

Atlantic Flight

Tar Heel Editor Abroad

(NOTE — Editor C. A. McKnight of The News is in Europe for a visit to the new state of Israel and other points in the Near East. He is writing a series of articles describing his experience. The first, describing the air trip from Boston to Lisbon, follows.—Editors, The News.)

By C. A. MCKNIGHT — LISBON, Portugal — A night flight across the Atlantic is about as eventful as a nap in a easy chair.

You leave Boston late on a cold and blustery afternoon, and spend a quick 17-hour flight in the fully-loaded Constellation. Up and up you climb to 17,000 feet, where Captain Roy Holden levels off, then cuts the four 2,200-horsepower engines back within a purring cruising speed.

There are no bumps at that height. Below is a white carpet of clouds. Above are the stars—millions of them, and when you glance into Navarin's starboard window, the stars seem to be within reach.

Navigation is a tricky business. Transatlantic crews carry two regular navigators, but all three of the pilots are also qualified to keep a steady check on position, using a three-way combination of stars, radio, and the stars.

SUN COMES UP FAST

And then, when it seems that you have just settled down for a nice evening's nap, the sun greets you. It comes up quickly and its light is all around you as the Constellation noses down Santa Maria one of the low, long islands of the Azores.

Chandler seemed far away as we got out of the plane at Santa Maria for a 45-minute break. The administration building, a World War II relic not unlike the one-story structure at the Douglas Municipal Airport, is set against a backdrop of low, barren hills. In front, across the runway, are the blue-green waters of the Atlantic.

Efficient Crews

The country here can't be impressed by the trimness and efficiency of the transatlantic air ground crews, and they have been flying the span so long that it's a humdrum operation. Several members of the crew asked me to see TAR HEEL on page 12-A.

OUR WEATHER

Fair and cooler today with increasing cloudiness and not much change in temperature. Light, Thursday mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms and not much change in temperature.

Highest yesterday, 60 degrees. Lowest this morning 38 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:59 A. M.; sunset, 6:54 P. M.

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ISOTHERMAL ZONE

Ever hear of the "isothermal zone"? If you've ever made an airplane trip by stratofortress, you've flown through it.

"Isothermal" means "of the same temperature." It's a region where the temperature remains virtually constant no matter how high you go.

In the troposphere, where we live, the temperature decreases by about one degree with every 300 feet of elevation. The stratosphere begins about six miles above the earth at theopause, and extends to twelve miles at the equator.

FIGURES IN STEEL TAKES

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SPRING POLITICAL ROUNDUP: GOP Race Still Neck & Neck Between General And Taft

A nationwide survey started after the New Hampshire and Minnesota primaries and completed just before the primaries in Wisconsin and Nebraska shows Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower running ahead by a token margin. In fact, the margin of difference between the two men has changed only slightly as compared with December survey, in terms of popularity among voters.

The general effect of the victory in New Hampshire and his strong showing in Minnesota seem to have changed independent voters. With that group General Ike shows a marked increase in popularity.

It should be pointed out that Taft's victories in recent primaries may alter the present position of the two leaders, just as the New Hampshire and Minnesota primaries apparently helped General Ike.

All voters classifying themselves as Republicans were handed a questionnaire by the men themselves as possible GOP Presidential candidates and asked:

"WHICH ONE would you like to see nominated as the Republican candidate for President?"

The vote:

GOP VOTERS ONLY

Dwight D. Eisenhower	37%
Robert A. Taft	34%
Thomas D. Dewey	12%
Earl Warren	9%
Harold E. Stassen	4%
Thomas E. Dewey	4%
Don't know	1%

Total, 100%

A month ago Taft was polling 34 per cent to Eisenhower's 33 per cent.

The trend follows:

GOP VOTERS ONLY

	Dec.	Today's
Eisenhower	31	37%
Taft	38	35%
Warren	14	12%
MacArthur	11	6%
Dewey	9	5%
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Contempt Laid To Grunewald

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House cited Henry W. Grunewald for contempt of Congress today for "willful and deliberate refusal" to talk about his mysterious connection with big-money tax cases figuring in a contempt citation to the United States attorney for prosecution.

He was at home under a doctor's care—so sick, his lawyer said, to appear before House investigators who wanted to cite him for contempt last Jan. 20 after five attempts, on four separate occasions, to break his silence.

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Committee Puts Off Hearings On Controls Curbs Face Major Test For Survival

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Banking Committee today recessed to consider the steel industry bill, which would raise wages, price and other economic controls. Chairman Maybank (D-Mo.) said the committee would postpone hearings on the bill until after the steel industry closed down meeting, that the committee would meet again a week from tomorrow to consider whether to hold hearings. He declined to speculate on what form the hearings might take.

The controls law, which the government's anti-inflation forces are basing their fight on, would force the steel workers to continue to work for the steel companies for a 100-day period, without a contract, even though the steel workers have already won a contract for 100 days in an effort to reach an orderly settlement of their differences with management.

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"I hope the country will not be fooled," he said. "This is no time to give the people's already weakened protection against profiteering and high prices."

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AVA GARDNER ARMFUL FOR GREGORY PECK

Union Picketing Bell Installations

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Actress Ava Gardner was apparently too much of an armful for actor Gregory Peck.

Carrying her over her shoulder on a studio back lot, Peck stumbled and tore garments in his left knee. It not only spoiled the movie scene, but halted production on the film, which is expected to start this week.

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Early Return Of Ike Predicted

WASHINGTON (AP)—All signs pointed today toward confirmation of a report that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is coming home soon to campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination.

One strong indication was the lack of denial from any quarter that he has mailed a letter asking to be relieved as commander of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces.

The report that Eisenhower had refused to confirm the report, Secretary of Defense Lovell Harrison, said no request for relief had been received from Eisenhower at the White House.

Bulletin

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—(AP)—Two Air Force planes from the 48th Air Force have collided in mid-air today. All twelve men aboard the planes were believed dead.

IDEAL HUSBAND

A man who thinks his wife's occupation is as important as his own heading.

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BULLETINS

COATESVILLE, Pa. (AP)—Lukens Steel Co. reported today that its employees are returning to work and the company expects to produce new steel from some of its twelve open hearth furnaces today.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Thomas L. Shoup, counsel for Republican Sen. Dewey, said today during a hearing that he is sure that his company would receive operations "on the next shift, as soon as possible."

Sharp Tremor Noted In Midwest Earthquake Felt in Four-State Area

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—An earth tremor was felt in Oklahoma and portions of Texas, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri today.

The quake appeared centered in Oklahoma, where desks and equipment in downtown buildings were in open bowls of water in a high school class room.

Higher office buildings at Des Moines and Wichita, Kan., were swayed, radio stations were swayed with calls in Kansas City and Independence, Mo., and Des Moines, Ia.

There were no immediate reports of damage.

The tremor occurring about 10:30 P. M. (11:30, EST) was strong at McPherson, Kan., "made the car register dance around," Mrs. Glenn Burke, a grocer, said. "The car was shaking so much that it was in a high school class room."

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One of the strongest quakes ever recorded in North America occurred in New Madrid, Mo. in 1811. This quake changed the course of the Mississippi River and created Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee.

There have been numerous smaller quakes since, but few strong enough to cause damage.

Other major cities feeling today's quake included Tulsa, Okla., and Wichita, Kan., Independence, Mo., and Omaha.

At St. Joseph, Mo., the quake shook downtown buildings for several seconds. One girl, working on the roof of an office building, became ill from the swaying.