

## Non-Stop Record Is Set By Jet Bomber

GOLDSBORO, N.C. (UPI)—A B52H jet bomber of the Strategic Air Command Thursday flew a record 14,400 miles non-stop with no more extra equipment than an additional co-pilot.

The huge, eight-engine jet covered the distance in 22 hours and 38 minutes over a "closed course" ringing Greenland, Alaska, California and Florida. The flight eclipsed the earlier closed circuit distance record of 10,078 miles, set by a B52 G-model in 1960.

Two officials of the National Aeronautics Association accompanied the bomber crew of seven to validate the record flight under rules of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, governing body for air records.

Similar to another SAC bomber which set two world distance records and nine course speed records on a more than 12,000 mile flight from Okinawa to Madrid, Spain.

## Enters Guilty Plea To Killing Husband

LA PORTE, Ind. (UPI)—Mrs. Celia B. Romel, 50, LaPorte, pleaded guilty today to a charge of voluntary manslaughter in the revolver slaying April 20 of her husband in what authorities described as a love triangle case.

Judge Alban M. Smith of LaPorte Circuit Court ordered a presentence investigation. The charge carries a possible sentence of 2-21 years imprisonment.

Before Mrs. Romel pleaded, Smith ruled she was mentally capable or arraigned in the death of Ronald Romel, 51, in the yard of the estranged couple's home. Mrs. Romel was arrested a short time later at Holy Family Hospital while carrying a loaded gun in a paper sack. A woman said to have been a friend of her husband was a patient in the hospital at the time.

Smith heard testimony last week by two psychologists he appointed to examine Mrs. Romel. Dr. John Hoyt, Michigan City, testified she was incapable of being arraigned, and Dr. Richard L. Shriner, South Bend, testified she was capable.

Mrs. Romel's attorney promptly asked that his client be arraigned immediately.

## Accident Results In Driver's Arrest

Stanley Prater, a former resident of Decatur, was picked up Thursday afternoon on a warrant and lodged in the Adams county jail under \$100 bond.

Prater, who formerly lived at 1010 Krick street, is being held on charges of leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving and failure to have operator's license.

Prater's automobile was seen crashing into a car owned by Russell Miller, while parked at 928 Schirmeyer street Sunday, May 6. The West Liberty, Ky., native then fled the scene. Miller's car suffered \$100 damages.

Witnesses immediately informed the city police, who went to Prater's home on Krick street. When they arrived, however, Prater had already hurriedly packed his belongings and his family and left, supposedly for Kentucky.

As of late, though, he has been "hiding out" at a residence on Ninth street, until discovered and apprehended by the city police Thursday.

He is to be arraigned in city court Monday at 9 a.m.

## Says Legislature Ceases To Exist

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—The judge who held that the Indiana legislature is unconstitutional because it failed to reapportion itself for more than 35 years said today he believes his ruling "now becomes the law throughout the state."

That means, he said, the legislature has ceased to exist.

Judge John F. Linder of Marion Superior Court ruled early in 1961 in favor of State Sen. Nelson Grills, D-Indianapolis, who sought the unconstitutional label for the general assembly as a means of forcing reapportionment.

Linder made the statement after State Sen. Melville A. Watson, D-Greenfield, abandoned plans to complete the steps necessary to appeal the decision to the Indiana Supreme Court.

The supreme court dismissed the appeal Watson said after filing an order decided against him after an ordered brief before a deadline the court had set.

"I feel the same way I felt when I made the ruling," Linder said after learning of the latest developments. "But I don't know if the Supreme Court feels that way."

Linder's opinion last year held that since Indiana had not had reapportionment since 1921, there exists within the government "a

## Closing Program At Nuttman Ave. Church

The closing program for the Nuttman Ave. Vacation Bible school will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The program will be in the form of a demonstration of the activities of a night of Bible school. The theme for the school has been "Patriots for Christ."

The children will march into the auditorium and give the pledge to the American and Christian flags and to the Bible. A brief devotional period will be conducted and the children will sing several choruses. A children's story will be given by the pastor. Following this the different classes will give a demonstration of the things they have been doing.

The nursery class' demonstration will be on "God's Big World," in song and story. Beginners class will demonstrate "We Learn About Jesus," song and story.

Primary class will be singing and demonstrate the 33rd Psalm. Juniors will sing their theme song and have a skit.

Special numbers in song and instrumental music will be given throughout the program and an offering will be taken for the expenses of the school.

At the close an invitation will be given to next year's school. This will be given through the use of puppets.

The public is welcome to attend this program.

degree of anarchy" and that the court "has the duty and the authority to act to save constitutional government in the State of Indiana."



