

# U2 Designer Doubts Soviet Claims of Downing Plane

## Flier's Wife Denies Husband Engaged in Espionage Activity

Milledgeville, Ga. — EPF — Pretty Barbara Powers, 25, sat under windswept Georgia pines today and denied in a soft but firm voice that her husband is a spy.

"Naturally, I am very concerned about my husband's safety and welfare," she said in her first interview since her husband, Francis G. Powers, was either shot down or forced to land his jet plane in Russia.

"I can only wait and hope that he will be returned soon," she said.

She recalled that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, who announced to the world that her husband had been brought down, had taken steps in the past to reunite separated families. She said it is her hope that he will do the same in her case.

**Hopes for Release**

"I also have every confidence that our State Department and government are doing everything possible to bring about his early release," Mrs. Powers' left leg was in a cast from what she said was an attempt at learning to water ski. She said she plans to remain here with her mother, Mrs. Monteen Brown, for the present.

She said her husband had been an avid flier since he was a child but said he discussed his missions for Lockheed Aircraft Corp. only in general terms.

She knew that his monthly paycheck was about \$1,500 but said the money, except

for living expenses, was sent directly to their bank. She did not know who signed the checks.

**Doing Weather Work**

Mrs. Powers said her husband is a Lockheed pilot assigned to weather reconnaissance work and that they know about six other fliers who are doing the same thing.

"My husband is not a spy and he is not engaged in espionage activity — I know that," she told reporters.

Mrs. Powers said she had not been put under any re-

## Six Arrested on Liquor Charges

Six persons were apprehended by sheriff's deputies early Sunday near Jacksonville on liquor law violations, it was reported today.

Two Medford girls, one 16 years old and the other 15 years old, are being held in the Jacksonville juvenile detention home on charges of illegal possession of liquor, deputies said.

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strictions about answering questions by the U.S. government or Lockheed and had refused to see reporters up to now simply because she was not up to it physically.

The last time she saw her husband, she said, was April 30 at their quarters in Turkey.

## Oregon Marines Killed in Crash

Buena Park, Calif. — EPF — Two Marines from Oregon were killed Monday when their speeding car crashed into a steel directional sign on the Santa Ana freeway and burst into flames.

Two civilian passengers were critically injured.

Dead were the driver, PFC. Joe M. Waldo, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Waldo, Sherwood, and Cpl. Michael E. Serres, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Serres, Tigard.

Both were stationed at El Toro Marine Air Station.

## Klamath Paper Gets New Publisher

Klamath Falls — EPF — William B. Sweetland, 42, today assumed duties as publisher of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, it was announced by directors of Southern Oregon Publishing company.

A. S. publisher, Sweetland will have complete charge of operation of the daily newspaper.

## Pictures Faked, Engineer Says Studies Reveal

Burbank, Calif. — EPF — The designer of America's U2 airplane said last night that he doubts Russian claims of having shot down one of the high-flying long-range planes.

He believes instead that some mechanical failure of the mystery craft might have allowed it to fall intact into Russian possession. Photographs of wreckage purporting to be of the downed craft were faked by Russia, he said.

**Close Study**

C. L. Johnson, veteran Lockheed design engineer, based his statement on a close study of the photographs released by Russia.

"I am convinced that the Russians for some reasons have released pictures of some other airplane crash," said Johnson. He added the pictures probably were those of a wrecked Russian Beagle bomber.

"I do not believe they shot down the U2 either with a missile or another aircraft," said Johnson in a prepared statement released by Lockheed, maker of the craft.

"If they have the U2 it is because some mechanical or oxygen failure caused it to descend far below its normal cruising altitude (reported to be at about 10 miles)."

**Characteristics Unmatched**

Johnson said the Russian-released photographs did not match the design characteristics of the U2.

"Using the original wire picture, not one single U2 part could be identified in the wreckage," said Johnson.

