

N. M. Major Soars 21 Miles in Balloon

Doctor Sets New Mark For Altitude

Holloman Officer Makes Observations For Space Travel

By United Press
BRainerd, Minn., Aug. 19.—An Air Force doctor has soared 21 miles into the sky to set a new manned balloon altitude record.

The large but frail balloon reached an altitude of more than 110,000 feet at 10:30 a. m. two hours after take-off. It exceeded the old record of 96,000 feet.

The balloon rose nearly vertically from its take-off site in an



Maj. David G. Simons

iron mine pit near Crosby, Minn. At peak altitude, the balloon was three and a half miles southeast of Garrison, Minn.

Garrison is about 10 miles southeast of Crosby.

Sealed in Capsule

Inside a tiny capsule swaying beneath the bulky balloon, Maj. David G. Simons had been sealed a few hours earlier. Simons, chief of the medical field laboratory at Holloman air development center, Alamogordo, N. M., will be aloft approximately 32 hours. During that time, he will perform tests and conduct various observations relative to studies of man's adaptability for space travel.

The flight is expected to carry Simons from near Brainerd, in northern Minnesota, westward about 500 miles near Miles City, Mont.

The previous manned balloon record was set last June 2, when Capt. Joe Kitting soared to 96,000 feet in an experimental flight launched near Minneapolis.

Highest in Bell X-2

The highest altitude man has ever reached was 126,200 feet during Col. John Stapp's flight of the Bell X-2 rocket plane Sept. 7, 1956.

Simons was sealed in his pressurized cabin at 11 p. m. last night. He carried a supply of candy bars, fruit juices and pears.

Maj. Simons, a native of Lancaster, Pa., peered out of port holes in his gondola—laden with instruments—as Air Force project "Man High" got under way.

An endurance test of man's ability to live in an artificial atmosphere at high altitude, the flight was expected to give the Air Force important information on what pilots of the future must contend with during travel through space.

Maj. Simons, a slightly balding (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)



FIRST SHOT — A three month old dachshund "too young to have a name" receives the first inoculation in El Paso's anti-rabies campaign. Wielding the needle is Dr. J. G. Blue. Watching are twins Marcia and Mark Nering, children of Dr. and Mrs. A. Robert Nering of 2222 Hibert street. Marcia and Mark are helping care for the dog while its owner is away.

Spy Guilt of Ex-Solon's Daughter Is Established

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—House investigators say testimony by U. S. Counterspy Boris Morros clearly establishes the daughter of a former U. S. ambassador "as part of the Soviet apparatus."

Chairman Walter, Pennsylvania Democrat, of the House Committee on Un-American Activities said Morros has named Marsha Dodd Stern as a Soviet spy's counter-spy activities to the Soviets.

Mrs. Stern is the William E. Dodd, who was ambassador to Nazi Germany from 1933 to 1938. She and her husband recently vanished from Mexico City and belief has been expressed both are now behind the Iron Curtain.

Walter said testimony by Morros "clearly established Marsha Dodd . . . and her husband, Alfred Stern, as part of the Soviet apparatus." Stern is a wealthy investment broker.



Martha Dodd Stern

Morros, a Russian-born Hollywood composer-director, was revealed last week as a double agent who had fooled the Soviets for 12 years. He gave first details in a news conference in New York, and Walter said he gave the committee further information under oath in New York Friday.

Walter said his committee had been in contact with Morros for

the past six months, and has gleaned much valuable information from him. This, Walter said, included statements that:

1. A secretary in the U. S. Embassy in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and a member of the U. S. intelligence agency in Germany were

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Mystery 'Escort' of Actress In Confidential Trial Is Identified

By United Press
HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 19.—The mystery "Latin lover" of actress Maureen O'Hara was identified today as a married Mexican businessman who once figured in a child-custody suit brought by her husband.

The identification was made by Defense Counsel Arthur Crowley as the criminal libel trial of Confidential Magazine resumed after a weekend recess.

Crowley said he was "prepared to call to the stand a 'well-to-do' man he identified as Eric Parra. He said his witness will "prove" Confidential's spycy article about Miss O'Hara rocking with a "Latin lover" in Row 35 of Grauman's Chinese Theater.

As the trial resumed to begin again spreading the alleged escapades of Hollywood across the court record, Superior Judge Herbert V. Walker made a ruling that could bring sighs of relief from most of the more than 100 movieland luminaries subpoenaed to "tell the truth" about their intimate lives.

All have been speaking some legal means of avoiding sessions on the stand under oath.

