FIRST JET POD FLIGHT—Airborne Saturday on its first flight with added jet power, a B-36 bomber is shown leaping from the Carswell Air Force Base runway. Each of the streamlined "pods" mounted outboard on each wing contains two jet engines, developing more than 4,000 horsepower each.

New ORLEANS, March 26 (AP)—Missy Queen Barbara Jean Floyd, 18, flapped, scratched and kicked an air pilot husband Saturday and f a spanking in return. But the paddling "didn't hurt," she said, "because I had my title on.

The fumes took place in the lot of a house, before some startled neighbors. Miss Floyd and her husband, Capt. George Caughen of McBee, S. C., are leaving their South American marriage. She wants the marriage nullified.

Barbara Jean, "Miss New Orleans of 1948," met and married then seven weeks ago while she was on a tour trying to sit for American beauties contest. She flew for a Colombian air line, is 58. She is 16.

She returned home a week ago at first denied newspaper reports of the marriage. Then she said she had married him only because she was out of funds.

B-36 Jet Plane Gets Test Flight

Convar's newest experimental armed and landed at 8:05 p.m. Another expansion of the B-36 bomber, the perennial flight will be made this week.

Crew members on the Saturday flight besides Erickson and Witchell were W. P. Eastley, first flight engineer; J. D. McEachern, second flight engineer; Major Sgt. G. S. Fish, of the Air Materiel Command's local staff, scanner; B. O. Garlington, scanner, and Robert McEachern, second to be as severe as January's storm.

Washingtofl—The group of southern and southwestern states felt the rapier-like thrusts of tornadic winds Saturday and Sunday night.

At least 25 persons were dead, possibly 27. Scores were injured in the series of storms that began Thursday night in Mississippi and Louisiana and broke out again Saturday night in Mississippi after slamming across Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

The death-dealing storms swept two Texas towns early Saturday, after a Friday night smash. Then they bashed Crowder, Okla., and apparently yanked into Arkansas, ripping across the state's agricultural belly and hitting at least a dozen small communities.

Saturday night a tornado whipped through the small community of Belden, Miss., eight miles north-west of Tupelo, causing extensive property damage. Two persons were reported killed.

The full extent of casualties and property losses in Arkansas was not known. They were not likely to be as severe as January's tornado at Warren, Ark., where 57 persons lost their lives.

Two tiny northeast Mississippi towns were "blown away" by a tornado Saturday night. Col. Sam McEachern was killed.

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SUNDAE, MARCH 27, 1949. SEVENTY-SIX PAGES. WHERE the West Begins.
B-36 Jet Plane Gets Test Flight

Convoirs's newest experimental version of the B-36 bomber, the Model “D” with twin jet pods as a supplemental power, leased from the Carswell Air Base relief at 3:30 p.m. Saturday for its first experimental flight.

B. A. Erickson, Convioir's chief test pilot, was at the controls with Mr. Robert E. Hains as co-pilot.

Adding the purring sound of a fresh-mown hay bale from the engine of a ship's nine-thpr-type reciprocating engines, the twin jet pods made a measured noise that was barely noticeable, theBørk and circled westward on the test flight planned for last several hours.

The 22,000 pounds of thrust of power data on the jet power addition to the B-36 has not been revealed, but each of the four jet-jet engines, General Electric designed and Allison built, are reported to add more than 4,000 pounds of thrust, equivalent to 4,000 additional horsepower for each engine after the plane attained a speed of 375 miles an hour.

This, supplementing the 21,000 pounds of thrust of conventional engines, would give the bomber a new speed. It is expected to permit the big bursts of speed up to 450 miles an hour over 50 miles an hour more. In addition, boosting its altitude ceiling to at least 45,000 feet.

Since the jet engines began a few weeks ago and the first test flight was scheduled several weeks sooner than was first planned.

