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200 Weather Flights By American U-2 Airplanes Made In Past Four Years

WASHINGTON (UPI) — American U-2 planes have made 200 weather flights since 1956. Senate investigators were told today by Deputy Space Administrator Hugh L. Dryden.

But Dryden, testifying behind closed doors before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, emphasized that the National Aeronautics and Space agency "produced only research information used in the design of airplanes."

He said these flights to test the effect of weather on aircraft have been conducted in the western United States, Western Europe, Turkey and Japan.

Dryden said NASA has "no detailed knowledge of the flight plans until after the fact" when films and other weather information reach that agency.

Dryden said that at the present time "we have instruments on Pan American and TWA jets which, of course, go around the world."

Study Aircraft Loads

In his opening statement, Dryden spoke only of "weather flights" by U-2 planes. This is the type of plane which was downed over Russia and produced the crisis involved in the collapse of the Paris summit conference last month.

The weather flights, Dryden said, extended over about 264,000 miles—90 per cent of this above 40,000 feet, and 40 per cent of it, about 100,000 miles, above 50,000 feet.

An important part of this research, Dryden said, involves loads on aircraft due to atmospheric disturbances or gusts. He cited the problem of planes caught in thunderstorms, like that of the Northwest Airlines Electra which crashed at Tel City, Ind., and the "more insidious" type of loading which results in "fatigue failure" of the plane structure.

Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) said the Senate Foreign Relations Committee would ask

Dryden about NASA's role in the first, and conflicting, U.S. statements about the plane downed in Russia on May 1.

The U-2, whose pilot was captured by the Soviets, bore NASA markings. The space agency issued a statement saying the plane was on a weather reconnaissance flight and might have become lost.

Fulbright Voices Concern

Fulbright voiced concern that President Eisenhower's acceptance of personal responsibility for the U-2 intelligence-gathering flights might set a precedent that would bind future presidents.

He previously criticized the wisdom of Eisenhower breaking historical diplomatic precedent and taking personal responsibility as a head of state, for intelligence activities.

Fulbright said nothing in the hearings had changed his opinion that the decision was unwise.

The Arkansas Democrat told newsmen he hoped Eisenhower's action would be regarded as an "exception to the rule" and that "future presidents don't feel under an obligation" to follow the same course.

Committee Hears Dulles

The committee heard five hours and 40 minutes of super secret testimony Tuesday by Director Allen W. Dulles of the Central Intelligence Agency. At Dulles' request, none of the testimony will be made public.

Fulbright said he did not think the CIA had any role in advising Eisenhower to take personal responsibility for the U-2 incident.

He said he did not blame Dulles' hush-hush agency for "questionable decisions" as Eisenhower to follow such a course.

Although most members described Dulles as being frank and candid, the CIA director refused to tell the committee what information the U-2 plane was seeking that justified risking the flight such a short time before the scheduled summit meeting.

McCammon Hits Government Waste

Gross waste in purchases by the military were severely criticized

Tuesday night by Byron McCammon, Democratic candidate for congress from the fourth district, in a speech delivered before the Adams county Jefferson club and Adams county Women's Democratic club.

More than 100 persons attended the dinner, believed to be one of the largest held here recently.

Singleton Reelected

Roger Singleton was reelected president of the Jefferson club, and Helen Hofstetter, was reelected vice-president. Mrs. Rose Kneuss was elected secretary, and Al Cott, treasurer.

Decatur attorney Lewis L. Smith served as master of ceremonies. Severin H. Schurz gave a fund-raising speech, and the large amount raised was split among the county, state and national campaign funds.

Each of the local candidates present were introduced. Larry Macklin led the group in singing some songs from a Democratic song sheet, and Miss Nancy Bollbacher accompanied the group on the piano.

Text of Speech

The following is the text of McCammon's speech.

"In a recent news release the controller general of the United States government stated that waste, due to uncompetitive buying by the armed services may be costing the American taxpayer 4 billion dollars per year. We cannot continue to do business in such a manner.

"Dick Martinsen, a copy editor of the Houston Chronicle in an article written for 'The Progressive,' a magazine founded by the late Robert M. Lafollette of Wisconsin, reports some startling facts he has uncovered. The 'surplus' business—although it has been 15 years since there has been an official war—has mushroomed into a mighty industry of 8000 firms and trade groups.

"In his investigations he has found Navy stainless steel pitchers purchased at \$18 each now on sale at a profit for \$21.25, casual sport shoes at \$5.97 a pair, cost now \$1.99. Why, he asks, should transit levels be purchased at \$250 each wholesale, now \$29.99 retail. He also found late model 22 caliber Stevens target rifles which cost the government \$129 each now selling for a profit at \$37.50. The Navy had six inch speakers in 'original boxes' costing \$75 now for \$9.95 and compensating compasses costing \$143 now \$12.50.

"The list of surplus bargains is so long that one begins to wonder if there is any rhyme or reason in buying supplies for the military.

One-Third National Debt

"The investigation by Martinsen and his disclosure led other newsmen to sense there was a big story behind it all. One news bureau, after checking back through years, estimated the government has recovered an average of 8 cents on the dollar for more than one hundred billion dollars worth of equipment junked as surplus since World War I. The loss is about 1/4 of the public debt.

"A house appropriations subcommittee learned that the Army had cornered the canvas market during the Korean conflict and purchased \$300,000,000 worth—about 5 times as much as conceivably could be used then, or even in peace time. There is a surplus of 79,608,000 square yards of cloth. Representative George H. Mahon, the committee chairman, figured that this canvas would cover 16,447 acres or over 100 good sized farms. Great stacks of this canvas are now piled up in a surplus depot at Camp Atterbury, here in Indiana. I have seen it.

