

Crennen Named As Business Head Of News Service

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—The appointment of Robert E. Crennen to the post of business manager of the Pacific Division of United Press International was announced Wednesday by Richard A. Liffin, division manager in his new position.

Crennen joined UPI as a staff correspondent at Salt Lake City and was subsequently transferred to Honolulu. Following special assignments in the Far East he returned to San Francisco as cables editor.

In January, 1959, he was appointed business representative for the Intermountain Area of UPI and in November of the same year was named regional executive for Northern California and Nevada.

During the Korean War he served in the Army as a special

agent of the Counter Intelligence Corps.

Crennen, a native of Minneapolis, attended the University of Minnesota and Montana State University where he received a degree in journalism. Before joining UPI he was a general assignment and sports reporter for the Minneapolis Tribune and the Minneapolis Daily Times.

He is married to the former Beverly Mae Rich of Butte, Mont., and is the father of two children.

North Viet Nam Breaking Treaty

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States accused Communist North Viet Nam Tuesday of violating the 1962 Geneva agreement of the Counter Intelligence Corps.

Phillips said Laotian Premier Souvanna Phouma recently asked the three-nation control commission, composed of representatives of India, Canada and Poland, to investigate the shipments but the Pathet Lao had not permitted free access to the area.

Progress Report On Oak Knoll Is Given by Dawkins

ASHLAND — Two homes have been completed and three more are under construction at the Oak Knoll project according to William Dawkins, president of the Oak Knoll Land Corporation.

Dawkins gave members of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce Tuesday a report on progress of the company's plan to build a community for the "active retired" around the Oak Knoll Golf Course.

RELIGION IN AMERICA

Future U.S. Astronauts Will Have Control on Destinies

By ALVIN B. WEBB JR., United Press International

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI)—On future U.S. manned flights into space, astronauts are going to have more control over their own destinies.

This intent has placed another heavy burden on the shoulders of engineers. Their is the task of now determining where human capabilities leave off and superhuman demands begin.

And still paramount is the utmost demand for safety that characterized the Mercury man-in-space program and the "follow-on" projects Gemini and man-to-the-moon Apollo. Striking a happy medium between the roles of men and machines on space flights is not proving easy.

"We could hardly justify placing a crew aboard if their sole mission was to accomplish the transition phase successfully."

What this means, in general, is that astronauts are working toward more and more control over flights into space — but that it probably will be a long time yet before they match their aircraft brethren in flying their ships every minute, from take-off to landing.

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The company also has spent about \$60,000 on improvements to the golf course and clubhouse, he reported.

"This project is geared to recreation," he noted. "We are aiming at the active retired, trying to create a quiet, rural community with all of the urban conveniences."

Fire Fighting Not Just for Young Men

CHEHALIS, Wash. (UPI)—If you think the tough, demanding job of fighting a forest fire is suitable work only for the young, don't tell Bob Graham. He just won't believe it.

Graham, 75, has been on the fire lines for 46 years.

At an age when most men have long since retired, Graham is the boss man of a crew of young men, most of them about 17 years old.

Graham's crew, one of four of its type employed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, is headquartered here but can be dispatched anywhere in the state within a matter of minutes.

The job of the mobile squad is to help battle fires that small local crews can't control alone.

A small wiry man with a fringe of white hair, Graham is enthusiastic about his job. He always refers to his crewmen as "my boys."

But the years are beginning to take a toll. He admits that it takes a little longer to do things now than it did 40 years ago.

College Plans Series Of Television Programs

ASHLAND — "Insight," a series of informative programs designed especially for adult viewers, will be presented every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. on KMED-TV by Southern Oregon College.

Dr. Jon Powell, assistant professor of speech at the college will serve as the program's executive producer.

The program will include bi-weekly presentations on such topics as music, psychology, philosophy, language development, art and communication.

Dr. Herbert Cecil, head of the college music department, is currently host of the program and may be seen Nov. 1, 4, 6, and 8.

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Project Mercury, which sent six astronauts into space on missions of varying lengths, was an acid test. "As a result of the Mercury experience," said Borman, "the pilot in both the Gemini and Apollo missions will have a more demanding role."

Borman cited a vivid example — the decision to let astronauts monitor the blast-off and powered flight and, if necessary, select a means of "aborting a Gemini shot in an emergency. In Project Mercury, most of this delicate task was handled from the ground.

Giving the astronauts more say-so in the matter, said Borman, was based on one simple fact: "The pilot provided the most reliable, lightest method of selecting and initiating the proper one of Gemini's three different abort modes (methods)."

Simple Answer
On the other hand, there have been suggestions that human pilots pre-empt automatic guidance systems and actually fly the entire rocket and space capsule into orbit. The idea was mixed, at least for Gemini.

Again, there was a simple engineering answer, said Borman, "In the Gemini, it was considered simpler and more reliable to mechanize auto-pilot guidance for the restrictive 'down the groove' type guidance problem encountered."

The young astronaut cited the Apollo manned lunar landing mission as an example of a still more complex relationship between man and machine, especially in the area of "aborting" the flight in case something goes wrong.

"In examining the Apollo abort problems," Borman said, "we found that there were certain malfunctions which required superhuman reaction times to permit safe abort. The reaction times actually vary with the time of flight."

The answer in this case was to leave the decision to the pilot's own judgment — whether to trust his own reactions to the tricky task, or to turn them over to an automatic system. Equipment is being built into the Apollo space capsule for both contingencies.

To Prove Value
Borman, for one, has no objection to leaving the blast-off and reentry jobs in the hands of computers, guidance systems and other machines. The pilots will have plenty of time to prove their own unique value and importance along the rest of the space trip.

"Too often," he said, "undue emphasis is placed on the pilot's role during boost and reentry. These phases of flight are transition phases for a true spacecraft."

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