He said he based his doubt of the Russian claim of shooting down the craft on grounds that aerial photographs taken from the U2 probably would have been destroyed in the wreckage, much of which appeared damaged by fire.

**Crowds Unlikely**

Johnson also noted crowds of Russian men, women and children were shown gathered around the wrecked plane in the Russian-released photographs. He said it was highly unlikely that civilians would have been allowed so close to such an important craft, even if it had been wrecked.

It was his belief, Johnson indicated, that Russian technical and espionage experts have hidden away the U2-if they have it-for study.

## Congress Not Expected To Pass Mail Rate Boost

Washington — EPF — Republican legislative leaders told President Eisenhower today that Congress probably will not pass his proposals to increase postal rates and gasoline and aviation fuel taxes.

This report was a "great disappointment" to the President, House GOP Leader Charles Halleck (Ind.) told reporters.

The President's recommendations to raise new revenue and help balance the federal budget were discussed at his weekly meeting with the Republican congressional leaders.

"I see no evidence of action on them in the House, which of course is a matter of great disappointment to the President," Halleck said.

**No One Enthusiastic**

Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) said no one is enthusiastic about the tax-raising bills or a proposed increase in postal rates.

"One might well conjecture there's no great likelihood of action on them," Dirksen said.

The President has proposed a nearly across the board increase in postal rates, including a five-cent letter, a four-cent post card and an 8-cent air mail rate.

The administration has supported a half-cent a gallon boost in the gasoline tax to four and one-half cents a gallon.

The President also had asked Congress to increase the tax on aviation gasoline from 2 to 4½ cents a gallon and to impose an equivalent levy on jet fuels, which are now untaxed.

There are now more than 51 million households in the U.S., and the gain made in the past 12 months is the largest in the last 8 years, excluding 1958. There's a rising tide of newspaper circulation is now 38,804,942 — largest in history.

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## Record Turnout For West Virginia Election Expected

Charlestown, W. Va. — EPF — West Virginia Democrats voted their own answer today to the question of whether it would be a risk to nominate a Roman Catholic for president.

The candidates in the presidential primary were Sens. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), the Roman Catholic, and Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), a Congregationalist, who were matched in their second two-man trial run for the party's presidential nomination. Kennedy won the earlier contest in the Wisconsin primary last month.

**Record Turnout Seen**

A record turnout of about 400,000 Democrats was expected in clear, cool weather. Polls opened at 7:30 a.m. (e.d.t.) and close at 8:30 p.m. (e.d.t.). Both parties also were nominating candidates for congressional seats and state and local offices. There were no entries in the Republican presidential primary.

A close result was predicted. Humphrey said he still

thought he would win, but talked like a man with his fingers crossed. Kennedy was showing a little more optimism than he had displayed only a few days ago.

A Kennedy victory would lengthen his lead over the rest of the field for the presidential nomination and might even guarantee him the nomination. A defeat would push him back close to, if not into, the rest of the field of contenders.

**Would Violate Oath**

To sweep the religious issue out of the campaign, Kennedy reiterated that no President even if he were a Catholic, could take orders from the Pope without violating the presidential oath of office.

Humphrey viewed himself as the candidate with the best chance of winning the presidential election and said his record was more in line with the Democratic Party platform. He said Kennedy had cast "a series of Republican votes" as a member of the House and Senate.

## Kennedy To Test Power In Nebraska Farm Belt

Omaha, Neb. — EPF — Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) put his prestige on the line in the Nebraska primary today and hoped a sparkling showing would prove his vote drawing power as a presidential candidate in the farm belt.

**Considered Good Bet**

Kennedy was considered a good bet to surpass the 55,265 votes collected by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) in the 1956 primary. Like Kefauver, Kennedy is opposed on the ballot.

Good weather and several wild nomination battles brought predictions of a 225,000-vote turnout, largest in years.

Voter interest on the Republican side was heated up by a six-way race for the nomination for governor.

