

History was made at Nineteen minutes past one this afternoon, Eastern Standard time - when a giant bomber landed at March Air base in California. Followed quickly - by two others.

Completing the first non-stop flight around the world by jet. Accomplished by B-52 strato-fortresses. The mighty jet bombers - of the Air Force.

The flight began, in secret, the day before yesterday - with five strato-cruisers beginning the circumnavigation. One - forced out by mechanical trouble, and making a landing at an air base halfway around. Another - held up in England. The remaining three - continuing Eastward. Until - the flight of more than twenty-four thousand miles was complete.

Time - forty-five hours, nineteen minutes. Which is less than half the time -of the previous round-the-world speed record. Set eight years ago - by a propeller driven bomber.

Today's exploit - a refueling job. The Air Force doesn't say how many times those intercontinental jet bombers were refueled - winging around the globe. But they are known to have a range of about six thousand miles, without refueling. So the word is that, presumably, they took fuel aboard three times, while in the air. Air Force K C-97 aerial tankers - closing in, and making connections with lines of pipe, refueling - done at high speed.

This, presumably, occurred at three points - somewhere in the Eastern Mediterranean, then in some Asiatic area, and finally over the Philippines. Some refuelings, we hear, were at night - others in bad weather. As the three jet bombers kept going - on and on.

Somewhere, in the middle of the flight, they made a simulated bomb drop - which might have represented the hydrogen bomb.

Tonight, congratulations are being showered on

flight Commander Major General Archie Old and his men. Each bomber - carrying a crew of nine. All the airmen - promptly awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

The commander of our Strategic Air Command, General Curtis LeMay, declares "this is a demonstration of America's ability to strike at any target on the face of the earth."

An apt reflection - following the first jet circumnavigation. But there's another reflection, too - going back to Nineteen Twenty Four. When, man for the first time, flew around this planet. In open cockpit Douglas ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ by-planes, piloted by Lowell Smith and Les Arnold, Erik Nelson and Jack Harding, Leigh Wade and Hank Ogden.

As it happened, I was lucky enough to be named official historian of that first aerial circumnavigation, so I can look back and marvel - at how different it was then

Four planes taking off - Major Fred Martin and Sgt. Al Harvey crashing into a mountain in Alaska. Those that got around made the trip in one-hundred-and-seventy-five days - with fourteen days and fifteen hours of actual flying time. The remainder of the time taken up - with delays on the ground.

One hundred and seventy five days - then. Less than two days, now. Actual, flying time - one-tenth as long.



## CAIRO

King Saud arrived in Cairo today - for a Big Four conference of Arab states. A sort of Moslem "Summit meeting", to discuss that "Eisenhower doctrine". Egyptian President Nasser, King Hussein of Jordan, and Syrian Premier Sabry Auassali, in talks with the monarch of Saudi Arabia, <sup>a land</sup> so rich in oil.

All - a preliminary to King Saud's visit to confer with President Eisenhower. He flies from Cairo to Washington - this weekend.

In the U N today, Canada proposed - that the United nations police force be stationed all the way from the Mediterranean to the Gulf of Aqaba. That is - all along the frontier between Egypt and Israel. <sup>a</sup>~~The~~ British proposal ~~also~~ suggested that the Gaza strip be neutralized - internationalized. The same - for a strategic area along the Gulf of Aqaba, which is vital for Israeli shipping.

All this - as the debate went on in the General Assembly. Considering a resolution - which would give Israel five days to get its forces completely out of Egyptian territory.

London gives an interpretation of that latest noisy, drunken scene in Moscow - about which we heard last night, a reception for the Premier of Red China, Chou En Lai with Khrushchev roaring in his usual way. Or even - louder. Hailing Stalin - as a true Communist. And it wasn't only the vodka. The Moscow dispatches explaining - that the Chinese Reds brought along some real dynamite, Chinese liquor, that's one hundred and forty proof.

