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Constitution, Navy's Largest Plane, Crosses Nation At 260 Miles Per Hour

PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION, Md., July 25 (AP). The Navy's largest airplane, the 92-ton Lockheed Constitution, landed here at 5:47 (EST) Sunday after a 2,600-mile flight from Moffett Field, Cal.

The average speed was about 260 miles per hour. Tailwinds ranging from 20 to 50 miles an hour helped push the 168-passen-

ger giant across the country. The plane took off from the naval air station at Moffett Field at 7:28 a. m. (EST).

It was the first time the Constitution had landed outside of California although it has made about 150 test flights.

The plane is the largest ever to visit the East and is exceeded in size only by the Air Force's

B-36 and its cargo version, the C-99, which weigh about 136 tons.

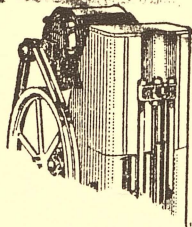
The plane left Moffett with a full gross load of 184,000 pounds.

The plane had 7,750 gallons of gasoline aboard at takeoff and used about 5,200 gallons. The ship was flown with only about half of its 14,000 horsepower.

Curran Re-elected NMU Head by 3 to 1

NEW YORK, July 25 (NYT) — The National Maritime Union (CIO) with its 60,000 members will join the ranks of rival unions Monday, with the announcement of the victory in the organization's elections.

The results of the election show Joseph Curran, president, re-elected by more than 3 to 1 of his "rank and



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