

New Type B-5 For Photo Job

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 30 (AP). The Boeing Airplane Company has developed a new model of the B-50 Superfortress for use in aerial photography and weather reconnaissance.

B-50s built at Seattle are being flown to Wichita and fitted here with special equipment to do the job formerly signed to modified B-29s.

The new plane can operate 300 to 400 miles an hour at altitudes up to 40,000 feet, the Boeing company said. Namely, the RB-50B, the plane also can be used as a normal strategic bomber.

Flight tests of the RB-50B will be started soon.

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HONORARY MEMBER—Phillips Moore, right, national airports director for the Civil Aeronautics Administration, is shown presenting to Amon Carter a framed certificate of his election as the only honorary member of the National Airports Advisory Committee. The presentation was made at a dinner at the Fort Worth Club Saturday night, on Moore's return from a committee session in Los Angeles.

'REHEARSAL' PLAN MAY FREE 'BIG MO' FROM MUD BANK TRAP

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 30 (AP).—The Navy plans to hold a dress rehearsal Tuesday of Thursday's scheduled operations to pull the battleship Missouri loose from a Chesapeake Bay shoal.

Despite the Navy's insistence that it's only a practice run, there is speculation that the rehearsal may turn into a real effort to free the ship two days ahead of schedule.

Lending emphasis to the rumors is the comment of naval spokesmen that there's a chance

the "Big Mo" may be refloated during the rehearsal, set for 7 a. m. (EST).

Tides have been running above predicted levels at high water periods for several days, and if they continue to do so naval salvage experts believe the Missouri may come afloat without the aid of tugs.

Tuesday's operation will employ full strength application of every method listed for Thursday's effort. But the Navy insists it's just a co-ordination rehearsal to assure perfect timing.

Steps in the plan include full tension on heavy beach gear cables strung from the Missouri to anchors embedded in the bay bottom; "surging" tactics by a fleet of tugs, and the lifting power of six submarine salvage pontoons rigged beneath the ship's stern.

One spokesman says chances for success on Thursday are "quite excellent and are looking

better every day." The speculators say the same optimism could apply to Tuesday.

The Navy took one of its final preliminary steps Sunday. It set off 150 pounds of TNT in an effort to blast the suction which has held the battlewagon on the mudbank since Jan. 17.

Spokesmen said the blasts accomplished three things — loosened the sand beneath the 45,000-ton ship, weakened the powerful suction which holds her to the bottom and added about 75 tons to her buoyancy by allowing the ship to settle half an inch.

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