

# Boeing Prototype of First Jet Airliner Sits on Apron of Seattle Test Center

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Seattle—(U.P.)—On the apron at the Boeing Aircraft Company's flight test center sits a sleek silver-and-yellow plane with four jet engines and rakish, swept-back wings. It is the pride and joy of the company's 47,000 employees from the top brass to the men who sweep out the hangars.

It is the Boeing 707 prototype, America's first jet airliner, designed to whisk as many as 147 passengers at speeds up to 600 mph.

Boeing has a backlog of 134 orders from airline customers around the world and expects to deliver the first production model to Pan American late in 1958.

Other American aircraft manufacturers are in the race too, but Boeing appears to be the front-runner by a country mile despite a military roadblock that has set the program back two years.

**Military Wanted Plane**  
The trouble is that the 707 was born with a split personality. The military took one look at the prototype and decided it was just the plane they wanted for their first jet tanker to act as refueling ship for the B52 intercontinental bomber. Consequently, Boeing now is in full production of the tanker plane, only slightly modified and dubbed the KC135.

The \$16 million prototype of the 707 first was flown here on July 15, 1954. And the first production model of the tanker version rolled out of the Renton, Wash., plant just a year and three days later.

With the KC135 replacing the propeller-driven KC135 tankers the big B52 bombers will be able to refuel while maintaining their cruising speed and altitude and thus will soon be able to clip even more time off the fantastic round-the-world record of 45 hours which they recently set.

The 707 now is a veteran of nearly 700 hours in the air and has given an impressive preview of things to come in American air travel. It has flown the 2,340 miles from Seattle to New York in three hours and 58 minutes while "cruising" at an average speed of 592 MPH. It has flown from Seattle to Los Angeles, almost the full length of the Pacific Coast, in one hour, 57 minutes.

**Smith's Plan**  
In another 20 years this will be a small plane, according to Wellwood E. Beall, senior vice president of Boeing. Beall predicts that by 1957 American airliners will be carrying 200 passengers at 1,500 miles and hour

at altitudes above 50,000 feet. Tests of the 707 are proving that the transition to jet air travel may not entail some of the king-size headaches that had generally been anticipated by the industry.

For one thing, it was found that the 707 can operate in con-

junction with contemporary aircraft in existing traffic patterns and from existing airports. There had been concern that the jet age would require costly remodeling of airports and lengthening of runways.

Two principal problems of the jet have been practically

solved by Boeing engineers—thrust reversal and noise suppression. The 707 is the dream plane, too, to the hard-working airline pilot. A. M. Tex Johnston, Boeing's chief test pilot, says the plane's controls are "as uncomplicated as a broom handle."

## Revision of Federal Election Laws Predicted by Sen. Johnson

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson predicted yesterday that Congress will revise federal election laws.

His prediction came in the wake of a report by the Senate Elections Subcommittee Saturday that spending on last year's presidential and congressional elections soared far past \$33 million.

Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), who helped write the report, said he will sponsor a bill to limit campaign gifts and spending. He said it will follow the general recommendations made by the majority of the elections subcommittee.

Gore said he was conferring

with Johnson and other leaders of both parties in the Senate and House to work out an acceptable bill. Neither he nor Johnson would discuss its details.

The subcommittee said it found "an unhealthy state of political affairs" in which Republicans outspent Democrats almost two to one. It said there is "imperative and immediate need" of reform legislation.

Johnson and Senate GOP Leader William F. Knowland introduced a "clean elections bill" last year. It went to the Senate Rules Committee and was never seen again.

The subcommittee report was drafted by Gore and Sen. Mike

Mansfield (D-Mont.), who succeeded him as chairman of the subcommittee. The sole Republican member, Sen. Carl T. Curtis of Nebraska, filed a blanket dissent, saying the report "is neither complete nor in accord with the known facts."

The Democrats said big business contributed "largely to the Republicans while labor gave "almost entirely" to the Democrats.

Curtis objected that the report accounted for only "relatively small" voluntary contributions from labor and ignored manpower and "services" provided by unions as well as spending from their general funds.

### Compulsion Said Used

Republican National Chairman H. Meade ALCORN Jr. charged Sunday that "compulsion" was used against members "within some unions" to force them "to contribute to a certain political party," presumably the Democrats.

