life."

I exploded. They were a long time getting around to it! Wasn't that just darling of the industries he made possible.

To finish the obituary: "Taylor was destitute when he was admitted to the Los Angeles General Hospital early last month. He had been living on an \$800 a year pension from the will of Orville Wright."

"Why, doctor," I went on, "not a street cleaner or a floor sweeper in any of the plane factories today could live on \$800 a year. That's less than \$2.25 per day. Now, of course, the industry will no doubt build him a bronze statue—and maybe if he has a widow they'll let her unveil it. It ought to be very pretty, a nice consolation prize

to their conscience."

The doctor said, "Please, Miss Swanson, relax. There's nothing you can do now for Mr. Taylor."

"Oh yes there is," I said. "I'm going to ask my friends in television to talk to all big industries some night on their programs and tell them to prevent such an occurrence again!"

Surely in the history of all successful businesses there are those men who get left by the wayside because they have too much modesty to call attention to themselves. We Americans must be very careful not to set our sights so high for distance that we neglect those right under our noses who have made it possible for our country to be the greatest power on earth.

Earth Tremors Rock Tokyo Saturday

Tokyo —(U.P.)— A series of light earth tremors rocked Tokyo for three and one-half minutes Saturday, but there were no immediate reports of casualties or damages.

It was believed the quakes were after-shocks of last Tuesday's heavy quake.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Father Should Help In Raising Children

A man must assume more responsibility for the care and

training of his children than merely paying the bills for their support.

(Q) "Four years ago, I married a widower with three children. The children had stayed with their grandmother

for the year and a half my husband was a widower and the youngest was very badly spoiled, but is better now. We have three children of our own, the youngest is only 3 months old. My stepchildren are in school but the little ones are all at home, so I have much to do. My husband is a fine man and I love him very much but he thinks he shouldn't help me with the housework or the children.

"He works five days a week, from 8 to 4:30. He comes home, sits down, and reads the paper or watches television, then I give him supper and he gets dressed to go out somewhere. He never takes me and I stay at home with the children. Whenever I tell him anything about the children not doing things they should or ask his advice about something, he tells me that it is my job to take care of the children and not to bother him about them. Don't you think a father should do more than pay the bills for his children?"

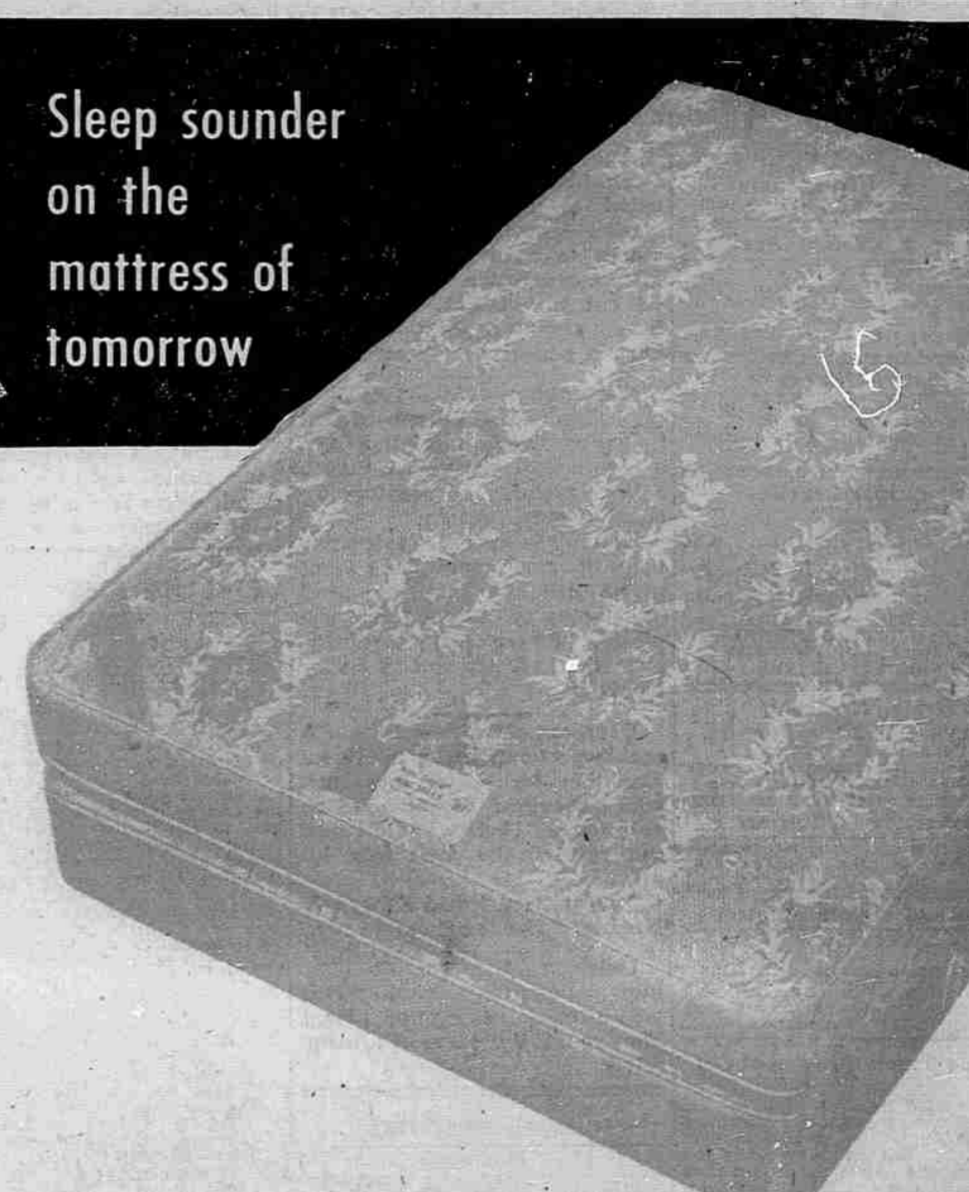
M.D. (A) I certainly do think a father should do more than pay the bills for his children, especially when some of them are his wife's step-children. By taking on the responsibility of caring for another woman's children, you took a big load. Your husband owes it to you to help you carry this load.

He, obviously, is one of the many men who still believe that bringing up children and doing housework is "woman's work." He thinks if he pays the bills, his responsibility ends there and he is then free to do as he pleases with his time and any money not needed for home necessities.

Nothing you can say would make much impression on him. However, if your doctor told him that you will ruin your health with overwork and lack of recreation, and if your minister told him that he was shirking his duties and being unfair to you, he might turn over a new leaf.

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