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UP AND DOWN OR STRAIGHT AHEAD



An experimental plane equipped with a rotor for vertical flight and wings and a propeller for forward flight is displayed at the McDonnell Aircraft Corp. plant in St. Louis, where it was built for the military

services. Known as the XV-1 convertiplane, the craft is designed to carry a pilot and three passengers. It is expected to make its first test flight next summer after extensive ground testing. Above are two views of the same craft.

'Bop' Glasses Help Police In Theft Case

A pair of "bop" glasses—frames without lenses—helped police detectives today in the arrest of an 18-year-old Negro youth who reportedly tried to hold a cab driver at knife-point and rob him.

Detectives W. W. Stone and Homer Gardner arrested the youth at 7:30 a.m. this morning and identified him as Bobby E. Weathers. The detectives placed Weathers under arrest after finding him in bed at his home, 600 S. Independence Blvd.

Detective Capt. W. A. McCall reported that Weathers was picked from a lineup by cab driver Coleman R. Brigrum, 719½ W. Trade St., as being the young man who held a knife on him the night of Jan. 21.

WORK GLASSES

Brigrum said the young Negro was wearing a pair of "bop" glasses at the time he picked him up in his cab at Hawthorne Lane and Elizabeth Ave. The youth wanted to be taken to an address in Grifflin, Brigrum said.

The cab driver told police that when his cab reached Orange St. and Skyland Ave. the Negro passenger pulled a knife on him and said, "I want everything you have."

Brigrum struggled with the passenger and was knocked into a state of semi-consciousness, and the Negro fled.

During the struggle, however, the Negro broke his "bop" glasses and dropped them inside the cab.

Detectives questioned a number of suspects before identifying Weathers as the cab driver's assailant. A warrant charging attempted robbery has been signed against Weathers, whose bond has been set at \$2,000.

The arrest of Weathers, police said, solves the second of a series of robberies and robberies at night which have plagued the city within recent weeks. Willard Rose, Negro ex-convict, was picked up last night and has admitted recent holdups at two grocery stores and at the home of D. G. Smith, 201½ N. Tryon St., police said.

Detectives announced plans to have Rose interviewed by the operator of the York Rd. Drive-In Theater, who held him up on the night of Jan. 20.

Wife, Dancer Squabble Over Gleason in Hospital

NEW YORK (AP)—TV comedian Jackie Gleason starred in a real life triangle in a squabble between his estranged wife and a shapely dancer in his hospital room, the New York Daily Mirror reported today.

The wife dropped in last Sunday to see Gleason in Doctors Hospital where he was propped up with a broken leg.

She found Jackie already had a visitor, Marilyn Taylor, a dancer on his show, the newspaper, related, and pout away they went.

The Mirror said Gleason had his temper enough to demand a divorce of his wife, Genevieve, but he cooled off later and said because of religious reasons he would never seek it.

The Mirror reported this ex-

change between Mrs. Gleason and Marilyn Taylor.

"Do you love my husband?" "I do, very much. And I want you to know I didn't start going around with him until you had separated."

The Gleasons have been separated about 18 months. Their two daughters, Geraldine, 14, and Linda, 12, are with their mother.

The Gleasons married in 1936 when both were in vaudeville.

The Mirror said Gleason, who cracked a leg in an accidental fall on his TV show, told a reporter: "Say pal, looks like I've added a badache to my leg ache."

The hospital said today Gleason has checked out. He could not be reached at his Park Sheraton Hotel home. Mrs. Gleason and Miss Taylor

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Holdup Staged By Lone Gunman

DANVILLE, Va. (AP)—A lone gunman today held up and robbed the First National Bank's branch office in a Danville residential area of \$33,500.

State police at first said the robber got away with \$68,000. Later, bank officials said this was the total of money in the branch but not all of it was taken.

Benjamin Booth Jr., vice president of the bank, said the holdup man took only currency of \$10 denomination and above. He said the total was determined after a check of the bank's vault.

Police said at first three men were involved in the holdup but subsequent reports led to confusion over both the number of persons and getaway cars taking part.

Robert Davis, bank employee, told police the holdup man thrust a gun in his back as he unlocked the bank door. Davis was marched inside and forced to open the vault.

"You can't get away with this," Davis said he told the gunman.

"Yes, I can; I've got a car outside," Davis quoted the man as replying.

The branch bank is in the north section of Danville, a mile from the downtown business area of this textile city of 35,000 population.