He also said he believes present limitations set on campaign contributions and expenditures are "unrealistic."

The subcommittee showed the Republicans spent \$20,685,387; the Democrats \$10,997,790; labor committees, \$941,271; and miscellaneous, \$581,277 during last year's campaign. The total was \$33,185,725.

But the subcommittee said the actual total far exceeded this. It had no way of checking some fund raising activities.

## 1900 Hungarians Head For United States

Bremerhaven, Germany—(U.P.)—The American Military Sea Transport Gen. N. M. Walker leaves today with 1,900 Hungarian refugees found for the United States.

The Military Air Transport service also announced addition of a third weekly flight in the refugee airlift program "Safe Haven."

The sailing of the Walker brings to 8,946 the number of refugees moved to the United States on five ships of the Military Sea Transport Service. The airlift has flown another 11,162 Hungarians to the United States.

Fifty more are scheduled to leave by air Wednesday.

The three weekly flights will

## Japanese Recognition Of Red China Rejected

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Foreign Minister Nobusuke Kishi Monday rejected a Socialist party demand that Japan recognize Red China.

"Communist China is not yet a member of the United Nations," he told the House of Representatives. "In the light of present world conditions I do not think it is appropriate for Japan to recognize Communist China."

## Langley's Motion On Record Denied

Portland—(U.P.)—Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding late yesterday denied a motion by District Attorney William M. Langley that certain tape recordings be thrown out as evidence in a case affecting the district attorney which is under consideration by a new grand jury.

Judge Redding for several days had conducted a hearing on a gambling conspiracy case against Langley and two Seattle men, Joseph McLaughlin and Thomas E. Maloney.

Judge Redding dismissed an original indictment in the case recently because it did not carry the names of all witnesses. He ordered the case resubmitted to the February grand jury.

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## New Deputy Commander Takes Sixth Army Post

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Brig. Gen. Legare K. Tarrant has assumed the post of deputy commanding general of the Sixth Army with headquarters at the Presidio.

Tarrant had been serving as commander of the Sixth Anti-aircraft Regional Command at Fort Baker. He will be succeeded there by Maj. Gen. Edward J. McGraw.

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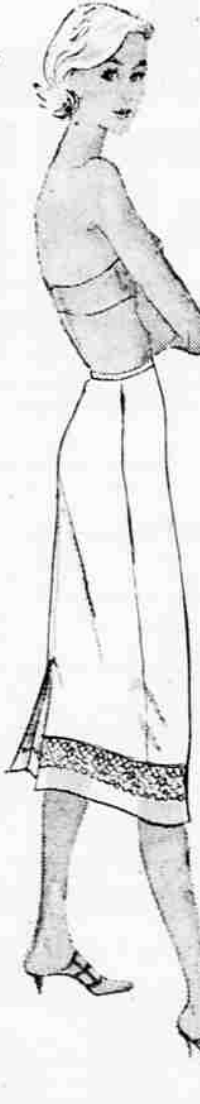
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## Algerian Nationals Rap Pineau's Claim

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Algerian nationalists today belittled French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau's claim that Communists are fanning the flames of revolt in Algeria.

Moulay O Merbah, secretary general of the Algerian Nationalist NMA organization, said Pineau's long speech to the General Assembly Monday was "a negative contribution" to the North African territory's problem.

Syrian Ambassador Farid Zeineddine was scheduled to continue the principle Arab reply to France in the General Assembly's main political committee today. Zeineddine delivered the opening part of his speech when Pineau finished on Monday afternoon.

Merbah said France had kept Messali Hadj, founder of the NMA, a "perpetual prisoner" since 1937. "This treatment of Messali should indicate who it is that Pineau really fears, the Communists or nationalists," Merbah said.

## Secret Indictment Returned at Portland

Portland—(U.P.)—A federal grand jury called last month to investigate wire tapping charges returned a secret indictment yesterday.

U.S. Attorney, C. E. Luckey would not say whether the secret indictment was for wire tapping. He did say that violation of the wire tapping law such as has been under investigation is a misdemeanor.

The jury also indicted two bank robber suspects. One is Martin Talbert, accused of last Friday's \$930 holdup of the Sixth and Morrison Branch of the First National Bank. The other is George Nicholas Ney, charged with forcing a teller at the Metropolitan branch of the U.S. National bank to hand over \$360 Jan. 28.

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