Communist sources in London are quoted as saying- that Khrushchev has won out in the struggle behind the Kremlin scenes. But - its a limited victory for him. Khrushchev - having ~~an~~ to retract a good deal of his anti-Stalin talk. But he survived the crisis - though at the expense of having to eat a good many of his own words. Old line Stalinists now scheduled for quiet retirement. Molotov and Kaganovich - on their way out.

A modified victory for Khrushchev - attributed largely to Chou En Lai. The Chinese Reds assuming - an ever-

increasing importance in the Soviet orbit. They never did  
*go all the way*  
~~go whole hog~~ -- for the degradation of Stalin. So Khrushchev  
has been ~~xxxx~~ retracting - largely for their benefit.

Last night, the head of the Russian Communist party  
was in tremendously high spirits. Which Soviet sources in  
London take to mean - he has won the support of Chou En Lai,  
the backing of the Chinese Reds. Exhilarating for Khrushchev -  
not forgetting the vodka and the Chinese ~~xxxxxx~~ *140 Proof.*



FOLLOW KHRUSHCHEV

Tonight, the Chinese visit ended - with a joint  
communique. Chou En Lai joining with Kremlin leaders in  
promising to support the Arab states. Help them - to resist  
the "colonial policies" of the "Eisenhower Doctrine."

H Strictly propaganda - trying to tag the United States with  
that old stale epithet of "colonialism."

## HUNGARY

The puppet Hungarian government - has expelled the British ~~militia~~ military attache. Ordering Colonel James Cowley - to leave the country within forty-eight hours. Charging - that he played an active part in the Hungarian ~~xx~~ revolt.

The Red regime says Colonel Cowley gathered information about the Russian forces in Hungary - and gave the data to the leaders of the revolt. Also - that the British attache took part in efforts to bribe Hungarian officials in behalf of the rebels.

## SUEZ CANAL

Here's a story that sounds like a wild one -  
printed in an influential newspaper of Paris Le Monde.  
Which reports - an American attempt to lease the Suez Canal.  
The American Arabian Oil Company and the Chase National Bank  
in New York - approaching Egypt with an offer. Egypt  
President Nasser quoted as declaring- "that, in the middle  
of the ~~sixth~~ Suez Canal crisis, those two American firms  
proposed ~~an~~ a deal to lease the canal.

In New York, a representative of Aramco calls  
the report "absolute nonsense." A spokesman for the Chase  
National Bank says - "we don't want any lease on the Suez  
Canal, or the moon either."



## IRELAND

The police of the Irish Republic have arrested - eighteen members of the outlawed Republican army. Taken into custody - at Limerick, Cork, Waterford, and so on.

The Dublin government, last month, announced a crack-down on extremists making attacks against North Ireland. Today's arrests - the biggest haul in the drive to suppress the I R A.

But the attacks continue - with a barracks blown up in Ulster, Today.



## PRIME MINISTER MACMILLAN

In London, the sad case - of Mac the Sack. Which is what London tailors are calling the new Prime Minister, Harold MacMillan.

Today the sartorial magazine "Outfitter" gave sour comment on the way MacMillan was dressed - when he drove to Buckingham Palace. To accept the office of Prime Minister - from Queen Elizabeth. He wore a double-breasted jacket, striped trousers, soft collar - and no hat. Not at all the correct formal attire - according to London tailors.

The magazine also finds him wanting, when he wears ordinary every day clothes. "In tweeds" it says, "he looks like the head gardener on some crumbling estate."

To which the sartorial publication adds: "The Prime Minister will have to pull his socks up. Which reminds us - that those he was wearing the other day were of a hideous color."

He may be a statesman to you and me. But, to the London tailors - he's Mac the sack.

## SUBMARINE

A congressional investigation - of the Navy's atomic submarine program. Senator <sup>Jackson</sup>~~Johnson~~ of Washington, sub-committee chairman - ordering an inquiry into the "curtailment" of the program. Why aren't we building a greater number of atomic subs?