Results of tests with this first jet experimental jet engine are expected to determine whether the Air Force orders other B-36s modified in the same way. More than two dozen of the earlier models, equipped with 2,000-horsepower engines, are already being changed to the more powerful, 5,000-horsepower engines, with other developments incorporated. The original Air Force design for the B-36 planes recently was increased by 30.

Satisfaction with the ship's performance, as well its well-synchronized and Air Force planners have not concealed the fact that they seek now to "soup up" the big bomber's speed and altitude to a point that a point of view will be unreachably by present-day fighters.

For security reasons, a detailed report on the performance of the B-36 with supplementary jet power was not made. But, it was learned that the ship climbed to 40,000 feet during the three hour and 15 minute flight. The plane landed at 0:05 p.m. Another experimental flight will be made this week.

Crew members on the Saturday flight besides Erickson and Whitley will be W. E. Fasley, first flight engineer; J. D. McEachern, second flight engineer; Master Sgt. G. S. Fish, of the Air Materiel Command's local staff, scanner; B. O. Garling, scanner, and Robert Moller, flight analyst.

Company officials, including Ray O. Ryan, division manager, and Gus S. Greene, division flight man, gathered on the ramp to watch the takeoff and thousands of onlookers from the city's surrounding area parked their automobiles along White Settlement Roi. to witness the event.

2 Held I Sought In Slaying Near Beaumont

BEAUMONT, March 26.—With two men in Jefferson County killed and the murder of Elbert Langston, 22, of Houston, county officers are seeking a third man also believed to have been charged with murder.

Langston's body was found in a field about three miles from a Houston hotel by a deputy sheriff searching for an airplane. Langston had been shot twice in the head, once in the abdomen and once in a hand.

In held in jail are Henry Robert Giles, 30, Houston, formerly of Corpus Christi, and John Carton Branson Jr., 23, Houston. Sought is Bill Phelan, about 25, of Houston.

The search for Langston's body started after Branson gave himself up to Beaumont police.

Storms Kill 25 Hurt Many In Five States

By Associated Press

Five southern and southwestern states felt the rapier-like thrust of tornadoic winds Saturday and Saturday night.

At least 25 persons were dead, possibly 27. Scores were injured in the brief but intense gales that whipped Thursday night in Mississippi, Louisiana and broke out again Saturday night in Arkansas, slaishing across Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Spring bedding storms clipped two Texas towns early Saturday morning, after a Friday night storm. Then they dashed northward and apparently veered into Arkansas, ripping across the states and states with the cultural belly and hitting at least a dozen small communities.

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Two tiny Southwest Mississippi towns were "blown away" by the storm, according to H. L. of the National Guard reported.

Wind hit the town of Belden, eight miles northwest of Tupelo, and Cheesterville, four miles south of Tupelo, were "practically leveled.

Long said an unidentified Negro held up a store Saturday night but there were no reports of the robbers being killed or caught.

Tornadoes were reported from the storm. One total report was not report. The tornado was reported to be about 15 minutes before the twisters struck.

The Tupelo unit of the National turn to Storms on page 2.

Russian Showdown

With Tito Predicted

LONDON, March 26.—The London News-of-the-World predicts a Moscow-the day that a "zero-hour" might be near in a Russian-organised attack. The Marshall Tito's Yugoslav regime.

The newspaper, in a dispatch from Rome, reported that Russia is pouring war material into Bulgaria.

17 Families Homeless After Tornado Rips Springtown; Loss Set at $15,000

By JOE BELL

Time-Peterson Staff Writer

SPRINGTOWN, March 26—Seven families, including more than 50 persons, were homeless here Saturday in the wake of a weird tornadoic wind that whipped through the town.

But all four of the town's churches stood without a scratch for residents to offer thanks Sunday for the miracle of not a single injury, although 127 persons were injured.

The injured were taken to hospitals by bus driver, in a Ford truck. Fort Worth's Harris Hospital, which handled all but six of the cases, were injured.