French Brace For Assault

SAIGON, Indochina (AP)—French and Laotian defenders of Luang Prabang braced today for an "imminent" attack from the Communist-led Vietnamese. The rebel invaders were reported to have camped on the banks of the Mekong River.

Last week, French Gen. Siang Vong, vowed once more the city of 42,000 would be defended until the end.

He made the same pledge last spring when the Vietnamese invaded to within 12 miles of Luang Prabang, then withdrew without a major battle.

This time there was every indication the fight would be joined. The French said they had completed their major defenses against the onslaught.

The Vietnamese invaded Laos from the north early last week, sending at least a division through the jungles and down the valleys of the Hou and Soung rivers toward the capital.

As the rebels advanced the French and Laotian forces and many civilians withdrew under the cover of intensive French air bombardment, leaving rice stocks burning behind them in an effort to destroy food the Red fighters need.

Though the Vietnamese were reported officially within 25 miles of Luang Prabang, it was possible their advance troops were closer.

COFFEE PRICES SINK THE NAVY, IT'S TEA NOW

GREENSBORO (AP)—The coffee price situation has now reached the disaster stage.

Greensboro's two Navy recruits have reluctantly given up their old naval custom, the all-day coffee hour.

But visitors are welcome to a cup of tea—brewed in their office coffee pot.

POPE CONTINUES TOWARD RECOVERY

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican press office said Pope Pius spent a "fairly good" night and his improvement continued today.

The statement said that the continued improvement of the Roman Catholic leader is in part due to the increasing optimism over his chances for eventual full recovery.

It added, however, that the pontiff's condition still needs attention, largely because of his advanced age. The pope will be 78 March 2.

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IT'S WORTH A TRIAL



Five detectives pose on lineup stage in Manhattan police headquarters in a test telecast on a closed TV circuit received in Brooklyn police headquarters. If the plan works out, daily lineups may be sent by TV to all squadrooms in the city. (AP Wirephoto)

Dominates Conference

Molotov Talks On Germany

BERLIN (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov leveled his big guns on the German unification issue today, dominating the 14th session of the Big Four conference.

Reports from inside the parley chamber indicated the Russian led off the day's talks with a resume of the German situation as Moscow views it. With the secretary of state, it exhausted the best part of two hours.

Whether Molotov had anything new to add to the deadlocked situation could not be ascertained at this time.

AUSTRIAN ARRIVES

While the statements were gradually burying the German issue in the Austrian Foreign Minister Leopold Figl arrived in Berlin by air to present his case for immediate independence. The Big Four may take up the Austrian state treaty Thursday but in any event have decided to tackle the question not later than Friday.

A Western bid for the Soviet Union to prod Red China into action could not be ascertained at this time.

early Korean peace conference was this time.

reported to have received a cool reception from Molotov. Diplomats familiar with yesterday's secret session said the Korean proposition was presented to the Soviet foreign minister then as a possible step toward ending the Indochina War.

Molotov they said, made no promise. Instead he was reported to have stuck to his demand for a big power conference with Communist China and for a disarmament conference outside the United Nations. Secretary of State Dulles, Britain's Anthony Eden and France's Georges Bidault turned him down in secret as they previously had in public.

The four-hour secret session, first of the two-week-old conference, produced a communique stating the four had agreed to take up the long-stalled Austrian independence treaty by Friday at the latest. Reports today were that this was about the only thing accomplished.

Hagerty Says GOP Blasts 'Just Facts'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower's press secretary said today that Republican criticism of the Truman administration amounts to "just giving the people the facts."

James C. Hagerty, the secretary, made that observation to newsmen when he belittled the Republican accusations that the administration of former President Truman had opened the government's gates to Communists who betrayed security secrets to Russia.

Hagerty was asked at a news conference whether the White House had any comment on complaints by Democrats that the Republicans have been making "dastardly" attacks on the previous administration.

Hagerty replied at first that he had nothing to say on the matter. A reporter noted then that some of the criticism by Democrats has been directed at Eisenhower's chief assistant, Sherman Adams, who tore into the opposition party over the weekend. Hagerty was asked whether he was going to defend Adams.

"He doesn't need any defense," the secretary replied.

Asked whether he looked for the Republican "attacks" to continue, Hagerty shot back:

"I don't think they are attacks. I think they are just giving the people the facts."

Sen. Jenner (R-Ind.) fanned the mounting political fire anew with a declaration in St. Paul, Minn., last night that when the GOP took over last year it found "heaps of evidence of the duplicitous, the corruption, even the treason of its predecessors."

He said the New Deal and "Fair Deal" had "even tampered with the security of the United States and permitted traitors to bring us down."

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