Is it because of a lack of technical facilities? Or is it because the Navy plans a new giant super-carrier with atomic power - which would cut available money for atomic ~~in~~ subs? The Congressional sub-committee wants to find out.

## COMMUNIST

A New York Federal Judge sentenced Irving Potash today. Two years in prison - for the deported Communist leader who sneaked back into the United States.

He says - he returned because he wanted to see his family. But he wouldn't say how he managed to get ~~into this~~ ~~country~~ after being tossed out. ~~However,~~ The Communist leader got through in some secret way - and was trying to pass as a refrigerator salesman.



## UNION

Senate investigators are threatening to subpoena Dave Beck, head of the giant Teamsters' Union. Following an appearance of his top assistant, who challenged the committee's authority to investigate labor union racketeering.

A whole string of local New York officials of the Teamsters Union - have refused to answer questions asked by the committee. Taking the fifth amendment - when queried about charges that they forged checks, stole union funds, and were linked with Johnny Dio, who is accused in the case of Labor Columnist Victor Reisel - blinded by an acid attack.



## WEATHER

The thermometer said - thirteen below zero ~~down~~ down in Dixieland, at Gordonville, Virginia -- the lowest temperature that Virginia has recorded in ~~any~~ many years.

The cold snap - invading Florida. Hitherto - relatively immune. Florida - having a succession of balmy days in the eighties. Today, however, the capital city of Tallahassee was shivering - with twenty-four above zero.

The weather man predicts another icy night in most of the East. But its warming up in the middlewest and on the great plains. Temperatures in the forties - in Kansas.

## SOUTH POLE

A sad story - from the South Pole. They baked a cake - but the dough fell. So reported by Ham Radio Operator Paul Blum of Syracuse - who communicates with South Pole village

They told him how they tried to bake a cake. But the cake mix didn't work - at the South Pole. So what could they do about it?

Ham operator Blum got in touch - with the Pillsbury Mills at Minneapolis. Where experts explained - the trouble was altitude. The South Pole-on a plateau nine thousand feet high. Which requires - a special kind of mix. *The formula for*

~~They gave the right prescription~~ *which was* thereupon relayed by radio to South Pole village. Recommending - the addition of three ounces of flour to a five pound bag of cake-mix. *Also* ~~And~~ *λ* increase the baking temperature to four hundred degrees.

*So, They're trying that now, and the South Pole song*  
*"Come on down and we'll bake you a cake!"*  
would seem to be: ~~"If I knew you were coming, I'd have~~  
~~baked a baker cake"~~

## BABY

The famous British medical magazine the "Lancet" reports - a gynecological marvel. A baby - that started to cry before it was born. The doctors heard it clearly, but have no explanation of how - an infant could make any sounds at all without air. But the ~~an~~ baby boy was definitely heard-bawling, ~~The kid started to yap~~ before he was born.



## ALASKA

News from Anchorage, Alaska - about the old Malemute Saloon. The fanciers of the lore of the north are sad. The old Malemute Saloon - destroyed by fire. A big blaze in Anchorage - sweeping through several buildings, including that landmark. Reminiscent of the days - of the old Alaskan gold rush.

Must be something wrong with this dispatch, for in the days of '98 there was no town of Anchorage, and the Malemute Saloon was a thousand miles northeast of Turnigan Arm. It was in the Yukon at Dawson. At any rate the Anchorage modern Malemute Saloon has just gone up in smoke, so I suppose we ought to quote at least a couple of lines from Robert Service, and the "Shooting of Dan McGrew." Which occurred - in the old Malemute Saloon. Remember.

Back of the bar, in a solo game  
Sat Dangerous Dan McGrew  
And watching his luck was his light o'-love  
The lady that's known as Lou."



The old Malemute Saloon passed from the scene  
in Dawson long ago and now the new Malemute Saloon ~~also~~ <sup>in Anchorage</sup>  
is no more. So Henry, <sup>I guess</sup> the boys will not be whooping it  
up tonight!