

Generals of Old '8th' Review the New as B-36s Roar on Birthday

Air Force generals who proved to the worldly the worth of air power turned approving eyes on the "new" 8th Air Force's globe-ranging B-36s as the battleplanes flew over Fort Worth Friday to celebrate the 8th's seventh anniversary.

In civilian clothes and retired but with their interest still centered on the Air Force, Gen. Carl Spaatz and Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, who built the "old" 8th into a mighty fighting force over Europe, were in the reviewing stand.

President Truman sent his Air

Force aide, Brig. Gen. Robert Landry, fighter group commander in the 8th in England during the war. In the reviewing stand also were two former 8th commanders, Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner and Maj. Gen. Clements McMullen, as well as Lt. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Strategic Air Command chief, and Maj. Gen. Roger Ramey, present 8th Air Force commander.

Promptly at 10:25 a. m., as the color guard passed the reviewing stand, the 11 huge red-tailed B-36s in formation—the largest number of them yet assembled in a mass flight—came in from the west directly over their Convair birthplace and roared over the reviewing stand at an altitude of 1,700 feet. Even the generals long accustomed to such reviews re-

laxed military attention to watch the spectacle, while veterans of the "old" 8th burst into excited comment along the cold, wind-swept concrete ramp of the field.

Behind the 36s came 18 B-29 Superforts of the 509th Wing based at Roswell, also in stacked-up box formation. Delayed by bad weather between Nebraska and Texas, the F-82 Twin Mustang fighters were 30 minutes later in arriving, but made up for lost time as they circled the city repeatedly while the bombers swung eastward around Dallas and came back for their final noonday "pass" directly over Fort Worth.

When Spaatz and Eaker arrived Thursday night, the former from Washington and the latter from

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of him in the middle of it." "When you look at this fine new installation, you can see that we are keeping pace with the cattle you are producing," he said.

Bidding opened actively as Auctioneer Earl Gartin got the sale under way.

Gartin told the bidders they had the opportunity to bid on some livestock "which are as nearly perfect as you can find anywhere in the world."

Carter made his own bid for the grand champion. The bid for the reserve champion was made for Leonard's by stock show officials.

Active in bidding were Carl

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Gates of the gala 53rd annual presentation of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will swing open at 4 p. m. Friday, with the grand champion steer crowned and ready to receive the admiring looks of the public.

The exposition, polished to the highest degree, includes many new exhibits in its home at the Will Rogers Memorial Grounds, and the first rodeo, at 8 p. m. Friday, will offer new acts. The rodeo cowboys were to ride in a downtown parade at 2 p. m.

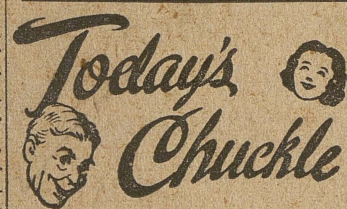
The grand champion steer, picked Thursday afternoon, is a Texas Aberdeen-Angus. Another from Nebraska is the reserve grand champion.

It was the first time in the show's history that both grand and reserve grand championship honors went to the black breed.

Winner of Goldthwaite.

The grand champion was "Kilroy Return," shown by Robert Henry Johnson, Goldthwaite FFA member. The year-old animal was

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A man and his wife were engaged in a bitter quarrel, when the woman pointed down the road. Two horses straining on either side of a long, sturdy tongue were drawing a wagon loaded with wood up the hill.

"Why can't we pull together like that?" she demanded.

"Well," rejoined the husband, "if we had only one tongue between us we could!"

AY COME ING B-29

The 15 men aboard were listed as Maj. Madison A. Veazey Jr., El Paso, Texas; 1st Lt. Richard H. Solt, Des Moines; 1st Lt. Jack H. Sayre, Manhattan, Kan.; 1st Lt. Jack P. Cardoni, El Paso; Staff Sgt. Paul L. LaFleur, Vermontville, Mich.; Staff Sgt. Edward T. Warren, St. Paul; 1st Lt. Maurice H. Smith, Brazil, Ind.; 1st Lt. Joseph C. Corley Jr., Edgefield, S. C.; Staff Sgt. Roy A. Young, Ada, Okla.; Staff Sgt. John L. Lumadue, Hastings, Pa.; Staff Sgt. Shirley E. White, Darlington, S. C.; Staff Sgt. Donald J. Higgins, Hiawatha, Kan.; Staff Sgt. Raymond F. Vana, El Paso; Staff Sgt. Rolland L. Gardner, Los Angeles, and 1st Lt. Gerald I. Grosscup, Houston, Texas.



THUNDER ON LEFT—Seven generals, including four former commanders and the present chief, dropped official dignity for a few seconds to "eyes left" as 11 B-36s, in the greatest such formation yet assembled, roared over Carswell Air Base in review. Left to right, are Maj.

Gen. Roger Ramey, Gen. Carl Spaatz, Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, Maj. Clements McMullen, Brig. Gen. Robert Landry, Col. Stewart Towle and Col. John A. Roberts Jr.

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California, they exchanged grinning, affectionate greetings and recalled the early days of the 8th's battle with Hitler's luftwaffe.

Spatz and Landry, accompanied by Col. Stewart Towle Jr., on a stormy plane trip from Washington, resumed a stubborn gin rummy game which had been in progress for eight hours on the plane. They played until after midnight.

Spatz, brisk, quick-spoken former Air Force chief, was emphatic that "the nation can't afford two air forces—it's too expensive. The present Air Force is excellent and the Navy's air force is fine, too, but there's no sense in trying to keep both of them." He praised the performance of the 8th's B-36s in their parade over Washington for President Truman's inaugural last Thursday, calling it "wise" that the Air Force has decided to order more of them.

Brig. Gen. Robert J. Smith of Dallas, national Air Reserve Association president, and Col. D. Harold Byrd, regional Civil Air Patrol commander, also attended the review. Spatz and Byrd planned to leave Saturday for a vacation trip together by plane to Acapulco, Mexico.

General Ramey entertained the visiting officers with a luncheon at Carswell Air Base at noon. After the parade preceding the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in the afternoon, they were invited as guests of Amon Carter for a dinner at the Fort Worth Club, before attending the formal opening of the Stock Show Friday night as Carter's guests.

ed, so Roscoe must go to the yards. There Freeman can buy him back.

There's another complication that's going to be important for Roscoe. He's scheduled to get his dinner Friday afternoon from a nurse cow, and the cow is going to be at the show, and Roscoe officially is not supposed to be.

That's where the show officials will come in—Roscoe and Ronnie hope.