A free-for-all Democratic battle featured a bitter struggle between front-runners Robert Conrad, 37, and Frank Morrison. Conrad is administrative aide to Gov. Ralph G. Brooks while Morrison is a long-time party regular.

## Barry Pitts Named SOC Student Head

Ashland — Barry Pitts, a junior from Klamath Falls majoring in general studies, won yesterday's run-off election for the student body presidency at Southern Oregon college.

Pitts received 255 votes to 218 for Dale Truax, sophomore from Ashland majoring in pre-medicine.

The run-off was ordered by the SOC student council after it discovered that ineligible votes had been cast in last Wednesday's election. Pitts at first came out ahead 208-207 but a recount showed Truax in front by the same margin.

The Margays of Brazil and Guinea, a species of tiger-cat, grow about as big as a domestic house cat.

## Recent Stock Favorites Lose

New York — EPF — Stocks were mostly lower in moderate trading today with some of the recent favorites suffering the biggest losses.

Profit taking hit the recent favorites, particularly Polaroid which fell more than 7 and Universal Match down around 6.

Steels were easier with the exception of a rise of more than 2 in Lukens. Motors slipped under the leadership of Chrysler which lost about 2.

Electronics also came under pressure with Beckman losing more than 2, and Motorola down around 1½. Vick jumped more than 3 while Carter Products fell more than 2 in the drugs.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**

New York — EPF — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 604.82, off 2.66; 20 railroads 137.68, off 2.12; 15 utilities 88.61, off 0.26, and 65 stocks 200.28, off 1.26. Sales today were about 2,870,000 shares compared with 2,870,000 shares Monday.

**U.S. Pledges To Support Allies**

Washington — EPF — The United States today pledged to support its allies with force if Russia molests their bases for space flights.

State Department press officer Lincoln White said this country would honor its commitments "for the common defense" of countries which "once again appear to be subjected to a policy of intimidation by the Soviet government."

The blunt statement was this country's answer to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's assertion that if more U.S. flights are made over Russia from foreign bases "we shall hit at those bases."

Today's prices on selected stocks:	
Allied Chemical (xd)	48
Alum. Co. Am.	89½
American Can	37½
American Motors	25½
A. T. & T.	47½
Anaconda Copper	48½
Arco Steel	39½
Bendix Aviation	59
Bethlehem Steel	43½
Boeing Air (xd)	24½
Caterpillar Corp.	28
Chrysler Corp.	43½
Continental Can	42½
Crown Zellerbach	45½
Curtis Wright	17
Dow Chemical	89½
Du Pont	409
Eastman Kodak	108½
Firestone	34½
General Electric	88½
General Foods (xd)	109½
General Motors	43
Georgia Pacific	37
Graham Paige	21½
Greyhound	21½
Gulf Oil	29½
Homestake Mining	39½

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  - Gun Cases
  - Mattress and Box
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  - Tools
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  - Radios
  - Ranges and Refrigerators
  - Linoleum—All Sizes
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  - Desks
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Watch her romp and play pretty as can be in White Stag's play-mates. Calflength pants are tailored of woven combed cotton, light and cool... shrinkage less than 1%... colorfast... machine washable, with little or no ironing needed. The pants have bias waistband, full back elastic, side pocket. The shirt, of Arnel/Cotton, has convertible pointed collar.

"Patio Pant" Set Sizes 3-6X. \$4.98



White Stag GIRLSWEAR

Fashioned for fun, and so practical too, White Stag's calflength pant washes in a wink... needs little or no ironing. Sanforized and Mercerized. Self-fabric half-belt; side pocket; back zipper; split back elastic; stitched front creases. Mated with our sleeveless boat-neck pullover of 2-ply combed cotton knit. Shrink-controlled; washable, with little or no ironing needed. The bold stripes are color-keyed to the pant.

"Garden Pant" Sizes 7-14. \$3.98  
"Summer Top" Sizes 7-14. \$1.98

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