

Sky Stated As Big Hot Rod Track

EDWARDS AFB, Calif. (UPI) — The Southern California-Nevada sky will become the world's largest hot rod track this week when the X15 rocket ship tries to reach its maximum speed, nearly 4,100 miles an hour, or 20 times the speed of sound.

The North American Aviation-built plane with Air Force Maj. Robert M. White at the controls was expected to streak through the sky at 6,000 feet per second, or more than a mile-a-second until all its fuel is consumed, or about 82 seconds.

The X15, whose primary objective is the exploration of manned hypersonic flights, already holds the world's speed and altitude records. White set an altitude mark for manned aircraft Oct. 11 when he piloted the X15 to a height of 217,000 feet. Test pilot Joe Walker of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration reached a speed of 3,920 m.p.h. Oct. 17 in the needle-nosed craft.

Walker's speedy record in the black dart, powered with a 57,000-pound thrust engine, found him using brakes on the upper and lower vertical stabilizer to slow down the X15 during re-entry. White's flight will be brakeless.

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J. O'Donahue's To Visit Texas

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Donahue will leave this weekend for Winnsboro, Tex., where they will pay a first call on a new granddaughter, four-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. King. Mrs. King is the former Kay O'Donahue.

While in the south O'Donahue hopes to photograph one or more whopping cranes, now nearly extinct, on the Aransas Pass Wildlife Refuge near Corpus Christi on the Gulf of Mexico. The refuge was established especially for the great birds, now only 42 in America.

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Top Slav Economist Considers 'Defection'

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Ne-nad Popovic, one of Yugoslavia's top economists, declines to say whether he is in the U.S.A. to stay. But his family is busy getting settled—buying furniture and meeting the neighbors.

Reliable sources in Belgrade reported that Popovic, who served as chief of economic affairs in Yugoslavia's Foreign Ministry, had decided against returning to his Communist homeland.

Popovic, 52, is a visiting professor at Syracuse University this year, teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in international finance.

"He really likes it at the university," Tatyana, his attractive 33-year-old wife said Saturday. "All he wants to do is study and teach."

The family arrived here three weeks ago with "only our wardrobe," Mrs. Popovic said. Her mother also is here.

The mother was washing dishes in the kitchen when a newsman visited the home.

Nine-year-old Gina, in blue tights, romped in front of a television set. She was born in Wash-

ington while Popovic served as executive director of the International Monetary Fund from 1950 to 1953.

Deyan, a husky lad of 12, came in from playing with new-found friends and joined Gina.

The family lives in a two-story stucco house they rented from the university for \$110 a month.

"The neighbors brought gifts when we arrived," Mrs. Popovic said. "They are all so friendly."

She gathered the family to go shopping.

"That's what Americans do on Saturday," she said matter-of-factly.

Popovic was visiting some friends.


He was one of the negotiators who obtained for Yugoslavia last year \$275 million in loans and credits from the International Monetary Fund, the United States and several West European countries.

Popovic, his wife and children left Yugoslavia for a vacation last August and were due to return there early last month. Instead, they went to London, then came to the United States.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The State Department said Thursday it must reduce its personnel by about 500 employees because of congressional budget cuts. Officials said most of the reductions would be from the Washington staff.

Engineer's Safety Mark Shattered By Tragedies

STUTTGART, Ark. (UPI) — Engineer J. W. Rector, 61, could have made this run through the lush, green Arkansas woodland blindfolded. He knows every crossing, twist and turn.

In more than 36 years of rail-roading he had never had a fatal accident. Just last week Rector received his 20-year pin from the Cotton Belt Line.

In two hours Sunday his record for more than three and a half decades of perfect railroading was wiped out not once but twice.

Rector was taking the No. 1 Motor Special between Jonesboro and Pine Bluff when the train smashed into a pickup truck at a flasher crossing and killed three of the truck's four occupants.

A few minutes after the wreckage was cleared, the train killed a mother and child who stumbled onto the tracks into the path of the freight just 18 miles from the scene of the first accident.

As Rector neared the crossing at Stuttgart, his hand rested on the whistle cord. He tugged gently and escaping steam shrieked its warning, once, twice. Then he yanked the cord frantically.

"Good grief," he yelled. He clawed at the emergency brake, but he knew there was nothing he could do.

The train plowed broadside into the pickup truck, trapped the twisted wreckage underneath and carried it nearly three-quarters of a mile down the tracks before grinding to a halt.

Killed were Elzie Smith, Flavelia Ransom and Mrs. Willie B. Smith, all of nearby Almyra. Mrs. Smith's husband, Cleo, the driver, was critically injured.

"It looked like the truck was trying to run a race to the crossing," Rector told State Trooper Charles Oliphant. There was a flashing red light at the crossing.

Drama Opens In Ashland

Mail orders for season subscriptions to the new Vining Repertory Theater's fall production season will be accepted beginning Friday. Vining officials have announced. The new winter drama season is set to open Nov. 11 at Ashland's Varsity Theater, with "The Boy Friend," "Rashomon," "The Miser," and "Night of the Auk" performed in rotation through Dec. 9. The Vining group is sponsored by Southern Oregon College in cooperation with the Oregon Shakespearean Festival.

Vining season subscriptions offer a 10 per cent discount over single admission prices. With each subscription entitling the holder to one seat for each of the four plays, they are priced at \$11.50, \$8.65, \$6.50, and \$4.30 for orchestra seats, and \$8.65 for dress circle. Single admissions — following the above price scale — are \$3.20, \$2.40, \$1.80, and \$1.20 for orchestra seats, and \$2.40 for dress circle. Single admissions will go on sale Nov. 3. Children under 12 will be admitted at half price in all sections.

Vining officials emphasize that season subscriptions offer the best theater buy; and may be purchased only until Nov. 10.

Material explaining reservation procedures, introducing the actors, and detailing the plays may be secured by writing "Vining Repertory, Ashland, Ore.," or by phoning the Oregon Shakespearean Festival at 482-2111 in Ashland.

4-H NEWS

FLYING NEEDLES

The Flying Needles Clothing Club held a meeting Oct. 5 at Ferguson School. We elected officers and talked about the next meeting. The officers elected were Deanna Carr, president; Linda Vanderhoff, vice president; Diane Vanderhoff, secretary; Vicki Neipp, news reporter; and Wendy Dean, song leader.

We also talked about making bib aprons and waist aprons that just come to your waist.

Leaders of our club are Mrs. Hubert Vanderhoff and Mrs. W. F. Dean. The meeting was adjourned by Deanna Carr, president.

Vicki Neipp, News Reporter.

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