



**TESTING TIME** — Kingsley Field airmen and officers are sometimes tested to determine their interests and abilities. Here, Mrs. Clarice R. Cox, assistant education adviser, monitors a group of airmen during tests. Four of the men are taking high school equivalent tests while the other two are working on college level tests. With test results as guides, the base education office is able to recommend courses of study.



**BUILDING DEDICATION** — The Kingsley Field Armament and Electronics Building was dedicated April 24 to the memory of 1st Lt. Clarence E. (Jack) Peoples, Kingsley radar intercept officer who died April 27, 1960, after he ejected over the Pacific Ocean. Here, Col. Rupert C. Welch, right, base commander, and Lt. Col. Carl H. Leo, left, Lieutenant Peoples' squadron commander, display the memorial plaque.

## Woman Dies Of Stabbing On Drunken Fishing Trip -- Roommate Arrested

BERKELEY (UPI) — Miss Bernice Woskiska, 51, confessed today that she stabbed her roommate after an argument Monday while fishing on the bank of a canal south of Colusa, police said.

Miss Vivian Williams, 42, Berkeley, died en route to Herrick Hospital here Monday night. Police said an instrument used to scrape paint was protruding from her back.

Miss Williams was brought nearly 100 miles to the hospital in a car by Miss Woskiska and two male companions.

Police said Miss Woskiska and George Reed, 46, Oakland, and L. C. Smith, 49, Berkeley, were to be returned to Colusa today for investigation of the stabbing. Reed and Smith were held as material witnesses.

Colusa County Sheriff Max Mayfield, here to return them, said the argument apparently started after the two men and two women had been drinking while fishing at the canal, north of College City.

He said Miss Williams apparently died while her companions sought a hospital. He said it was still unexplained why the dying woman was brought to Berkeley.

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**EDUCATION AWARDS** — T. Sgt. Franklin D. Bonitto, center, is evidently happy about winning the Strategic Air Command Distinguished Educational Achievement Award. Sergeant Bonitto accumulated more than 60 educational points by taking numerous courses. Admiring the award are, from left, T. Sgt. Elroy F. Tudor and A. I. C. Anthony J. Trennel, themselves winners of lesser educational awards.

## Rocket Plane Streaks To Record

EDWARDS AFB, Calif. (UPI) — A heat-seared X15 rocket plane flown by an icy-nerved pilot streaked to a record 3,920 miles an hour Tuesday.

National Space Agency Pilot Joe Walker, 40, a 10-year veteran in rocket plane research making his eighth X15 flight, regained the man-controlled speed record by flying 5.7 times the speed of sound.

His ride today with temperatures reaching 1,100 degrees Fahrenheit on parts of the craft, bettered a mark of 3,647 m.p.h. set last Wednesday by Air Force Maj. Robert White. White unintentionally went that fast in establishing an altitude mark of 217,000 feet—about 41 miles high.

Walker's top altitude was about 110,000 feet. On his last flight, Sept. 12, Walker established a speed mark of 3,645 that White bettered last week.

The flight was made only an hour behind schedule despite fluffy clouds that covered most of the sky.

## Power Failure Halts Elevator

RICHMOND, Va. (UPI) — Downtown Richmond was struck by a power failure Monday night which disrupted service in hospitals and hotels and trapped three persons in an elevator.

The electrical shutdown, caused by a faulty transformer, blacked out nearly one-third of the city for 35 minutes. St. Elizabeths, St. Lukes and Grace hospitals lost their main power but emergency generators supplied sufficient electricity to run essential lights and equipment.

As he broke through the clouds, Walker radioed, "I'm taking a look to see where we are now."

At one point he said "golly" and later talked calmly about "vibrations" that occurred after the critical point of the flight.

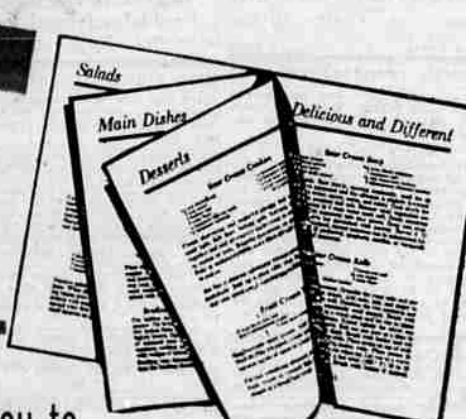
His prime concern, as on his last flight, was pilot control at high speeds.



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## Patent Drug Law 'Confiscatory'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The president of the American Patent Law Association today said proposed legislation to tighten patent laws on drug discoveries was "confiscatory."

APLA President Robert B. Larson attacked the patent provisions of the bill introduced by Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., in testimony before the Senate antitrust subcommittee.

Larson also warned that any changes which "tend to destroy, diminish or detract from the incentive of our patent system, is bad—dangerously bad."

Thomas M. Ferrill Jr., speaking for the National Association of Manufacturers, also joined in attacking the proposed bill. Testifying before Kefauver's antitrust and antimonopoly subcommittee, he said the legislation would smother incentive and result in higher drug prices.

In contrast, a Chicago patent attorney, Harold W. Vagenius, favored the patent provisions. The clashing testimony came as the subcommittee held its second day of hearings into exclusive patent protections given major makers of prescription medicines, to the health of millions of people.

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