

Symington Hails Flight As 'Epochal'

Other Air Celebrities Join in Acclaim for Lucky Lady II and Crew

"Lucky Lady II's" globe-girdling flight was hailed Wednesday by Air Secretary Symington as "an epochal step in the development of our air power."

Symington, in Fort Worth to see the B-50 land, said: "It actually turns our medium bombers into intercontinental bombers."

Other comments on the flight included:

Gen. Roger M. Ramey: "This is the first of a series of long-range flights made possible by air-to-air refueling. It was a routine mission on the integration of communications and navigation all around the world."

Order Received Feb. 11.

Lt. Col. J. H. Thompson, 8th Air Force operations officer: "Part of the mission was to determine on what sudden notice such an operation could get under way. The original order was received here from Strategic Air Command on Feb. 11. On Feb. 12 orders went from here to 43rd Bomb Wing at Tucson and 509th at Roswell. The plane and crew were chosen from the former."

"On Feb. 21, refueling stations were ready at Lagens in the Azores, Dharhran in Saudi Arabia, Clark Air Base in Manila, and Hickham in Honolulu."

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'Lady' Never Hesitated, Took Gas in Air 4 Times

First refueling and control point of the Lucky Lady II was a pinpoint of volcanic islands in the mid-Atlantic—the Azores, a province of Portugal with 242,613 population living on 922 square miles of mountainous land.

Then, after passing over Gibraltar and Khartoum, the Lady "spoke" Dharhran in Saudi Arabia, at the center of the highly critical oil region ruled over by King Ibn Saud. The United States' three-year lease on the big U. S. Army-built field there expires this month, but the Air Force expects to continue use of the installation under a treaty now being negotiated.

HE'S SLEEPY, BUT READY TO REPEAT

Capt. James G. Gallagher, forcing a smile in spite of incredible fatigue, told questioners in his news conference after his epochal flight in the B-50 bomber "Lucky Lady II," that he'd "be glad to start on another trip like it right away—if I can just have a little sleep."

WBAP-TV Gives Prompt Coverage On Historic Flight

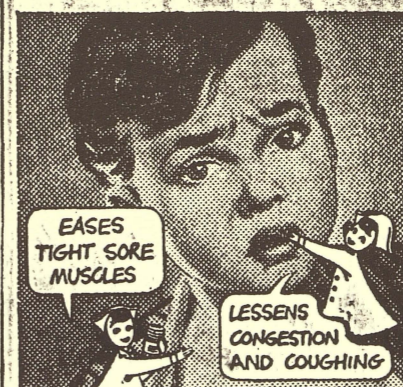
In less than 30 minutes after the globe-girdling feat of Lucky Lady II was flashed over the Associated Press wires, the Star-Telegram's WBAP radio and television crews were on the scene at Carswell Air Base broadcasting and making video shots.

The flash came at 9:30 a. m. and at 9:59:30 a. m. Lillard Hill of the WBAP newscasting staff was giving a direct broadcast of an on-the-scene description of the history-making event. At the same time WBAP-TV cameramen were shooting pictures which will be televised at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

WBAP again at 10:50 a. m. put another direct broadcast from the field on the air, including interviews with high-ranking officials on hand to congratulate the B-50 bomber crew.

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LOST NIGHT BUT NOT THE SHIP

Crewmen of the Lucky Lady II mentally checked the calendar Wednesday after landing in Fort Worth from their round the world non-stop flight and one reported:

"That shows we were gone only four nights. We've been cheated—because of the International Date Line, we actually flew for five nights." They lost one night somewhere between Kwajalein and Johnston Island, west of Honolulu.

Ends Bad Case of Constipation

"I used to have to take 3 or 4 pills regularly for constipation. Then I made KELLOGG'S ALL-BRAN my breakfast cereal and it proved to be a real regulator!" If your diet lacks bulk for normal elimination, eat an

Next, southern India and the south tip of French Indo-China passed under her wings and Clark Air Base at Manila was No. 3. From there it was a straight shot to Hickam Air Base, at Honolulu for the last load of gasoline.

At no time did the Lady go off her course or circle to refuel. She was making knots along the charted route every second she was in the air.

LEMAY SAYS:

Pole-by-Pole Run Would Be as Easy

There is nothing to prevent a non-stop flight by an Air Force plane around the "top to bottom" of the globe, Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, commanding general of the Strategic Air Command said Wednesday.

He said refueling technique similar to around-the-world flight just concluded would make the flight possible over the North and South Poles.

"If we need the data, okay," LeMay said, "but I don't see anything worth while from such a flight."

Moscow has a number of water stadiums.

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Capt. G. F. Roberts, 8th Air Force flight engineer: "Our demonstration of cruise control and air-to-air refueling was designed to get the most miles from the fewest gallons of gasoline. It was a standard ship with standard battle equipment. Ample fuel reserves were in the tanks at each refueling point. There was no circling; the plane kept on its course while taking on gas."

Feat Praised By Forrestal

The Air Force, in a wire received at Carswell Air Base Wednesday, received the plaudits of Secretary of Defense Forrestal on the historic "Lucky Lady II" flight.

Forrestal, in a telegram to Air Secretary Symington and Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff, who were here to see the B-50 land, declared: "The completion of the first around-the-world nonstop flight is a significant achievement. Through you I send my sincere congratulations to the Air Force and particularly to Captain Gallagher and his crew."

Veterans Aid Claims Increased Last Month

Applications for jobs, illness aid and disability and subsistence claims by veterans in Fort Worth rose last month to a total of 360, compared with January's 268, the Veterans Affairs Council reported Tuesday.

The Community Chest-Chamber of Commerce agency said transients and winter weather were responsible for most of the 69 requests for general employment.

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Even reporters flown by the Air Force from Washington to Fort Worth Tuesday night didn't know why they were here, and

didn't even know where they were going when their plane took off on the flight to Texas.

The briefing room doors were locked . . .

Then Air Secretary Symington broke the silence, and the best-kept secret since the atom bomb was out: Lucky Lady II was winding up her girdle of the globe!

Newspaper, magazine and radio correspondents present at the historic occasion included:

- Tony Link of Life; Jim Lucas, Scripps-Howard; James Bell, Time; William Huie, Readers Digest; Max Cook, Scripps-Howard; William Hardcastle, Reuter's; Walter Waggoner, New York Times; C. B. Allen, New York Herald Tribune; Leon Schloss, International News Service; Elton Fay, Associated Press; Charles Corddry, United Press; Clyde Clark and Frank Burkholder, NBC; Henry Griffin, Associated Press Wirephoto; Lloyd Norman, Chicago Tribune; John Edwards, ABC; George Tames, New York Times Photos; Ray Brandt, St. Louis Post-Dispatch; Dick Davis, Newsweek, and Howard Stephens, CBS.

'LUCKY LADY' AT BECK AND CALL

The "Lucky Lady" could have received orders at any hour on its round-the-world flight, Air Force officers revealed here Wednesday.

And there was every chance that an auxiliary landing field would have been near by in case of an emergency.

Between 120 and 125 auxiliary fields were designated for such emergencies along the route. They were not needed.

Shutdown Case Appeal Moved Up to March 16

AUSTIN, March 2 (AP).—The 3rd Court of Civil Appeals Wednesday advanced an appeals hearing in one of the original flare gas shutdown suits to March 16.

Hearing of the appeal by the Railroad Commission against a permanent injunction granted the Flour Bluff Oil Corporation had been originally set for May 4.

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