Year Beginning V-J Day Busiest In Air History

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—The 12 months since V-J Day have been aviation's busiest in man's 40-odd years of flying.

New military, commercial and private airplane types have made their appearance.

Air records have fallen like leaves in autumn.

The first official steps have been taken along the path to atomic-powered flight.

Aviation is seriously challenging the mysterious dangers of compressibility — the phenomenon of speeds around that of sound.

International aviation agreements took a place in the front line of national policy, and world air routes are being flown.

The airlines doubled the number of planes in use and tripled the carrying capacity.

Private Planes Doubled

The number of private planes doubled—from about 32,480 to more than 60,000. The number of certified civil airmen increased in the 12 months by 112,000 to 342,000, or more than ten times the total before the war.

The helicopter stepped into civilian clothes along with some two million GI air and ground crewmen.

Aircraft manufacturers crossed the great divide between war and peace and found themselves intact despite the abrupt cancellation of more than $20,000,000,000 (billion) in military contracts. (With the exception of one company, every First World war manufacturer was a reconversion casualty.)

That is a quick skip through the record. The last item is particularly important because of the implication that the Second World war brought aviation of age.

Many Unfilled Orders

The industry was bankrupt after the previous conflict because it had no air transport industry to turn to. It starts its second postwar year this time with more than $1,000,000,000 in unfilled airplane orders, fairly well divided between civil and military, and its total personnel nearly four times that of prewar years.

The new planes range from the tiny rocket-powered XS-1, designed to crash through the barrier of compressibility, to the XB-36, a behemoth of more than 130 tons gross weight.

A B-29 set a world's distance record of 8198 miles, and an O-80 jet plane flew from Los Angeles to New York in 4 hours, 13 minutes. (But still irking American aviation enthusiasts was the world speed mark of 606 miles an hour held by the British.)

New types of turbo-jet engines were brought out, including one which combined both jet and propeller. Some strange aircraft designs to use the new power were in the offing. Among these multi-engined jet bombers are a bug-shaped affair expected to hover like a helicopter or fly at more than 500 miles an hour.

COAL EXPORTS HEAVY

PORTLAND, Aug. 14 (AP) — Coal exports through here will keep municipal terminal coal facilities busy for months, possibly years, to come, Clayton R. Jones, who holds the agency contract with the solid fuels administration, predicted today.

Jaycees To Go To State Meet

At Monday night's Junior chamber of commerce business meeting, Al Eighmy was elected to membership. President Ray Ward announced that a state board meeting will be held in Portland September 7 and 8. It was voted that the club help defray expenses of those attending and each person going will receive $10, up to a maximum of 15 members.

Because it was necessary to switch to the Willard hotel for the bi-monthly dinner meetings, the business meetings will be held the first and third Mondays, with the dinner meetings scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Matt Kohn was selected as chairman of the queen's float for the Centennial parade and pageant, and work is progressing rapidly for an elaborate entry.

'Marriage Wonderful' Claims Groom Of 84

SEATTLE, Aug. 14 (AP)—Married two days, 84-year-old Hite Imus, pioneer Washington publisher, and his bride, 82, dawdled over a late breakfast at the home of his son today and agreed that "marriage is wonderful at our age—it makes you feel 10 years younger."

The couple, both residents at the Pythian home for the aged, at Vancouver, Wash., were married at his home Sunday. Imus' son, Ray, is vice principal of Cleveland high school here.

"Life really begins at 80 for us," the bridegroom said happily, with a knowing wink at his bride, the former Mrs. Jeannette Carraway. "I really think I feel 10 years younger, especially now."

Oregon Ranks Tenth In Gold Production

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP) Oregon is now the 10th largest gold producing state, the bureau of mines reported today.

Oregon's output has climbed steadily for two years to 2200 fine ounces in June—just 22 times the usual monthly production in early 1944.

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On The Beat

Klamath weather is what appeals to Mrs. Beula Hiatt, who came to Klamath Falls in 1938 from Kansas. According to Mrs. Hiatt, Kansas burns in the summer and is buried under snowdrifts in the winter. Mrs. Hiatt is treasurer for the local AAA office and has worked there since 1939. She is fond of traveling and hunting trips but is always glad to return to her home at 1628 Division after each jaunt. Mrs. Hiatt is on Maryellen Wright's federal building beat.

Dust Clouds Close Laundry At Madras

MADRAS, Aug. 14 (AP) — Madras is going to be short a laundry until the dust settles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Coor closed their laundry, explaining they had to hang clothes outside to dry, and it was so dusty there that afterwards you had to wash them all over again.

RETAILERS CONVENE

PORTLAND, Aug. 14 (AP) — Officials from some 200 retail firms in Oregon, Washington and California convened here today for the four-day controllers congress, Pacific coast session.

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Angell Asks Quick Peace

PORTLAND, Aug. 14 (AP) — Quick settlement of peace treaties so that the United States can concentrate on permanent building was urged today by Rep. Homer Angell (R-Ore.) after his return from Washington.

"The foreign outlook is not encouraging," Angell said. "The unrest in China and the inability of the peace negotiators to develop a harmonious program is keeping our domestic affairs in a state of flux. . . . Once we get treaties signed, we can get back our equilibrium and build a permanent program and care for our foreign relations."

Angell predicted "moderate" price control as a result of the new OPA law and the decontrol board. He hailed the government reorganization measure as a great aid to congressmen.

Confused Apple Tree Breaks Into Blossom

OREGON CITY, Aug. 14 (AP) Spring has returned to the yard of Miss Nan Cochran in spite of August clouds.

Three limbs of a Pippin apple tree have broken into bloom for the second time in 1946. Miss Cochran thinks the tree may be confused by a blow from a large limb which fell from an elm tree two months ago.

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Flashes Of Life

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MITCHELL, S. D., Aug. 14 (AP) An 11-year-old Mitchell boy who ran away from home showed up at the Plankinton state training school, a correctional institution.

"I've heard this is a fine school and I want to enroll," he told the superintendent.

His father took him home.

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A BIT SHY

CHICAGO, Aug. 14 (AP) — A 79-year-old man limped out of a taxicab in front of a south side bank, patted two guns sticking out of his hip pockets, and told the cab driver:

"Wait here. I'm going to draw out my $3000. Then I'll pay you."

A policeman standing nearby disarmed him, then learned from the bank cashier that the man had only 65 cents on deposit. He was held for questioning, and the cab driver signed a complaint for his $4.50 bill.

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SEAFARING

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 14 (AP)—Baby Mary Acierto, born aboard the navy transport Gen. G. M. Randall at sea August 2, got a nice start in life with $869 contributed by the ship's crew in a "tarpaulin muster."

The baby was born while the mother, now in navy hospital here, was en route from the Philippines to join her husband, navy veteran Alfredo Acierto, in Chicago.

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