

Odom Smashes Flight Record

CHICAGO, Aug. 11 (AP)—Pilot Bill Odom said today that he would try it again after setting a new record for the fastest trip around the world.

The 27-year-old veteran flyer broke all previous globe circling records as he buzzed the Douglas airport control tower yesterday just 72 hours, five minutes and 11 seconds after leaving Chicago Thursday on his 19,645 mile solo trip.

"The good Lord was taking care of me for a while last night," Odom said, explaining that he had dozed off from fatigue over the moun-

tains of Western Canada and awoke to find himself flashing toward a 19,000-foot mountain peak.

Despite failure of an automatic pilot, lack of gas near the end of the trip, and extreme weariness, Odom, with his converted army A-26 bomber, the Reynolds Bombshell, broke all existing records. These included the former solo record set in 1933 by the late Wiley Post, of 186 hours and 49 minutes, and the previous flight of the Bombshell with Odom, Milton Reynolds, Chicago pen manufacturer, and Flight Engineer T. Carroll Salce, which made the trip in 78 hours 55 minutes last April.

High Average Speed
Odom's average speed for the flight, including nine hours and 50 minutes on the ground, was approximately 260 miles and hour, but during the 63 hours and 15 minutes of flying time he averaged 310.59 miles per hour.

Franklin Lamb, Odom's flight manager, said the youthful aviator would enter the Bendix air races at Cleveland, August 30, and is planning another global flight in late October with scientists and newsmen aboard.

The new round the world trip will be the hard way—via the Poles—Lamb said, and will probably start and end in Chicago or Washington, and be routed over Greenland, the North Pole, Alaska, Tokyo, New Zealand, South Pole and South America.

The record trip just ended started at 12:33 p. m. (EST) Thursday with stops at Gander, Newfoundland, Paris, Cairo, Karachi and Calcutta, India; Tokyo, Anchorage, Alaska; Fargo, N. D., and back to Chicago at 1:58 p. m. (EST) Sunday.

He climbed out of his plane, clean-shaven and smiling, as if he had returned from a short pleasure jaunt, not a grueling flight of over three nearly sleepless days.

He was greeted by his wife who cried "Bill! You look wonderful," his two children, Ronnie, 3, and Rochelle, 6, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Odom of Kansas City, along with Mayor Martin H. Kennelly of Chicago, and thousands of cheering spectators.

Almost ignoring a tray of food and ice cream, Odom eagerly related the story of his trip.

Odom said the winds were against him, and told of facing a monsoon; thunderstorm over Burma and the "Hump" which knocked out the automatic pilot.

The balding, six foot-two inch

airman said it had been his ambition to circle the globe ever since he met Wiley Post in 1933 in Tulsa, when Odom was 13 years old. Post gave him an autographed piece of the fabric of his record setting single-engine plane, the Winnie Mae.

Early yesterday Odom paid homage to Post by leaving the fragment, attached to a small wreath, at the Anchorage, Alaska, airfield, in tribute to the earlier record smasher. Post died in a 1938 plane crash, with Will Rogers, at Pt. Barrow, Alaska.

Surf Washes Man Out To Sea

DE LAKE, Aug. 11 (AP)—Companions of Clarence P. Suratt, 42, Portlander missing since early Saturday in the surf at Lincoln beach, were quoted today as reporting the last they saw of Suratt was the flicker of a flashlight he held when swept to sea.

Tom Booker, 23, and a brother, Marvin, 21, told of struggling to hold Suratt when a heavy swell struck them. They were chipping help worms for fishing bait from rocks at low tide. Suratt disappeared about 3 a.m. Saturday.

The widow, two sons and two daughters survive.

DIES

OTTAWA, Aug. 11 (AP)—H. F. G. Hedges, 45, Canadian minister of fisheries who moved into the cabinet immediately after his first election to parliament in 1945, died last night.

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At a recent meeting of Klamath post No. 8, American Legion, Oscar Nissen was elected to the executive committee, and Margaret Jane Taggs was appointed on the publicity committee.

Leo Kamard, head of the Boy Scout troop sponsored by the Legion, reported that the troop is progressing rapidly.

Klamath post No. 8 and the 20-30 club are sponsoring the sale of an airplane, the proceeds of which will be used for American youth activities.

Hal Shidler, in charge of Junior Legion baseball, reported that the All-Star Legion team has had a very good year, although it was eliminated in the district playoff by Medford with a score of 5-3. The team has hopes of playing in the state finals next year.

Mrs. H. H. Ogil, president of the Legion auxiliary, made an interesting talk and reported the rules for eligibility to auxiliary membership.

The auxiliary has a junior auxiliary composed of children from 6 to 16, and a tiny tot auxiliary for children under 6. Mrs. Lina Moteschenbacher is membership chairman for the new year and she will be glad to give applications to anyone interested in auxiliary membership.

Chief Signalman Martin of the navy recruiting office presented navy Victory medals to Alton Lee, Bob Jester, Charles Anderson and Edward Hanley, ex-navy men.

Any navy veteran may obtain the medal by presenting his original discharge to the recruiting office, located in the post office.

There will be a V-J celebration in Medford, August 1. Members of the Klamath post have received an invitation from the Medford club, Commander Lynn Roycroft urged a large attendance.

Legion meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of every month in the Legion hall at 8 p. m.

EX-GOVERNOR DIES
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Aug. 11 (AP)—James Brooks (Jawbone) Jones, 60, former lieutenant governor of New Mexico and long active in democratic state circles, died last night.



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