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Maj. Yeager Receives Harmon Trophy

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President Eisenhower Makes Presentation For X-1A Flight In Ceremonies at White House

By LUCIAN C. WARREN *Courier-Express Washington Bureau*

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17—President Eisenhower and famous names in aviation today paid tribute to a man and a Niagara Frontier-made machine that hold the world's speed record. The man: Maj. Charles E. Yeager of the U.S. Air Force. The machine: Bell Aircraft's X-1A.

Maj. Yeager's feat on Dec. 12, 1953, in piloting the tiny rocket ship to a new world's speed record of 1,650 miles an hour brought to him today from the hands of President Eisenhower the Harmon International Trophy, the globe's highest aviation award.

"This feat and the preparatory work leading thereto," said the citation accompanying the award, "enabled the U.S. aircraft industry to take giant steps towards regular supersonic operations and making outstanding contributions to the field of supersonic flight."

Honored at the same time as the year's outstanding aviatrix was Jacqueline Cochran for being the first woman to pilot an airplane

faster than the speed of sound. As President Lawrence D. Bell and other Bell officials looked on at the White House ceremonies, President Eisenhower gave the two Harmon Award winners not only the coveted trophies but warm words of praise and a hearty handshake.

Another exploit of Yeager's was disclosed a little later at a luncheon given by Bell Aircraft in honor of the two pilots.

Maj. Gen. Albert Boyd, commander of the Wright Air Development Center at Dayton, Ohio, reported that Yeager flew a Russian built MIG "as high as any man alive including the Russians."

"Chuck also flew the MIG straight down from 50,000 feet to 12,000 feet, perhaps faster than they ever flew it," Boyd said.

Asked about the speed Yeager attained, the general said the figure was secret. "We don't want to let the Russians know how fast we fly their planes," he smiled.

The MIG presumably was the one which North Korean pilot Kum Suk

Bell Trophy Award Scheduled for Annual NAS Inspection Tour

The Larry Bell Trophy, emblematic of the "most efficient squadron," will be presented by a Bell Aircraft official to the most deserving squadron at the Niagara Falls Naval Air Station during the Annual Military Inspection of the base Saturday, Nov. 20.

Placed in competition in June 1950, the trophy was awarded last year to the 851st Fighter Squadron. In 1951 and again in 1952 the award was won by the 852nd Fighter Squadron.

The winning squadron is selected on the basis of overall efficiency and accomplishments while engaged in completion of Naval Air Reserve Training requirements.

The inspection will be accomplished by Rear Adm. Daniel Gallery, USN, chief of Naval Air Reserve Training, and Brig. Gen. Frank Lamson-Scribner, USMC, chief of Marine Air Reserve Training.

Yeager, Everest, Murray Visit Wheatfield Thursday

Three Air Force pilots who have made aviation history in Bell's "X" series of research aircraft visited the Wheatfield plant yesterday.

Lt. Col. Frank "Pete" Everest and Maj. Arthur "Kit" Murray arrived in a T-33 shortly before noon. Maj. Murray left a few hours later for Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

Major Charles "Chuck" Yeager and his wife Glennis arrived by commercial airliner yesterday afternoon. Yeager had come from Washington, where he had received the Harmon International Trophy from President Eisenhower in ceremonies at the White House Wednesday.



THE WORLD'S HIGHEST AVIATION AWARD, the Harmon International Trophy, was presented by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to Maj. Charles E. (Chuck) Yeager, USAF, in ceremonies at the White House Nov. 17. Trophy was awarded for Maj. Yeager's record-setting 1,650-mph. flight in the Bell X-1A last December. Miss Jacqueline Cochran was similarly honored as the first woman to fly faster than sound. (AP Wirephoto)

Choruses in Final Preparations For Concert with Philharmonic

Costume fittings, joint rehearsal sessions and steadily mounting ticket sales keyed the final week before "Bell Goes to the Pops" to hear the two Bell choruses, the Mixed Chorus and the Belladiers, in their first formal concert appearance with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra at Kleinhans Music Hall Nov. 24.

