

# Air Force Disturbed by Rising Accident Rate in Big B52 Bombers



**KHRUSHCHEV'S APPEAL**—Soviet Ambassador to the United Nations Valerian A. Zorin, left, speaks to the General Assembly's Main Political Committee, reading into the record Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's appeal to President Kennedy to put an end to the invasion of Cuba. U. S. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, right, is shown as he indicated to the committee that Kennedy would reply to the Khrushchev appeal. (UPI Telephoto)

## No Pattern of Common Trouble Said in Evidence

Washington—UPI—The Air Force is disturbed by the rising accident rate of its B52 intercontinental bombers but officials said that so far they had found no pattern of common trouble.

The giant jets, mainstay of America's nuclear retaliatory forces, have had more accidents and crew fatalities in the past three months than in all 1960.

When causes are learned, findings will be sent throughout the Command immediately for the benefit of maintenance and flight personnel. Where necessary, there will be training changes.

The B52's major accident rate last year was 1.5 per 100,000 flying hours, compared with 2.5 for the B47 jet bomber and 5.8 for the Air Force as a whole.

List of Accidents  
B52 accidents this year:  
Jan. 19, Monticello, Utah, a reported explosion on a routine mission, five fatalities.

Jan. 24, Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, N.C. a fuel leak developed during in-flight refueling and the plane went out of control. Three fatalities.  
March 14, Yuba City, Calif., the crew bailed out during routine training and investigation continues. No fatalities.  
March 30, Denton, N.C., a reported explosion during refueling rendezvous with a jet tanker. Six killed.

## Sander Elected Moose Governor

Carlos Sander was elected governor of the Medford Moose lodge in the annual election of officers at Medford Moose hall recently. He succeeds Don Carlon, who becomes junior past governor. The new governor served as junior governor the past year.

April 20, at 6:30 p.m. Wilfred Huffman, past governor, will be installing officer. James Roberts, also past governor, will assist, and Women of Moose will serve as escorts.

A public dance will follow the dinner and private installation ceremonies.

Sander, a resident of the valley for 10 years, is owner of Carl's Eastside Shell service, 700 East Main st. He was in charge of internal activity of the lodge while serving as junior governor. Mr. and Mrs. Sander and three sons live at 3606 Bursell rd., Central Point.

## Back Stairs: Commercial Sponsorship

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Washington—UPI—Back stairs at the White House:

There's one wonderful aspect of the Kennedy administration. Most anyone can participate in it. Or try to.

Witness the thousands of letters that poured into Washington from the general public, telling how President Kennedy's news conferences should be conducted. This was after the conferences first appeared on live television and the public got its initial view of reporters having the temerity to ask the Chief Executive questions.

Now there's another flap producing much mail and heated controversy. It has to do with the President's appearance last week in a television documentary NBC's "J.F.K. No. 2" which was sponsored commercially by a toothpaste.

Public Less Disturbed  
With no attempt at a scientific survey, but judging from the mail and comments in the newspapers, the public seems less disturbed by the commercial aspects of Kennedy's appearance than some prominent Washingtonians, including members of Congress and the cabinet.

the President, himself, knew full well before he taped the hour-long show, much of it at his office desk, that it would appear on the air under commercial sponsorship.

And it is equally true that when the President decided to use television as one of his primary avenues of communication with the public, he was thoroughly aware that American television depends on commercial sponsors for existence just as newspapers and magazines are supported by printed advertising.

**Average Governor Is 49-Years-Old**

Chicago—UPI—The average age of state governors is 49. The average governor is married and has two or more children, according to the Council of State Governments. The Council's survey noted that almost two-thirds of the 50 governors were born in the state they now govern, that 32 are attorneys, and that other occupations include farming, banking, teaching and publishing. Almost all the governors are church members and more than half of them served in World War II.

**TO INCREASE AID**  
Washington—UPI—The United States has announced it is establishing a military advisory group in Laos and increasing arms aid to the royal Lao forces.

Salem—UPI—Firemen in Oregon have won a 56-hour work week in the Oregon House. The bill passed 32-25 and went to the Senate. Their present minimum is 72 hours a week.

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der commercial sponsorship.

On the recent TV outing, the President derived no share of the sponsor's money.

Commercial sponsorship of TV shows built around the chief executive probably will continue, too. It gives him a chance to reach the public during the highly expensive, so-called prime hours between 8 and 11 p.m. These are the hours when television makes its big money and only when the White House formerly requests time for a presidential speech of top importance do the networks present unsponsored shows during this prime period.

Currently, there doesn't seem to be much of a question about sponsoring the presidential news conferences. The networks present these as a public service—and much more often than not, at an hour that does not compete with or blot out a top-rated and lucrative commercial show.

One of the first objectives of safety investigators is to learn whether in a series of accidents there is some common cause indicating a basic problem in the airplane involved.

The Strategic Air Command told a UPI reporter such did not appear to be the situation with the B52. The Command has "immediate and urgent concern" with the B52 crashes and has stepped up "every investigative and supervisory action to determine if there are any common factors inherent in all of these."

## Strawberry Pickers Being Solicited

The Medford office of the Oregon state employment service has received a number of requests for family groups or mothers and youngsters in this area to live on a farm and help harvest 3,500 acres of strawberries in Washington county.

Local Manager John Patton announced that a Washington County Growers representative will be in the local office Wednesday, April 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to explain living facilities and wages.

He said living facilities are supplied, without charge, by the strawberry growers, with the exception of cooking utensils and bedding.

The harvest will start approximately June 1, and is expected to last six weeks. Patton urged that family groups available for work contact his office so that jobs and housing can be planned.

## Man Treated for Cuts Following Accident

Donald Edward Cullop, 31, of 940 Winchester ave., was taken to Rogue Valley hospital yesterday for treatment of injuries suffered in a one-car accident. Hospital attendants reported that he is in fair condition.

Investigating city police officers said that Cullop received cuts on his head and chest when the car he was operating struck a Pacific Telephone-Northwest pole in front of 1121 North Riverside ave. about 12:40 a.m. Heavy front-end damage resulted to the car.

He was traveling north when the car jumped the curb, sheared off the pole at the ground, police said. The impact also broke electrical wiring and a street light.

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