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Atomic Planes 'Not Hazard' Even In Crash

GATLINBURG, Tenn. (AP)—Atomic-powered airplanes, even if they crash, will be no more dangerous than "other hazards routinely accepted by the public," a General Electric scientist said Saturday.

In fact, he said, the chances of a person being killed in a traffic accident are 80 times greater than

the chances he will receive a lethal dose of atomic radiation from a nuclear plane crash.

The findings were presented by Dr. C. C. Gamertsfelder of the GE Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Department at Cincinnati, in a paper prepared for the Health Physics Society meeting here.

The national organization is made up of the physicians and other specialists in the study and treatment of the effects of atomic radiation on health.

Cig Makers Win Battle

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP)—You won't be seeing that blue federal tax stamp on cigarette packages any more.

The manufacturers have won a battle. No more prepayment of excise taxes. Instead of having to buy the stamps every day they will pay the government only twice a month.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. had to buy more than 2 million dollars worth of stamps every day for its products. But Tuesday will be the last day it will have to send two men to pick up the stamps for cigarettes, smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco.

Instead of the stamps, Reynolds will use a closure of the same blue paper which will tell you: "federal stamps no longer required." But smokers still will cost the same.

Atom Engine Given Tests

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Nuclear scientists have made their first full-scale test of an atomic rocket engine—an experiment to verify radioactivity given off and the effect of heat on the engine.

The scientists said the test was completely successful. More tests will be made.

The big engine, mounted on a railroad flatcar, was tested for four minutes Saturday at Jackass Flats on the Nevada atomic proving grounds northwest of here.

Newsmen watching from two miles away saw only four white plumes of smoke rising 1,500 feet. This was a contrived chemical effect so that two Air Force bombers could take air samples.

The engine is called the Kiwi-A, after the flightless New Zealand bird. The engine, like the bird, cannot fly. It is too heavy to fit into a rocket. Experience gained with this one is expected to pave the way for smaller ones capable of powering big rockets through space.

It is known that Atomic Energy Commission scientists at Los Alamos, N.M., are working on follow-up engines called Dumbo and Condor. They are believed to be flying versions of the Kiwi-A.

SPAAK TOUR PLANNED
PARIS (UPI)—NATO Secretary-General Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium will pay official visits to Turkey and Greece before the end of the month, the NATO Permanent Council said today. Spaak will visit Ankara June 20-25 and Athens June 25-30 at the request of the governments of the two NATO nations.

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greater than those who might be killed in a commercial airplane accident or similar major disasters.

—To increase safety, nuclear powered aircraft could be required to fly in 50-mile wide corridors of air over sparsely populated areas or over water. As an added precaution, landing or ascending aircraft could fly on non-nuclear chemical fuel until they reached the assigned corridors.

Gamertsfelder has been engaged in experiments at the Oak Ridge (Tenn.) National Laboratory and the National Reactor Testing Station at Idaho Falls, Idaho, on an atomic engine for airplanes.

His findings included:
—The main source of hazard would be in a crash "violent enough to make the jet engines incapable of removing afterheat," resulting in the release of harmful products of atomic fission into the air.

—If the crash were in a densely populated area, the numbers of persons who might receive damaging radiation doses would be no

Election Site Angers Reds

MOSCOW (AP)—Pravda, the Communist party newspaper, today assailed the "provocators" of Bonn for selecting West Berlin as the site of the West German presidential election July 1.

"The Soviet people think the time has come for sober minds in West Germany to stop provocators from further poisoning of the international atmosphere," the article said.

West Berlin is outside the limits of West Germany, the paper went on, "and it is clear to everyone that to transfer the presidential elections to West Berlin is a provocation against the East German Democratic Republic."

First Lady Stands In Rear

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—"Sorry, lady, there's just no seats up here," said the Senate assistant sergeant-at-arms.

So California's First Lady, Mrs. Edmund G. Brown, stood in the rear of the Senate gallery Friday night.

The embarrassed guard quickly led Mrs. Brown to a seat after someone told him who she was.

Potential Governor Had No Wish To Succeed Long

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—There's a bit of irony about Lether Frasier Frasier, 34.

You see, he never wanted to be acting governor of Louisiana.

He dreamed of becoming president of Louisiana State University. Frasier himself is an oddity in this state given to the rambunctious in politics, where the late Huey P. Long reigned unchallenged as "the kingfish" and

his younger brother, Earl, rode out the Louisiana scandals and molded a vote-getting machine unrivaled in recent years.

It may be Lt. Gov. Frasier gave up his dream of heading LSU some place along the tight rope he walked with Gov. Long. He hasn't said.

But, certain it is he didn't give up the personality that fit so admirably into his previous jobs as president of Southeastern Louisiana Institute at Lafayette and next of McNeese State College at Lake Charles.

Watch him as presiding officer of the Louisiana Senate.

When things got fouled up, he'd laugh and say in that light voice: "Let's back up and start all over again. Let's make out it never

happened." Somehow, it worked, too.

Then, later, he'd be talking to legislators or voters, joshing readily, popping out his quick, hearty laugh, his eyebrows arching.

The first job Frasier ever had was in Longville teaching history. There he met and married Miss Lily Hooper, an English teacher. He is noted for his devotion to his wife; to his 18-year-old daughter, Brenda, and to Christie Clark of Lake Charles, the elder daughter and mother of three children.

Louisiana citizens, for Frasier's tenure as acting governor, will have to get used to a different tempo, slower and easier. Perhaps there's a key in his nickname of "Mule," as Gov. Long's field general, he acquired the reputation of a workhorse.

He was the 1960 heir-apparent to the governor's job.

A few months ago Lt. Gov. Frasier collapsed from overwork, maybe with a slight stroke. Then stepped forward the fiery Long to announce his plan to run again.

Then, there's that irony again. A few days ago, Gov. Long, ailing, shouted from a mental hospital window in Galveston: "Frasier wants to run for governor, but he can't even walk."

But, even so, the loyal lieutenant governor walked not ran to the acting governor's chair. Probably he'd still rather be teaching kids history.

Flames Heighten Haitian Trouble

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Fire which leveled a wing of Haiti's main army barracks behind the National Palace heightened tension Sunday night in this city still jittery after anti-government bombings last week.

Soldiers and tanks surrounded the palace as firemen fought the blaze for more than two hours. Officials said the fire was caused by a short circuit.

A fine of \$1,000 or a year in jail may be imposed on enumerators who divulge U.S. census information.

TEACH COMMUNISM

BOSTON (AP)—Richard Cardinal Cushing advocates teaching communism in high schools and colleges. The Roman Catholic archbishop said on a local television program Sunday night "we should teach it (communism) for what it is—an intrinsic evil—like a medical student being taught about cancer."

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