Judge Walker refused to permit the defense to read into the record articles about the misbehavior of Hollywood stars other than those

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ACTRESS IN SPAIN.—Anthony Alber talks with Actress Maureen O'Hara in Malaga Spain during the filming of a movie in which Alber was an assistant to the producer. Alber said Miss O'Hara was in Spain at the time Confidential Magazine placed her as romancing in a Hollywood theater. (United Press Telephoto.)

Mayor Urges Shots for Dogs As Anti-Rabies Drive Starts

List Schedule For This Week

Mayor Ramon Telles today urged all El Pasoans who have not yet had their dogs inoculated against rabies to do so during this week's anti-rabies campaign.

"We want the people to have ample opportunity to comply with the law. We do not want to get rough with our enforcement unless it becomes absolutely necessary," he said. Six licensed veterinarians of the El Paso County Veterinary Assn. began inoculating dogs.

The drive got underway at 3 p. m. today. At five stations at 600 East Overland street, 400 East drive in Tigua, Trowbridge street at Chelsea drive, and Piedras street at Richmond street.

Declare Epidemic Area

El Paso has been declared a rabies epidemic area by Dr. A. B. Rich, director of the Veterinary Division of the State Health Department.

The present drive is part of Mayor Telles' campaign to get at least 70 per cent of El Paso's dogs inoculated. It is estimated that less than half are immunized now.

Inoculation of dogs in the present campaign costs the standard \$3 fee. Persons not having their dogs immunized are subject to fines up to \$200 under City Ordinance 551.

Schedule for Week

The six veterinarians who are participating in the drive will move to different neighborhood each day this week. For the remainder of the week inoculations will be given at the following stations:

Tuesday—721 East Rio Grande street, 111 South Harris street in Ysleta, and 3485 Sehiran street in Sunrise Acres.

Wednesday—White street, Delta street at Cargil road, and North Stanton street at Robinson boulevard.

Thursday—1218 Randolph, 4240 Alameda—Avenida, 47 Dallas street, and 3301 Fort boulevard.

Friday—3200 Pershing drive, 1801 Montana street, and Paisano drive at South Santa Fe street.

At the end of the drive the City will start a strict enforcement program if it seems necessary.

Bull Kills Woman

By United Press
Violence—some of it unusual—took a heavy toll of lives in Texas over the weekend.

Last report, violence had killed 25 persons since Friday night. Wrecks, as usual, killed the most persons—13.

Mrs. Angela M. Flores, 85, of Laredo, was fatally stomped by her pet bull Friday night, in one of the rarest accidents of the year.

Mexican Businessman

State officials are reported to be asking for legislation which would allow them to select public domain land anywhere outside of the McGregor area for the trade.

Showers Cause River to Rise

Showers from El Paso to the Elephant Butte Dam caused the river to rise and allowed gate keepers to reduce the rate of flow from Caballo Dam.

The White Spur Fire Station received 2.0 inches late Saturday and early Sunday. F. B. Holdsworth in the Country Club district reported 1.50 inches. Truth or Consequences received 1.76 for the weekend.

At peak Saturday the Rio Grande flowed at 3200 cubic feet a second at the Leasburg diversion dam, 60 miles north of El Paso. Recent normal is 1900 cubic feet per second.

W. F. Resch, manager of the Rio Grande Reclamation Project, said the present high flow is not a flood. "In fact it used to be the normal in the old days," Mr. Resch said.

Ed Muckelroy, superintendent of the Sanitation Department, said he had reports that the river might rise. He said that City workers would stand by for any serious rise in the river.

Flow from Caballo Dam is now reduced to 4000 acre feet a day, thus allowing more storage of water for irrigation. Normal flow from Caballo is 3000 acre feet a day.

The U. S. Weather Bureau forecasts scattered light showers today

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N. M. Solon Clears Way For Ft. Bliss

Anderson No Longer Objects to Army's Acquisition of Range

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Senator Clinton P. Anderson, New Mexico Democrat, expressed his clear way for the Army to take title to over 450,000 acres of public domain lands at McGregor Range at Ft. Bliss.

His office said today a letter probably will go this week to Interior Secretary Fred Seaton telling the secretary Anderson no longer objects to the withdrawal.

Interior, which handles such public domain land deals, had been asked by Anderson to halt any final action on the withdrawal until he had a chance to study the Army's proposal.

'Public Use Permit'

The Army first took over the land without any sort of Interior approval. It later got a "public use permit," which allowed it to use the land but did not give title to it.

