



AIR FORCE "STRONG MAN"—New polar mobility for the U. S. Air Force is seen when Lockheed "Ski-130" Hercules propjet goes into operation. This artist's conception shows the Hercules modified to accept unique 4400-pound knee-action skis, which can be alternated with tandem landing wheels. The new Air Force "strong man" is expected to have payload near 20 tons whether using paved runways or improvised Arctic ice and snow runways.

Ticket Sales Lagging for Ike's Second Term Inauguration Party

Washington—(U.P.)—With less than two weeks left to prepare for President Eisenhower's second-term swearing in, the inaugural committee today wrestled with a variety of problems, including:

"Road-testing" an elephant. Too many Uncle Sams. Not enough ticket sales. Lagging ticket sales especially concerned the inaugural committee. A spokesman said today ticket booths will be opened soon in downtown Washington department stores and in five American Automobile Association offices in an effort to boost business.

The committee also sent out a request to local businessmen to "keep prices at normal lev-

els" during the three-day celebration beginning Jan. 20 so visitors will leave town with a complete feeling of friendliness.

Program Unveiled

The official inaugural souvenir program was unveiled Monday. It boasts on its front cover portraits by artists Norman Rockwell of President Eisenhower and Vice President Richard M. Nixon. On the back is the President's 1953 inaugural prayer. Both covers are "highly suitable for framing."

The souvenir program is loose-leaf notebook size and priced at \$1 (10 cents additional for mailing). It carries the full schedule of inaugural events, biographies of President and

Mrs. Eisenhower and Vice President and Mrs. Nixon, and a history of past inaugural events.

32 Governors Accept

Meantime, it was announced that 32 state governors have accepted invitations to the inaugural. Seven governors have "respectfully declined," chiefly because of "pressing business" in state capitals. Nine haven't R.S.V.P.'d yet.

New Jersey's Gov. Robert Meyner said he will be unable to attend because of his forthcoming marriage to Helen Stevenson, a distant relative of unsuccessful Democratic presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson. Those with less romantic reasons were the governors of Pennsylvania, New York, Mississippi, Washington, New Mexico, and Kansas.

Needing no invitations were the 2,000 Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls signed up for duty as parade ushers; messengers; ticket collectors; aides at first aid stations; and car door openers for dignitaries arriving at inaugural balls.

Miss Burma Tested

From parade committee chairman Edward R. Carr came a ruling that "Miss Burma," the semi-official Republican elephant, must be "road-tested" to be sure she can maintain the 120-pace per minute rate of march he will okay her entry in the inaugural parade.

Confident owner Jack Mills of Mills Brothers Circus, planning to test "Miss Burma" at the circus' Cleveland, O., winter headquarters, got a polite "no thanks" when he invited Carr to join Burma in a "walkathon."

Shooting Threatened

Carr also is working out difficulties with the 40 members of the Buffalo, N.Y. Uncle Sams club who have threatened to march in the parade "if we have to shoot our way." Carr hopes to forestall any shooting. But since he's promised to cut the parade length, he can't see how more than a half-dozen of the tall-hat marchers can participate.

While Carr struggles with parade problems, the metropolitan police have arranged to bring in 100 out-of-town plainclothesmen (from 700 applications for the \$30 a day plus expenses assignment) to help local experts protect inaugural crowds from pickpockets.

Police Experts Check Handwriting in Hunt For New York Bomber

New York—(U.P.)—Police handwriting experts today studied several Westchester auto license applications on which the writing resembled that of Manhattan's "mad bomber" whose homemade explosives have injured 15 persons and touched off a nationwide bomb scare epidemic.

York Journal-American. Police declined however, to disclose the contents of the letter, which was written in response to a personal notice the paper addressed to the "Mad Bomber."

The paper is trying to make further contact with the bomber through another public notice.

Southwide Meeting Called in Atlanta On Bus Integration

Atlanta—(U.P.)—Negro leaders of bus integration drives in three key cities have called a southwide meeting in Atlanta this week to spur their movement and to discuss the problem of racial violence.

The two-day meeting starting Jan. 10 was announced by the Revs. M. L. King of Montgomery, Ala.; C. K. Steele of Tallahassee, Fla.; and F. L. Shuttlesworth of Birmingham, Ala.

They invited leaders of other drives to end bus segregation and from other "troubled areas" of the south. They will discuss how to spur their campaign and "violence directed toward the Negro communities."

Drivers Responsible

The Tallahassee City Commission Monday hurriedly adopted an ordinance giving bus drivers the responsibility of assigning bus seats so as to "distribute the weight of passengers" and to "preserve good order."

The ordinance did not mention bus segregation, which Negroes in Tallahassee have tried to end by mass flouting of a local seating law.

The buses remained idle by an emergency order issued by Gov. Leroy Collins after an outbreak of violence. An aide said Collins, who will be inaugurated today for another term, has no intention of lifting the order soon.

By week's end, New York detectives and Westchester authorities hope to have checked out more than 350,000 license applications against the bomber's handwriting. Also being checked are thousands of Westchester court and legal records.

Police officials reported that the deranged bomber indicated he may be ready to declare a truce in his 16-year war during which he has planted at least 32 pipe bombs in public places in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Twenty-two of the devices have exploded, but there have been no fatalities.

Indication in Letter

An indication that the mad bomber might be prepared to call a truce was contained in a letter written by him to the New

White House Winter Social Season Due

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower and Mrs. Eisenhower will open the White House winter social season this month with a diplomatic reception.

The formal social season is the first scheduled at the White House in more than a year because of the President's heart attack.

