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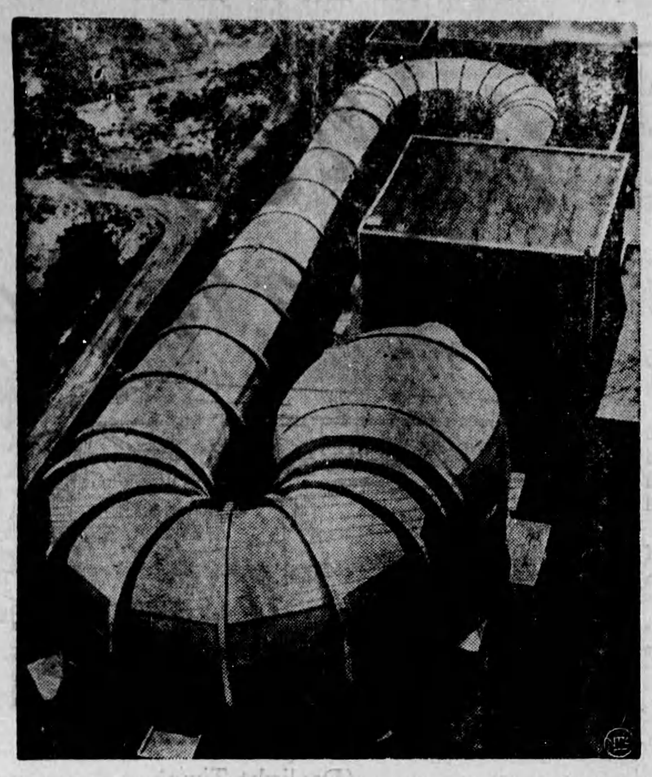


Latest development in scientific aviation research is this 12-foot low turbulence pressure wind tunnel, dedicated recently at Moffett Field, Calif. The tunnel is used for studying problems of flight at speeds of 790 m.p.h. or more. It was built by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Highlights of the News

Last of U.S. POW'S

1,420 German prisoners of war were to sail for Europe last week. After their departure only 200 German prisoners of the 376,734 who were once within the borders of the United States, will remain in that country. The 200, scattered in hospitals and disciplinary barracks throughout the country, are too sick to travel, or have been convicted for murder of fellow prisoners, robbery, destruction of American property and other crimes. They will be sent to Europe as they recover or complete their prison sentences.

British Army H.Q. Wrecked

A Palestine police communique said at least 50 persons were believed killed and 60 wounded in the palatial King David Hotel, Jerusalem, headquarters of the British Army and secretariat of the Palestine government, when "terrorists" exploded a bomb there.

Five assassins were said by eyewitnesses to have planted the explosive after shooting at a British officer, storming the hotel grounds and herding its employees against the walls.

The blast marked the latest phase in the effort to bring peace between Arab and Jew in the Holy Land. Even as the bomb exploded, negotiations in London were proceeding between Jewish and British officials.

Prime Minister Attlee said: "His Majesty's Government has stated and stated again that they will not be diverted by acts of violence in their search for a just and final solution of this problem."

Black Marketeers Lose

A nation-wide survey in the United States indicated that consumers were showing increased resistance to price rises in many cities. Operators of black markets in meat products were estimated to have lost $10,000,000 since July, because they tried to compete with the legitimate packing plants for the control of the meat industry in free trading.

Some black marketeers sold beef at more than $20 a hundred pounds lower than the prices they charged last month.

To Scrap Normandie

Fate of the once-proud French liner Normandie, rusting at a Brooklyn pier, was up to President Truman.

The Maritime Commission announced last week that if the President approves, the 83,000-ton luxury liner will be sold for scrap.

The United States seized the Normandie in 1940 when German panzer divisions overran France. Plans to convert the ship into a military transport were abandoned when it caught fire and capsized. The United States recently agreed to pay France $13,500,000 for the liner's loss.

Revolution in Bolivia

Revolutionary leaders in Bolivia promised immediate restoration of civil liberties after seizing the Government in a bloody four-day uprising climaxed by the assassination of President Gualberto Villarroel.

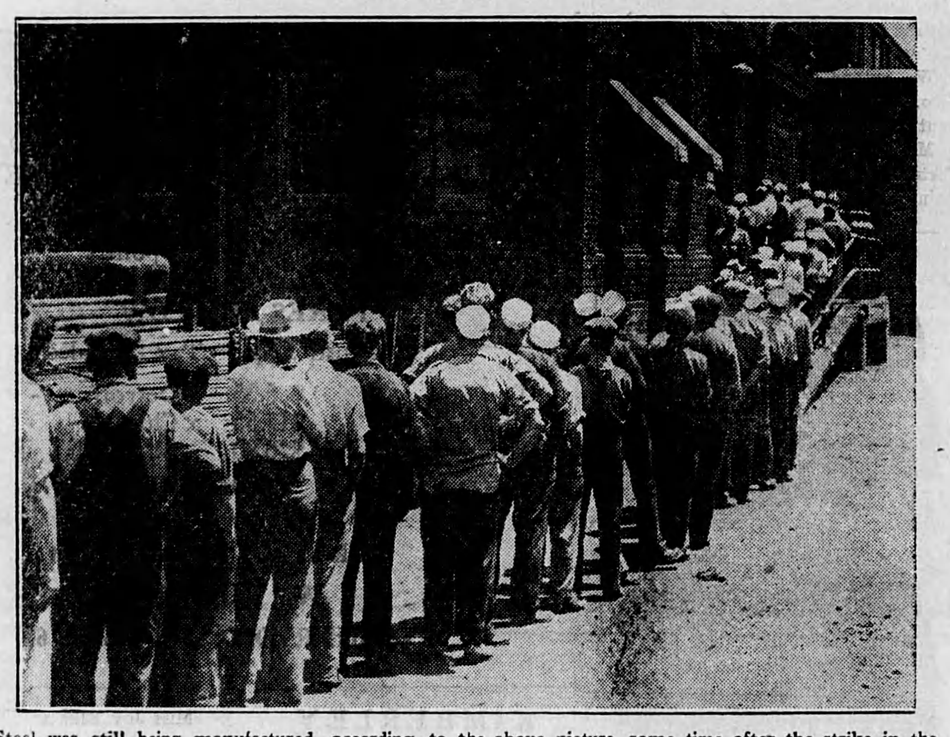
Street fighting, in which approximately 2,000 persons were reported killed or wounded, abated after the revolutionists paraded through La Paz with the battered, semi-nude body of the President draped over an army tank.