It has been pushing for approval of a withdrawal certificate.

One of the issues involved in the withdrawal was determination of what public domain lands in state of New Mexico was to receive in exchange for its acreage in the middle range.

The state has leased its lands to the Government pending final settlement of this dispute.

Anderson's expected action comes as a result of two factors.

First, Senate Interior Committee has reported out a bill which would make it necessary for the armed services to come to Congress and get permission for any withdrawal of more than 5000 acres. This bill, his aides feel, has a good chance of passage this year.

Army Needs Land

Second, the Army apparently "made satisfactory showing to him that it needs most of" the 450,000 acres for the range.

If Anderson withdraws his objection before the 5000-acre withdrawal bill passes, the Army could take over the land on a withdrawal permit.

If, however, he holds off until the bill passes, the Army would have to come to Congress for permission—which might take several years.

The New Mexico-Interior hassle over what sort of land to trade may also require Federal legislation.

New Mexico officials apparently want to pick out the land they want in trade. But Interior says it can't approve that.

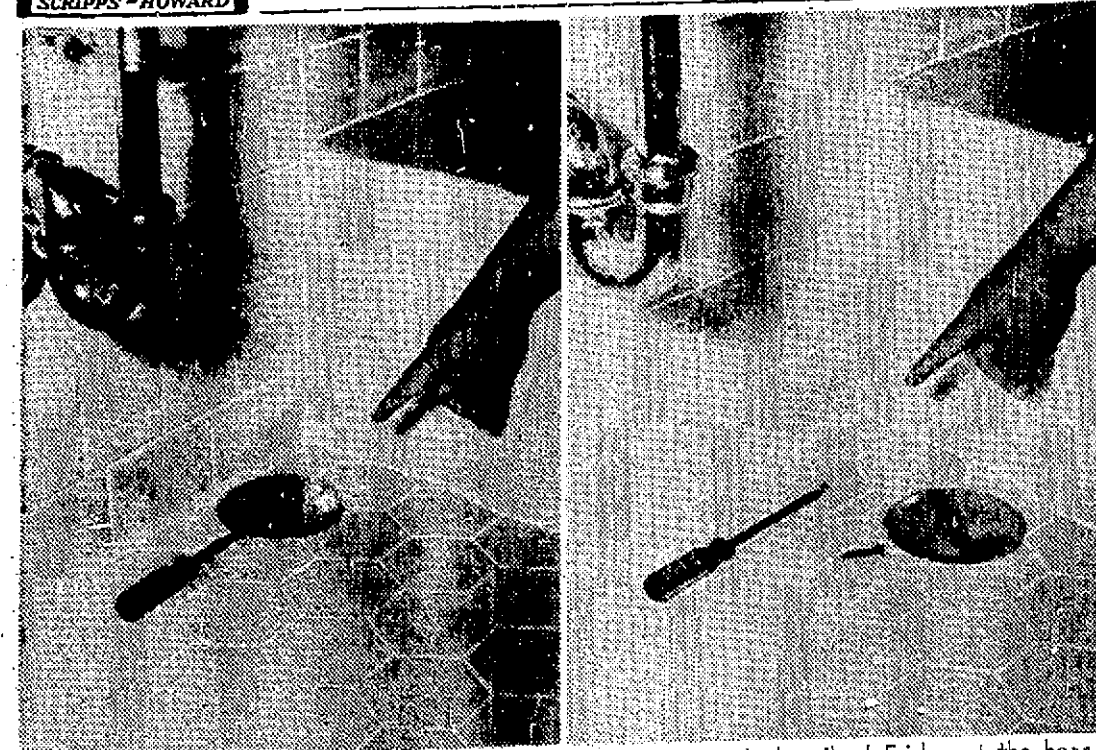
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FAULTY PLUMBING — Pictured above is faulty plumbing work described Friday at the hearing for City Plumbing Inspector Henry A. Parker, who was fired recently. At left is shown a "drum trap" cover, supposedly covering a hole which makes wall plumbing easily accessible. Picture at right shows what the cover really covered. Nothing but tile.

Charge Plumbing Workers Not Properly Trained

Two plumbing contractors mentioned Friday in the appeal hearing of fired Senior Plumbing Inspector Henry A. Parker hire improperly trained journeymen plumbers, officials of Plumbers and Steam Fitters Union said.

The two firms that figured prominently in the case against Parker were Coles Plumbing Co. and Prompt Plumbing Co. Neither firm is a member of the Plumbers and Steam Fitters Local 231, nor the respected Associated Plumbing and Heating Contractors group.