The season will open on the night of Jan. 24 with a reception for chiefs of mission and high ranking members of the diplomatic corps.

Job Application Seen Murder Clue

Webster, Tex.—(U.P.)—Sheriff's officers said today they believed Mrs. Anna Louise Marsten, 39, whose partly undressed body was found in some bushes off a farm road, was murdered by a man who answered her advertisement for a housekeeping job.

Officers said the man likely lured her and her four-year-old son, Ronnie, to the lonely road on the pretext of giving her a job.

The body was found Monday by a Negro chauffeur, who saw the boy wandering along the road crying. The boy told Binety Cobb, the chauffeur, "He hit mommy."

Officers said Mrs. Marsten's jugular vein had been cut. Her dress had been pulled up to her waist and her underclothing lay on the ground near her head.

Sheriff's Lt. Vernon Harris of Houston said tests indicated Mrs. Marsten had not been raped, although there was evidence she may have been molested.

Union Oil Lists Price Increases

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Union Oil Company of California has announced price increases of 20 cents a barrel for heavy residual fuel oil and 15 cents per barrel for light residual fuel oil.

The price increases become effective on Friday.

Roy Linden, vice president in charge of marketing, said there has been a "continuing shortage" of these commodities on the Pacific Coast for some time.

"These price increases are intended to bring the supply of residual fuel oils more nearly in balance with the demand," he said.

STRONG-ARMED THIEVES

Tallahassee, Fla.—(U.P.)—Police and the State Park Service were on the lookout today for two 30-pound lions. But there was no cause for alarm. Someone apparently carted off the lions from the Killlearn Gardens. Both are made of stone.

4-H Club News

Antelope Cooking Club

The Antelope 4-H Cooking club was called to order by Charlotte Bush, vice president, at the Geren home at Eagle Point on Jan. 5, 1957.

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Early Hearings on Irrigation Loan Bills Promised

Washington—(U.P.)—Early hearings in both the House and Senate were promised today on bills designed to get under way a federal loan program for small, local irrigation projects.

The \$100 million program was authorized in a bill passed by the last Congress, but President Eisenhower in signing the measure said no loans would be made until what he considered a defect was corrected.

The President objected to a provision allowing the House and Senate Interior Committees to disapprove loans under the program negotiated by the secretary of the interior.

Bills Meet Objection

Chairman Clair Engle (D-Calif) of the House committee and Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah) introduced legislation Monday they said would meet the objection. They said early action would be taken by both committees.

Watkins' bill, while not giving the committees veto power, would endorse a 60-day waiting period on loan contracts while the committees "studied" them.

Engle's bill would give the committee power to help up appropriations for the loans, instead of veto power over the contracts themselves.

Under the program, local public agencies can obtain interest-free loans on irrigation projects costing \$10 million or less. Interest-bearing loans would be allowed for other facilities in connection with water projects.

Education Board Names Press Aide

Portland—(U.P.)—Wallace E. Johnson, former news bureau assistant at Oregon State College, has been named as press representative for the State Board of Higher Education.

Chancellor John R. Richards said Johnson will handle the press duties formerly performed by Travis Cross who recently accepted a position as administrative assistant to Secretary of State Mark Hatfield.

Johnson formerly worked for the United Press in Portland and was an associate editor of Crow's Pacific Coast Lumber Digest before going to OSC last year.

Governor's Assistant Joins Staff of Bank

Portland—(U.P.)—Edwin H. Armstrong, who was executive assistant to three Oregon governors, will join the Salem branch of the First National Bank of Portland on January 21. C. B. Stephenson, president of the bank, said today.

Armstrong will serve in Marion county as a business development representative for the bank.

Armstrong served as executive assistant to Govs. Douglas McKay, Paul Patterson and Elmo Smith.

Target for Tonight

Jersey City, N. J.—(U.P.)—A bit of variety proved quite damaging to Charles Burns' automobile Monday. Burns told police his car, while parked in front of his home, was struck by an auto at 2 a.m., a taxi at 5:00 a.m., and a truck at 6:10 a.m.

Around Hollywood

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Bing Crosby, looking cheerful and a little thinner, is back at work in the movies—but the famous voice that made him rich is temporarily on the shelf.

For the first time in his gold-plated career, the world's most durable crooner is turning serious for a picture in which he won't sing a note.

Even in "The Country Girl," Bing sang as well as turning in some serious emoting that won him an Oscar nomination.

But in "Man on Fire" Crosby will be strictly an actor because, "It's a powerful story about the problem of broken homes and children raised under such circumstances."

Singing Not Needed

"Any time I sing in a story, you lose the character I'm trying to portray. I become Bing Crosby, the crooner. I never did want to sing in 'Little Boy Lost.' I thought the picture would have been better without song," he said.

"I've always wanted to act in a picture without song," he added, "but I've never been offered one."

Crosby had to play story scout. A year ago he saw a television drama he liked. He told MGM he wanted to star in it.

The crooner even went to New York with producer Sol Siegel to select unknowns for the movie because, "They make a dramatic story more believable."

Wrote Dialogue

Crosby paused in our inter-

view to get ready for a scene. In his dressing room he emoted his lines while looking in the mirror to get the effect. Then he wrote the dialogue on a piece of paper to fix the words in his mind.

After the scene, Bing reflected on his new status as a foot-loose performer. No longer under contract to Paramount, he's able to pick his jobs at various studios.

Crosby's CBS radio show has folded because, "We couldn't get a sponsor." His Decca recording contract also has ended.

But Crosby hasn't given up singing for keeps.

"After this picture I would like to go into a musical," he said. "That's what I've been trying to do the last 15 years, varying my work and never getting the same pitch twice."

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