Villarroel seized control of the country in a military coup in 1943.

BIRDMAN

Style note for flyers is the new pressure suit worn by Army Air Forces air crew member above. It will enable airmen to live while flying as high as 62,000 feet. Previously, flying at this altitude would have meant instantaneous death.

STEEL STILL BEING PRODUCED



Steel was still being manufactured, according to the above picture, some time after the strike in the basic steel industry was called with both sides apparently settling down to wait one another out at the Steel Company of Canada at Hamilton. The picture shows workmen remaining at the Steel Company plant to carry on production being supplied with work clothes by the company.

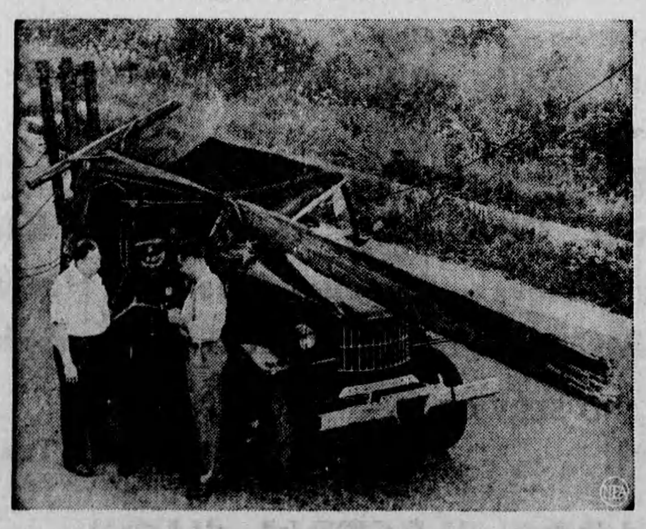
EXPLOSION KILLS NINE, INJURES SCORES

Four buildings were demolished, nine persons kiled and more than 60 others injured when a gas explosion rocked Onset, Mass. Many of the dead and injured were vacationers at the seaside resort. Explosion was believed to have been touched off by a lighted match or a spark from a refrigerator.

TROUBLE IN TRIESTE

Civil police of the Allied Military Government arrest a demonstrator for participating in street fighting during recent Italian-Yugoslav riot. Several were killed in blasts from land mines which cut Trieste-Udine railway.

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU



An official dressing-down, and maybe a ticket, is the fate of Nelson Carman, right above, 22-year-old former Seabee who hit a power line pole near Baldwin, L. I., with his converted 'recon" car, broke it off and carried it 350 feet before he could stop. No one was injured in the accident.

PALACE READIED FOR WORLD PARLEY

By Rosette Hargrove

The bedroom in the Luxembourg Palace at Paris, where Marie de Medicis once swapped palace chit-chat with her husband, Henry IV of France, has become the information center for the World Peace Conference that starts July 29.

Marie certainly never expected her 17th century love nest to be a hangout for the reporters of the world; but French authorities are making every effort to see that both reporters and the delegates have everything for their comfort.

The Luxembourg Palace lacks the imposing majesty of nearby Versailles, where the last peace treaties were made, but it ranks second among France's royal abodes.

In the elaborate chapel of Luxembourg Palace, clerks unpack records arriving for the World Peace Conference

Built for Marie on her marriage to Henry IV some 330 years ago, it is almost pure Florentine in design. Its towering windows open onto the beautiful palace gardens. Ceilings are high and panelings are all hand carved.

The Peace Conference will be held in that section of the building which has been used by the French Senate for its sessions. The Hall has a seating capacity of 314 plus a double-tiered balcony which can accommodate another 500. Accommodations for 150 working press will be reserved here.

In a room immediately below the Conference Hall, 40 telephone booths plus teleprinters have been installed for newsmen. The newsroom has been wired for sound so that reporters can sit at their desks and follow all debates. A modern recording studio has been built on the first floor.

Right off the newsroom the thoughtful French Foreign Office has installed a bar. Another bar and tearoom was built on the first floor for delegates and their guests. In one wing, five large rooms overlooking the gardens are being transformed into a restaurant and kitchens. Lunch and dinner here will cost a little more than a dollar, cheap in France today.

No Elevators

Delegates and reporters are going to have to climb the grand ornamental staircase to the conference chamber. The building has no elevators. But once they get there, they should be comfortable. Cushions for their chairs have been upholstered in leather on one side to make them cooler in the summer. Should the conference extend over into winter, all the delegates will have to do is turn the cushions over; the other side is upholstered in red velvet for cold weather.

Acoustics in the conference hall are excellent, and the French have installed a system of indirect lighting that automatically increases in brilliancy as daylight outside begins to fade.

During the war, German Field Marshall Speerle, commanding the Western Approaches of France, established his headquarters at Luxembourg, and stayed there until General Jacques Leclerc's tanks ran him out.

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