"One instance was disclosed where an automobile manufacturer charged the government \$39.42 each for missile parts on a negotiated contract but later when the same item was put out to the low-

Miss Rose Appelman Dies This Morning

Miss Rose Appelman, 78, member of a prominent Adams county family, died at 3 o'clock this morning at the family home west of Decatur on rural route 4. She had been ill for six months with complications.

She was born in Adams county Oct. 11, 1881, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Appelman, Sr., and had never married.

Miss Appelman was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church, the Rosary society and the Third Order of St. Francis.

Surviving are one sister, Miss Lena Appelman, and one brother, Joseph Appelman, both of whom reside at the family home. She was preceded in death by two brothers, George and John Appelman, and four sisters, Mrs. Anna Nesswald, Mrs. Elizabeth Loshe, Mrs. Theresa Schaefer and Mrs. Mary Faurote.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Simeon Schmidt officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. Friends may call at the Gillig & Doan funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening until time of the services. The Third Order of St. Francis will recite the rosary at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, and the Rosary society at 8 p.m. Thursday.

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INDIANA WEATHER

Partly cloudy and warmer with showers and thunderstorms likely tonight. Thursday partly cloudy and turning cooler with showers or thunderstorms probably ending over most of the state by afternoon or evening. Low tonight in the 60s. High Thursday in the 70s northwest to 80s extreme southeast.

Sunset today 8:06 p.m. Sunrise Thursday 5:19 a.m. Outlook for Friday: Fair and a little cooler. Lows 52 to 60. Highs 68 to 76.

Bluffton Population Shows Slight Gain

Bluffton gained only 176 in population in the past 10 years, and

Portland lost 92 during the same period, compared with Decatur's gain of 1,001, preliminary census figures available today indicated.

Bluffton moved up from 6,076 to 6,252, while Portland dropped back from 7,064 to 6,972.

Figures for the past 40 years

show the following comparisons:

Year Decatur Bluffton Portland

1960 8,272 6,272 6,972

1950 7,271 6,076 7,064

1940 5,861 5,417 6,362

1930 5,156 5,074 5,276

1920 4,762 5,391 5,958

New Haven, which just recently

became a city, has a preliminary

population figure of 3,416, and Gar-

rett, 4,357, compared with 4,291 10

years ago, and 4,285 in 1940.

The district office at Fort Wayne

was closed Tuesday, and John W.

Wynn, district supervisor, announced

that all mail for the census bu-

reau for the future should be ad-

dressed to Regional Field Direc-

tory, Bureau of the Census, New

Post Office Building, Room 1202

433 W. Van Buren St., Chicago 7,

Ill.

Concerted Effort To Save Covered Bridge

A concerted effort to save the Pleasant Mills covered bridge from destruction by the state highway department will be coordinated by the Adams county Historical society, members decided Tuesday night in the last meeting of the season.

The position of the state highway commission, which holds that the destruction of the bridge is necessary after the completion of a new bridge, will be carefully attacked in writing, and torn apart detail by detail.

Meet With State

An appointment will be made for a group from the county to meet with the state highway commission. A representative group of people from the entire county will make the trip to Indianapolis to present the case for the bridge, and the petitions with more than 1,000 signers asking that the bridge be spared.

The group also authorized the officials of the Historical society to plan a new marker for the location of the county court house.

The present marker, on the corner of Third and Madison streets, is rusted through. Plans to build a marker that will fit with the building now located on the corner will be submitted to the state historical society, as required by law, and estimates of cost will be obtained.

Programs Next Year

Programs for the meetings next year, starting in September, were discussed. One program will deal with the Decatur school system; another with the Civil war; several churches will be asked to present their histories; a history of the cemeteries of the county was also suggested. One of the old homes of the county may be visited by the society if arrangements can be made.

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Wells County Child

Is Killed By Auto

Fifteen-month-old Edward Myers died in Lutheran hospital in Fort Wayne, at 10:15 p.m. Tuesday, about four hours after he was run over by a car driven by his father, who was backing out of a driveway. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Myers, 19, R.R. 4, Bluffton.

The accident occurred at 6:30 p.m. at the boy's home. He was taken to the Wells county hospital and then transferred to Fort Wayne at 8:30 p.m.

Edward, who was born February 27, 1959, is survived by his parents, Rolland and Ruth Reed Myers; a sister, Penelope Jo, two weeks old; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Reed; R. R. 1, Craigville; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Myers, R.R. 4, Bluffton, and the great-grandparents.

The body was taken to the Thoma funeral home in Bluffton, where friends may call after 12 noon Thursday. Services will be held at the Craigville EUB church Friday at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Fred Pflug officiating. Burial will be in the Oaklawn cemetery in Oregon.

First Lady Taken To Army Hospital

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The White House disclosed today that Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower is in Walter Reed Army Hospital suffering from an attack of acute asthmatic bronchitis.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the First Lady, who will be 64 in November, entered the hospital Tuesday afternoon.

Hagerty said physicians at Walter Reed said that today the First Lady was "as comfortable as she can be and feeling better than when she went in the hospital."

She has a slight fever today and is receiving what Hagerty described as "customary treatment."

Hagerty did not describe the symptoms or the illness other than to cite the language of the doctors—acute asthmatic bronchitis which is an upper respiratory ailment.

The White House had no information on how long Mrs. Eisenhower would be in the hospital or whether the President planned to visit her in the same Ward 8 where he has been a patient several times. The ward is reserved for high government officials.

The First Lady spent the past weekend in Gettysburg, Pa., with the President on their farm. But her hospitalization cast further