

Truman to Congratulate Reynolds, 'Bombshell' Crew

Pen Maker Rode Backward on Record Flight, 'Wouldn't Make Trip Again for \$100 Million'

NEW YORK, April 16 (U. P.)—Milton Reynolds, who rode around the world sitting backwards in his converted bomber, will go to Washington today with the other two crew members of his globe-girdling 'Bombshell.'

There they will receive the congratulations of President Truman for a record-breaking flight of 78 hours, 55 minutes and 56 seconds.

The historic flight ended last night at 11:06:56 (Indianapolis time) when Capt. William Odum set the plane down at La Guardia field, where it took off at 1:11 p. m. Saturday.

The 'Bombshell' lopped 12 hours, 18 minutes and four seconds off the record of 91 hours and 14 minutes set by movie-maker Howard Hughes in 1938. Mr. Hughes' route across Russia was some 6000 miles shorter than that flown by Mr. Reynolds.

Show Effects of Flight

"I wouldn't make that trip again for a hundred million dollars," the 54-year-old millionaire pen maker said as he stepped down from the plane.

All three fliers showed the effects of their three days in the air. But they were happy as they emerged from the cockpit and waved to the crowd of 2000 persons waiting at the field and pushed through 250 reporters, photographers and newsreel men.

Happiest of all was T. Carroll Sallee, flight engineer, who will be married tomorrow to Patricia Houlihan, 19, at Garden City Long Island. Miss Houlihan, whose home is in Cody, Wyo., loaned Mr. Sallee \$3 when he took off so he wouldn't have to fly around the world broke.

Worst Part of Flight

She was waiting for the plane at the field with the wives of Mr. Reynolds and Capt. Odum.

Mr. Reynolds said the worst part of the flight was the 2000 miles from Edmonton to New York. The plane ran into ice and fog between Minneapolis and Detroit. Prior to that the heater broke and the oxygen supply gave out, forcing them to come down to 11,000 feet and cut their speed for the final run.

Only 300 gallons of gasoline remained in the 'Bombshell's' fuel tanks when it set down at La Guardia.

Trouble Plagues Plane

Trouble plagued the plane almost from the outset of the trip. Its radio went out over the Atlantic and the front landing wheel became loose at Cairo. In addition, it was forced to turn back and land at Adak in the Aleutians after fighting strong headwinds over the North Pacific.

But despite the trouble, the plane smashed records on almost every lap of the flight.

Capt. Odum said the toughest part of the flight was "flying the hump" over the Himalayas at night. He said the fastest speed on the trip was 420 miles an hour over the North Atlantic.

Seek to Honor Hero

NEW YORK, April 16 (U. P.)—A resolution to name the new Brooklyn-Battery tunnel the "Hercules Mulligan tunnel" after a revolutionary war Irish hero who twice saved the life of George Washington has been introduced in city council.

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tinuing work on plans for off-street parking installations in the downtown area.

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Phone Union Appeals to Public

Both Sides Reject Arbitration Plan

WASHINGTON, April 16 (U. P.)—

The National Federation of Telephone Workers (Independent) will present to the public tonight its reasons for refusing to end the 10-day-old national telephone strike.

The N. F. T. W. announced that its president, Joseph Bierne, will broadcast on the ABC network at 11:15 p. m. (Indianapolis time) an answer to Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach's radio talk last night.

Both the N. F. T. W. and the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. rejected a strike-ending arbitration proposal by Mr. Schwellenbach. The secretary last night called on the public to "demand of each side" that it change its mind.

Mr. Bierne said the company would have to make a wage offer first and that the strike would go on until the company makes such an offer.

Demand \$12 Weekly

The health and safety and the welfare of the people of the United States depend upon the constant maintenance of the telephone industry," Mr. Schwellenbach said.

"I am asking you who want telephone service and who pay the telephone bills to demand of each side that they accept the proposal."

Mr. Bierne said he did not think the N. F. T. W.'s top policy committee would "seriously consider" any government or company proposal that failed to include a specific offer on the union's demand for a \$12-weekly pay boost.

Some government officials believed the union might be ready to call off the strike for an immediate \$5 to \$6 weekly wage increase with other issues left to arbitration. Mr. Bierne declined comment on such speculation.

Committee to Meet

A meeting of a special traffic committee, consisting of Mr. Hardy, Inspector Jacobs, Thomas R. Jacobi, city engineer; Noble P. Hollister, city plan director, and William H. Book, executive vice president of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, will be held soon to determine where parking will be permitted.

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Propose to Relax Ban on Parking

Won't Hurt Traffic, Engineers Believe

Relaxation of some parking re-

strictions placed on the mile square last year is being considered today by city officials.

Curb parking on almost every

major street in the downtown area is prohibited.

After observing the effects of the parking bans on movement of traffic, the engineers have expressed

believe some of the restrictions can be lifted.

Traffic Engineer Frank Y. Hardy and Police Traffic Inspector Audry Jacobs said they are of the opinion

that parking can be allowed along certain thoroughfares without slow-

ing down rush hour traffic.

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Death of Woman Held 'Natural'

Dr. William Dublin, City hospital pathologist, told the coroner's office today his autopsy of Mrs. Eva Wall, 57, of 2939 Wheeler st., disclosed death was "probably due to natural causes."

Mrs. Wall's body was found a block from her home early this morning.

Robert Davidson, 53, her nephew, told police he attended a drinking party with Mrs. Wall, but lost track of her as he was bringing her home.

He and Lee Wall, 65, her hus-

band, went out to search for Mrs. Wall after Mr. Davidson returned alone. They found her lying in a vacant lot.

Police said there were no marks of violence on her body. Relatives said she had been suffering from heart disease.

Police said Mr. Davidson had told them the drinking party was held at a home at 2939 Eastern ave.

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