**Kirkland Kut-Ups**  
A taffy pull at the Kirkland Kut-Ups meeting, held June 4, 1:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Dale parish hall, was presented by Karen Bieberich.

Demonstrations were given by Joy Kaehr on "Peach Delight" and Sally Leyse on "Toasts." The health and safety lesson was given by Mary Lantz on "Likes and Dislikes about Friendships." Iris Cauble gave the devotions.

Linda Conrad was in charge of the meeting. Pledges were led by Diane Aschliman and Cathy Cauble. The roll call was answered by "what I like to do." Group singing was led by Sally Leyse. The refreshments were served by Linda Henshen and Iris Cauble.

The next meeting will be held June 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Pleasant Dale parish hall.  
Reporter: Cathy Cauble.

## JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES KINGDOM HALL

Corner Monroe and Ninth  
Sunday 3:00 p.m.: "Can There Be A World Without Woe?" will be the subject of a public Bible lecture to be given by R. G. Schwartz a local Watchtower representative and an assistant presiding minister. Thought stimulating answers "Who can bring it about? and How will be given to the questions, can you gain life in such a world?"

Sunday 4:15 p.m.: Watchtower Bible study and discussion on the subject, "Overseers of Life." One of the scriptures for consideration will be Psalm 114, "— His own eyes behold, his own beaming eyes examine the sons of men."

Tuesday 8:00 p.m.: Bible study using the study aid, "Let Your Name Be Sanctified."

Friday 7:30 p.m. Theocratic Ministry School followed by the Kingdom Ministry Service meeting.

## Urges FBI Be Contacted On Red Approach

By LYLE C. WILSON  
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—What to do in case of fire and other emergencies is part of the growing up knowledge of American kids everywhere. Call the fire department, etc.

There is no common experience, however, that prepares the adult citizen for another kind of emergency that confronts Americans from time to time. This emergency develops when an American citizen is approached by a legal espionage agent of the Soviet Union with a proposition that seems to be both reasonable and harmless.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is eager for American citizens to be prepared for such an emergency.

What do do? Call the FBI.

**Legal Espionage Agents**  
There are more than 700 Soviet and satellite officials on duty in the United States. It is estimated that 70 to 80 per cent of these officials are intelligence agents in addition to their diplomatic and other duties. They are called legal espionage agents because they are legally in the United States.

Much of their activity, however, cannot be done legally within the restrictions of their accredited duties. Among other items, these persons seek books, pamphlets, photographs, charts, blueprints, production and training data of all kinds. When unable personally to obtain such material, the Soviet agents frequently turn to an American citizen.

The citizen may see no harm in procuring a particular catalog or company report for a Kremlin agent. The document is not secret. But unless the citizen is very careful, he may find himself soon caught in an intrigue from which he cannot escape.

"Contact us at once," is the FBI's advice for such a citizen.

**Have Different Motive**

"Generally," an FBI spokesman explained, "foreign intelligence agents have a motive which goes far beyond obtaining an item which is easily available to the public and probably has little, if any, significant value. A primary objective of legal espionage agents is to recruit others to do their bidding."

"They use the obvious means of exploiting Communist sympathy or ethnic loyalties. They offer financial gain. They use threats or promises where a hostage situation exists, that is, when the American citizen has a relative or sweetheart behind the Iron Curtain. They employ blackmail on the basis of existing or created situations involving sex, perversion, illegal activities or other circumstances.

"Citizens can perform a great service for their country if they will let us (the FBI) know immediately if a Soviet or satellite official makes a request of them."

## Illegal Usage Of School Buses Hit

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Indiana State Police cracked down today on drivers who use school buses illegally.

More than a dozen warning tickets were issued at Lafayette Thursday to drivers of buses carrying youths home from the annual 4-H Roundup at Purdue University.

Capt. S. R. Wasson said it is illegal for a driver to receive compensation above his school salary for driving the bus, even if that compensation consists only of gasoline, unless the driver has permits from two state agencies—the superintendent of public instruction and the Public Service Commission.

"According to the law, school buses must sit idle during the summer," Wasson said. "We find them being used to carry various groups as well as livestock and produce and about anything you can think of. Some drivers take the seats out during the summer."

A Marion County township trustee, Leon Pollard of Washington Twp., said if police enforced the law many children "will never be able to attend summer activities."

Wasson said police were "caught in the middle" as long as the law exists and is not amended by the legislature to permit broader use of the buses.

## Sweden To Contribute \$5 Million To U. N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (UPI)—Swedish Ambassador Agda Rosel told the United Nations Thursday her government will contribute \$5 million to the U. N. Special Fund for 1962.

Mrs. Rosel said the money will more than double Sweden's 1961 contribution to the fund's aid programs for underdeveloped countries.

