RUBBISH STARTS GRASS FIRES — Sgt. Bruce Lattin of the Oregon State Police goes through a freshly dumped pile of rubbish and papers along Homedale Road that is both an eyesore and fire hazard. This week national annual Clean-Up Week begins and citizens are asked to clean-up potential fire hazards at home, at work and at play. A carelessly thrown cigarette or match into the pile Sergeant Lattin inspects could start a grass fire along Homedale endangering both life and property.

Fantastic New XB70 Experimental Aircraft To Get Soft Play By Pentagon During Unveiling Ceremony This Fall

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The XB70, one of the most controversial and revolutionary aircraft ever built, is scheduled to roll out of a Palmdale, Calif., assembly plant in August or September, and the Pentagon is in a dilemma about how to handle this major news event.

Years in construction and the source of continuous friction within and between the Executive branch and Congress, the XB70 is the experimental plane which the Air Force had hoped to develop into a reconnaissance and missile-armed strike craft called RS70.

What do you do when you publicly unveil a jet aircraft which is the fastest (2,000 mph), highest-flying (70,000 ft.-plus) and heaviest (more than 550,000 pounds) there ever was, but which you do not intend to put into production? How do you handle the roll-out ceremony, a traditional milestone with new planes, and what do you say to the public about the remarkable machine being displayed?

Defense Department Debate

These are questions the Defense Department, in the person of Assistant Secretary Arthur Sylvester, and the Air Force are debating and seeking to resolve.

Sylvester gave assurance, in answer to questions, that the roll-out date will be announced in advance and the press will be present to cover the event. But somehow an effort will be made to play the whole thing in low key.

No amount of Defense Department crepe hanging, however, will change the fact that the XB70 is a fantastic flying machine in its own right, embodying radical advances in technology and manufacturing processes, are certain to further the aeronautical art. There never has been anything like the XB70, once called a manned missile.

No Squadron Service

No amount of Air Force and company Nooplah at the unveiling, on the other hand, will alter the fact that this particular airplane ran afoul of the missile age and is not destined for squadron service, however much it contributes to future aviation development, both military and commercial.

No amount of the government's wrestling with its problems of managing the XB70 roll-out will influence the fact that there will be large public interest in the event and the press will expect to be out in full force to cover it.

At a cost now expected to exceed $1.3 billion, North American Aviation, Inc., as prime contractor, is building three XB70 models. The first was slated to fly last December but ran into technical problems that have delayed its roll-out at Palmdale until late this summer and its first flight until October or November.

Technical Problems

Technical difficulties are the rule, not the exception, in advanced new aircraft, all the more so with one that makes such strides as the high alloy stainless steel XB70.

The specific problem in this case was a leak of pressurized nitrogen gas, used in the triangle shaped wing to cool fuel while hiking along at three times the speed of sound. The company and the Air Force believe that the problem has been fixed, after painstaking examination of the wing construction and nitrogen gas piping.

Their present expectation is to roll-out the XB70 in August or September and start extensive ground tests at the desert center at Palmdale.

Then, if all goes well, the behemoth should take to the air in the late fall for a two-to-three hour flight, alighting at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., the testing area for all America's advanced military aircraft.

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Space Engineering College Employs Nation's Best Scientists For Faculty

MAN AND SPACE
By LEON DANIEL
United Press International

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI) — You won't find any halls of ivy at the nation's only space engineering college.

But what you will find at Brevard Engineering College, about 20 miles down the coast, is a faculty made up of some of the nation's top scientists and engineers.

The part-time instructors lecture in classrooms filled with dedicated students whose average age is 30.

Space Age Students

Most of the students and nearly all the faculty members are employed at missile and space technological centers at Cape Canaveral and Patrick Air Force Base.

Sparked by space-race industries which have grown up along the coast near the cape, Brevard is the first college in the United States to offer a master of science degree in space technology.

Vine-covered walls would seem out of place at Brevard, where theories chalked on a blackboard may be used the next day in dealing with a real missile-tracking situation. With the rapid advance in space science, some of the school's teachers must write their own textbooks.

While five year old Brevard may be too young to have traditions, it is sophisticated enough to offer such lofty courses as celestial mechanics, space medicine and a long list of subjects in higher mathematics.

The college was established in 1958 by Dr. Jerome P. Keuper (pronounced Cooper), now its president, and a group of scientists who worked with Keuper for the Radio Corporation of America Service Company.

Keuper said they started the college because they saw the need for still higher education for the well-educated people in the space field.

"We learned that many scholars and other space experts hesitated to come to Cape Canaveral because they could not continue their studies here," Keuper said.

Of the school's 700 students, Keuper said about 165 are graduate engineers working for master degrees. The rest of the students are undergraduates, some of whom are taking a few special courses and others who are working toward a bachelor of science degree.

Keuper takes great pride in his ability to stretch his education dollars, which he spends a good part of his time soliciting from private sources.

"We built this building we're in now for $7 a square foot," he said proudly, adding that other school buildings in the area would have cost twice as much.

"What we need now is somebody who wants to have his name on a new library building," Keuper said. "I believe we could build it for $60,000. We already have the books."

Major Items On Agenda In Congress

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Congress returned today from a week-long Fourth of July holiday as a Democratic leader predicted members would stay in session until the end of the year.

House Democratic Leader Carl Albert, Okla., said there still was "an impressive array" of legislation, including civil rights and tax measures, which awaits action. He said he expected members to remain in session until they were passed.

With half the year already past, most major items still are on the agenda. Most lawmakers had been predicting the end of the session would come in late October or November.

This week, floor schedules in the House and Senate again will be light. President Kennedy's two major requests — civil rights and tax cut and reforms — still are being studied by committees.

With long, hard battles expected on these two measures, much other legislation is quietly being postponed until next year.

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Girl Watching Sport Not Challenging At Pageant

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Unless you happen to enjoy looking at pretty girls in bathing suits, a Miss Universe news conference is rather a letdown.

A group of the participants in this year's Miss Universe contest stopped off here for a visit en route to Miami Beach, where the pageant will be staged later this month.

They held a press conference on the shores of a hotel swimming pool, but it turned out to be more visual than oral. Either their time was monopolized by photographers or they were unable to speak English.

It was most disappointing because I had been looking forward to discussing the Common Market with Miss Belgium, obtaining Miss France's views of Gen. De Gaulle's "grand design," hearing Miss Italy's opinion of the new Pope, and so forth.

I could, of course, have interviewed Miss England, but only one thing has been happening in England recently and I was reluctant to bring that up.

Fears Chaperone Reaction

I was afraid one of the chaperones might overhear us and get the wrong idea.

So there was nothing much for a reporter to do but deposit himself on a chaise longue and watch some 20 of the world's most beautiful young women parade around in powder blue swim suits. Pity.

Beauty pageants continue to attract large crowds in this country, but actually they do not provide much of a challenge for a veteran girl-watcher.

When a bird-watcher has a yen to gaze upon a great racket-tailed drongo or a rufous-browned pepper shrike, he does not go to an aviary. That would be considered unsporting.

He goes into the parks or woods to seek out the birds in their natural habitats. Spotting a red-whiskered bulbul is only fun for a bird-watcher when it is accompanied by a case of poison ivy.

It is much the same with girl-watching. Organized displays of feminine pulchritude take a great deal of the pleasure out of this ancient pastime by removing the element of chance.

Spotting a pretty girl at a beauty contest simply is no accomplishment at all.

Some of the best girl-watching grounds in the world can be found in Washington. Among the more favorable locations is the cafeteria in the House Office Building during the lunch hour.

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