Franz Allers, nationally-known conductor of classical and popular music, will take the baton as guest conductor of the Philharmonic that night.



FRANZ ALLERS

Following the orchestra's rendition of the Overture to "The Bartered Bride" (Smetana), which will open the concert, the Belladiers will present two Rodgers and Hammerstein selections, There Is Nothing Like a Dame from "South Pacific" and You'll Never Walk Alone from "Carousel."

The orchestra will then play Clair de Lune (Debussy), Begin the Beguine (Cole Porter) and Highlights from "Oklahoma" (Rodgers and Hammerstein).

After intermission the Philharmonic will present Polyvetsian

Dances from "Prince Igor" (Borodin). The dances are currently being heard on Broadway in the score of "Kismet."

The Mixed Chorus will then sing Victor Herbert Favorites (arranged by Moses-Tobani) accompanied by the orchestra and The Open Road

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with piano accompaniment. These will be followed by a joint rendition by the two choruses and the orchestra of the Fred Waring arrangement of Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Final numbers on the program will be orchestral renditions of Trumpeter's Lullaby (Anderson), with a trumpet solo by Alex Wilson, and Offenbach's Gaité Parisienne in the Rosenthal arrangement.

For the concert the members of the Mixed Chorus will wear new costumes. Quilted blue skirts, white blouses and gold belts have been chosen by the girls, while the men will wear tan trousers, maroon jackets and gold ties.

The two choruses met Monday evening, Nov. 15 for a joint rehearsal of their closing number. The Mixed Chorus was host to the Belladiers for the occasion at the Humboldt YMCA.

Seat tickets for the concert, which will be followed by a dance in the Mary Seaton Room at the Music Hall, went on sale this week in the cafeterias at Bell's Niagara Frontier Division plants.

Security Booklet Stresses Employees' Responsibilities

A new 12-page security pamphlet, published in the interest of better industrial security by the Department of Defense, was included in all pay envelopes today.

The pamphlet reminds defense plant workers of their responsibility under federal laws relating to sabotage, espionage, security regulations, government property or contracts and the photographing of defense installations.

The pamphlets are distributed at the request of the security section of the Plant Protection department.



HERO OF EL ALAMEIN, Field Marshal Viscount Bernard Law Montgomery, was honored at a civic luncheon in Buffalo's Hotel Statler Nov. 16 attended by more than 1,000 persons. Inspecting a scroll presented to Montgomery are, from left, Buffalo Comptroller Chester Kowal; Lt. Gen. William E. Kepner, USAF (ret.), Bell's executive vice president; Mayor Steven Pankow and the field marshal. (Courier-Express Photograph)

No flew from behind the Oriental Iron Curtain to a U.S. Air Base in Korea. No received \$100,000 for delivering the plane and now is attending the University of Delaware.

On hand to witness the ceremonies at the White House and luncheon were Mrs. Yeager and his father, mother and brother.

President Bell warmly greeted the guests at the luncheon, after which he turned over the program to Bell's general manager, Leston P. Faneuf, who acted as toastmaster.

The Rt. Rev. Austin Pardue, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and former dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, gave the invocation.

Other Bell officials present included Lt. Gen. William E. Kepner, USAF (ret.), executive vice president; Roy Sandstrom, vice president for engineering; Harvey Gaylord, head of the Helicopter Division at Ft. Worth (Texas); Fran Dunn and Bill Boles, director and assistant director of public relations; John Rane and Gerry Clark, contracts directors for the Niagara Frontier and Texas Divisions respectively; and Vice Adm. John B. Moss, USN (ret.) and Col. Stuart McLennan, USAF (ret.), Bell's Washington representatives.



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Memo from-

FRANCIS DUNN

December 2, 1954

Dear Chuck:

We thought you might like to have a set of the photographs taken during the recent Harmon Trophy Luncheon in Washington, and at the White House, as well as some taken during your helicopter ride here.

Hope you and Glennis had a good trip back to Germany. Whenever you get back this way, I certainly hope you will make it a point to let me know.

Frank