

### AF Stalls News Parley

WIESBADEN, Germany (AP)—The U.S. Air Force today postponed a news conference by the nine airmen released by the Soviet Union, saying they were "too tired and exhausted to face the press today."

The mass interview originally scheduled for yesterday after their arrival had been postponed for the same reason.

An Air Force spokesman said he could not say if or when the press conference would be held. The men's unarmored cargo transport crossed the border of Soviet Armenia inadvertently in a bad weather June 27 on a flight from Wiesbaden to Pakistan.

The plane was brought down by shots from two intercepting MIG jets which set it afire. Five of the crew parachuted to safety and the other four escaped after they landed the plane and before it exploded.

The Soviets turned the airmen over to American representatives at the Soviet Iranian border Monday and they arrived here from Tehran yesterday.

The men on their arrival appeared greatly fatigued but generally in good shape. A.2.C. Peter N. Sabo of Chicago was said to have suffered second-degree burns and A.2.C. Earl H. Reamer of St. Louis Park, Minn., had a shaved spot on one side of his head, indicating he had sustained a minor injury.

### Inflation Catches Up With Postage Stamp Machines

DETROIT (AP)—When you step up to a stamp machine in the corner drug store a month from now, there will be no need for a nickel.

Inflation has caught up with automation in the postage stamp business. The result is a major overhauling of many of the stamp vending machines.

On Aug. 1 the mailing price of post cards and unsealed Christmas cards will go up from 2 cents to 3 cents, first-class mail

will go up from 3 to 4 cents, and air mail will increase from 6 to 7 cents.

Schermack Products Corp. of Detroit, the largest and one of the oldest makers of postage stamp vending machines in the United States, is making these changes to keep up with the act of Congress:

1. The slot that gives four 1-cent stamps for 5 cents will give you two 4-cent stamps for 10 cents (same 20 per cent profit for the machine's owner).

2. The slot that gives you two 2-cent stamps for 5 cents will give you two 4-cent stamps for 10 cents (same 20 per cent profit).

3. The slot that gives you four 6-cent air mail stamps for 25 cents will give you three 7-cent stamps for 25 cents (raising the profit from 4 per cent to 16 per cent).

4. The slot that gives you three 3-cent stamps for 10 cents will give you two 4-cent stamps for 10 cents (raising the profit from 10 per cent to 20 per cent).

J. S. Schermack, president of the firm his father founded in 1908, says the cost of revamping the machines will run from 52 cents to \$26, depending on the number and type of slots.

"We don't own any of our machines," said Schermack. "We sell some to drug stores and other merchants. Some of them we sell to operators who will buy, say, a hundred or so, and place them and split the profit with the merchant."

### Kidnap Figure Seeks Release

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Another central figure in the bizarre 1953 kidnaping of wealthy oilman Charles Urschel is attempting to gain freedom from a life sentence for his part in the crime.

Harvey Bailey, 71, filed a motion in Federal District Court here yesterday asking that the sentence be set aside on grounds his constitutional rights were violated during the 1953 trials.

Bailey is in the Federal Prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

His attorney, James Laughlin of Washington, D.C., succeeded last month in gaining new trials for the widow and mother-in-law of George (Machinegun) Kelly on the same grounds.

Kelly died in Leavenworth three years ago while serving a life sentence for the kidnaping.

### College Pupils Go On Tour

ENNIS, Tex. (AP)—Three adventure-minded college students from the Texas Gulf Coast camped here last night on a Beaumont-to-San Francisco-or-bust trip by covered wagon.

Though outfitted in complete cowboy regalia, they readily admitted they had never driven a wagon, fixed a broken axle or put a shoe on a mule or horse until they headed west.

"We're learning and so are the mules," said Jerry McElroy, 19, Port Neches, Tex.

His companions are Bill Hickman, 18, Nederland, Tex., and Bob Williams, 18, Grove, Tex. All three are students at Lamar Tech at Beaumont, about 326 miles from here.

McElroy said they got the idea for their trip after learning of a trust fund that had been set up for persons who traveled to California and settled.

### Space Scientists Planning To Create Water Breather

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Space scientists are weighing the idea

of trying to breed a special type of man or animal who could breathe water or gas instead of air.

In the place of lungs he might have gills like a fish. Or he might have lungs which could be filled temporarily with water and be converted back to air breathing later.

Even some kind of breathing organ which would enable him to stay alive in an atmosphere of ammonia or methane gas is an item for consideration.

These far-reaching possibilities were brought out today by Dr.

Blaine Levendahl, zoologist from the University of California at Los Angeles. He talked to a reporter after addressing the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences.

To produce a creature like this, scientists would have to speed up enormously the process of evolution. Dr. Levendahl made no specific suggestions as to how it should be undertaken. He expressed the belief, however, that researchers already have the means to make a start in that direction.

Evolutionary theory holds that all life started in the water; that the forerunners of all air-breathers had gills. It took many millions of years for them to develop lungs and move to dry land. So the production of a water-breath-

ing man would be equivalent to turning the evolutionary timeclock forward until it completed a full circle.

A man with gills and with the ability to tolerate a full load of water in all his body cavities would be protected against the crushing effects of being shot into space. He could better withstand the shock of hitting the atmosphere at high speed on his return to earth, Dr. Levendahl said.

Even without gills, but with lungs and other spaces that could be filled with water for a while he could go through these critical phases of space travel easily, the zoologist asserted.

### Jury Fails To Reach Verdict

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. (AP)—A jury has failed to agree on what to do about a minister, an evangelist and a church member accused of keeping the neighborhood awake by groaning, shouting and hand clapping at evening services.

The Rev. David O. Norcross, pastor of Bethany Tabernacle Assembly of God Church; evangelist James W. Weaver; and Ray Weaver were tried of charges of disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace brought by people who live near the church.

The Rev. Mr. Norcross said his congregation follows the biblical teaching which says "to make joyful noises unto the Lord."

### NO TIME

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP)—George P. Lewis is one tax collector who can refuse money—even if only temporarily. A taxpayer walked into his office, plunked down a bag full of silver, said it contained slightly more than \$100. Lewis asked the taxpayer to take away the money and convert it to bills, explaining no one had time to count all that change.

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