## Three Leading Salt Producers Acquitted

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI)—Three of the nation's leading salt producers were acquitted Thursday night of federal price fixing charges.

The three firms found innocent by a U.S. District Court jury included Morton Salt Co., Chicago; International Salt Co., Clarks Summit, Pa.; and Diamond Crystal Salt Co., St. Clair, Mich.

A fourth firm, Carey Salt Co., Hutchinson, Kan., pleaded no contest to the price fixing conspiracy charge and was awaiting sentence.

Heads of the firms which won acquittal praised the jury's decision.

Daniel Peterkin Jr., president of Morton, said, "We knew that once we had a chance to tell the story of the dramatically competitive nature of the salt business we would be vindicated."

Charles F. Moore, president of Diamond Crystal, said, "It is inconceivable that there could be any other verdict. Our major shortcoming has been in not doing a better job of explaining to the public how our prices are determined."

Edward J. Fuller, International president, said, "We are relieved to be free of the unjustified and unfounded charges brought against us."

Fuller said, "The tendency toward similarity or prices, which has always prevailed in our industry, is the result of natural competitive forces, not a conspiracy or agreement to fix prices."

In a one-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury June 28, 1961, the four firms had been accused of bid rigging in sale of ice melting salt to cities and state highway departments. The indictment charged them with "forcing state, municipal and private purchasers to pay high, arbitrary and non-competitive prices for rock salt."

Had they been found guilty in the five-week trial before Federal Judge Edward J. Devitt, the firms faced fines of up to \$50,000 each.

## Held In Connection With Pepper Death

PORT CHESTER, N.Y. (UPI)—Authorities today held Mrs. Ruth Ryan under psychiatric surveillance in connection with the pepper death of her 2-year-old daughter, Cecilia.

Mrs. Ryan, mother of two other children and expecting a fourth, is charged with feeding pepper to the girl in an alleged attempt to cure the child of thumb-sucking and to stop her crying.

The coroner's office said the child died of asphyxiation.

## Irvin Defense Fails In Bid For Acquittal

SULLIVAN, Ind. (UPI)—The state rested its case today in Leslie Irvin's second murder trial, and the defense promptly lost a bid for a directed verdict of acquittal.

No sooner had Vanderburgh County Prosecutor O. H. Roberts Jr. completed the state's evidence in the slaying of Evansville filling station attendant W. Wesley Kerr in 1954 than defense attorney Marion Rice asked a directed verdict on grounds the state failed to prove the charge.

The jury was dismissed while the motion was made and argued. Judge Joe Lowdermilk of Sullivan Circuit Court overruled the motion.

Rice then opened the case in behalf of Irvin and said he expected to rest Monday, leaving Tuesday for final instructions to the jury and Wednesday for closing arguments.

Rice read into the trial record a transcript of testimony given at Irvin's first trial at Princeton in 1955 by William Bradley, Evansville, who he said could not be located to testify this time. The testimony referred to coins found on the floor of the filling station after the slaying.

Among witnesses expected to testify this afternoon was Larry Hill, an artist for the Evansville Press. Rice was expected to contend that a sketch, drawn by Hill from a description given by persons who alleged they saw Kerr's killer, did not resemble Irvin.

Irvin was sentenced to death in 1955 for the slaying of Wesley Kerr but a six-year legal battle ended last year when the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the conviction.

Prosecutors said Thursday they planned to call one more witness today. Defense attorney Marion Rice indicated presentation of his case would last until Monday or Tuesday. Three Indianapolis psychiatrists are also scheduled to testify regarding Irvin who pleaded innocent and innocent by reason of insanity.

Dr. H. M. Kauffman, an Evansville State Hospital psychiatrist who examined Irvin in May, 1955, said he felt the defendant was sane at that time.

"I think he was sane," Kauffman said. "He could tell right from wrong."

The prosecution called Kauffman after testimony by a parole officer who supervised Irvin in 1954 and 1955. Bert Miller admitted under cross-examination by Rice that in his report he said Irvin was sane but "psychopathic

with no apparent psychosis" and was apparently motivated by "inner urges and impulses over which he had no control."

Rice contended that the wording of the report supported his claim that Irvin was insane under Indiana law.

Kauffman said Irvin had an impulsive personality underlying anti-social feelings but that "I think he had sufficient will power to control his actions."

Kerr is one of six persons Irvin is accused of killing during a six-month crime spree in Indiana and Kentucky.

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## Miss Sue Merriman On Student Council

Miss Sue Merriman of Decatur will be student council representative for PEMM (physical education majors and minors) next year at Indiana Central College.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Meriman, R.R. 3, Decatur. She was graduated from Monmouth high school in 1958.

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