Other Companies

"Both of these companies hire one or two good plumbers at good wages and have them supervise several more untrained ones," said E. R. Miller, business manager of the plumber's local.

Mr. Miller said that "untrained plumbers" were ones who had not been apprenticed according to union regulations. Also some of these plumbers who work for low wages are aliens, he said.

Mr. Miller said that there are several other companies in the area who hire inadequately trained plumbers in order to economize on wages.

Submits Cards

Parker was fired recently on a charge of offering money gifts to two junior plumbing inspectors, Cortez Martin and Don Naron. In the Friday hearing, testimony from both indicated that the money was used to persuade the two to call plumbing contractors when examples of faulty work were reported instead of hanging a red "disapproval" tag on the job and stopping work progress.

As evidence in the hearing, Assistant City Attorney Hans Brockmoller submitted 10 plumbing inspection cards which referred to jobs done by Prompt and by Coles. of a \$30,000-plus contract at 3009 Fillmore avenue, contracted by Coles. The card showed that Naron had not passed this on inspection for several counts, among them a

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Five-Day Weather

TEMPERATURES 2-4 degrees above normal. Normal maximum 87-95, minimum 60-76. Precipitation locally heavy mainly in the Pecos Valley west in widely scattered thundershowers, otherwise little or none.

DISTRICT 12
Temperatures 1-3 degrees below normal along the coast to near normal elsewhere. Normal maximum 89-99, minimum 72-78. Precipitation moderate except locally heavy near the coast in widely scattered thundershowers.

DISTRICT 26
Temperatures 2-4 degrees above normal, rising the first of the week. Precipitation will be in scattered thundershowers.

DISTRICT 31
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LITTLE LIZ

As the world goes today, the American taxpayer is really his brother's keeper.

Safety Patrol Lacking; Man Drowns in Lake

The County moved today for enforcement of safety regulations intended to prevent accidents like the one yesterday that claimed the life of a boatman in Ascarate Lake.

Charles D. Hopkins, 58, of 1925 St. John road was knocked from a small boat by a speedboat and drowned in about six feet of water shortly after 3 p. m.

Another occupant of the small boat, William M. Reed, 56, of 7108 Cielo Vista drive, received cuts on the head and bruises.

Charles Hopkins Jr., 11, son of the man killed, and Palmer Reed, 11, of 2827 Lebaon street, were occupants of the injured man, also were occupants of the small boat. They escaped injury.

Coroner Charles Windberg Jr. said he went to the scene of the accident immediately after it was reported and that from the information he obtained it appeared the operator of the speedboat, Lieut. Enoch Merle Pence, 26, of 1414 North Piedras street, was not guilty of any criminal negligence, that it was purely an accident.

Lieutenant Pence helped rescue Mr. Reed from the lake and then dived repeatedly until he located



Charles D. Hopkins and raised the body of Mr. Hopkins. Efforts to revive Mr. Hopkins by rescuer at El Paso General (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3)

Fear of New Hostilities Looms in Middle East

By United Press
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Sheriff Continues Hunt for Couple

Sheriff W. O. (Jimmy) Hicks today refused to call off the search for Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson, although the missing man's sister requested it.

"The Pattersons have been missing five months," Hicks said, "under circumstances completely at variance with their habits."

"We're going to keep hunting for them until we find out if they are alive or well."

Sees Privacy Involved

A tentative request to end the search for the El Paso photo company owners—missing since early in March—came from Miss Mildred J. Patterson of Chicago, the missing man's sister.

She told Deputy Sheriff John Frizell, in charge of the Patterson case, that she thought the investigation as to their whereabouts constituted an "invasion of their privacy."

However, she related some what Frizell said when he explained there were "certain peculiarities" in the case.

Search for the Pattersons was initiated by some of their close friends who became worried after the couple disappeared overnight without notice.

No word has been received by any of the friends, nor by his attorney.

Tips Fade Out

Herbert Roth, who said he received a telegram from Dallas on March 15, some 10 days after the Pattersons disappeared, said he hasn't heard from Patterson since.

Roth told deputies and City police the telegram came from Patterson. On the strength of instructions he said were in the telegram, Roth has sold some of the Pattersons' belongings.

Patterson since has been reported at various places in the U. S. and Mexico. None of these "tips" has led to any information as to the couple's whereabouts, deputies said.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT

By United Press
NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—A bright business outlook has been forecast for the rest of the year by the National Industrial Conference Board.