



Record-Breaking Reynolds Flight Recalls Memories To Col. Williams

The record-breaking, globe-circling flight of Milton Reynolds, Chicago pen manufacturer, recalled memories to one Torrance resident this week, Col. Roger Q. Williams, whose flight in 1927 from New York to Rome and subsequent accomplishments in aviation added materially to the development of aeronautics.

Colonel Williams, who has made Torrance his home since retirement from the Army Trans-

port Command of the A.A.F., serving as assistant chief of staff of the Alaska division during World War II, recalled to the Torrance Herald many flights with Reynolds in the early 30s.

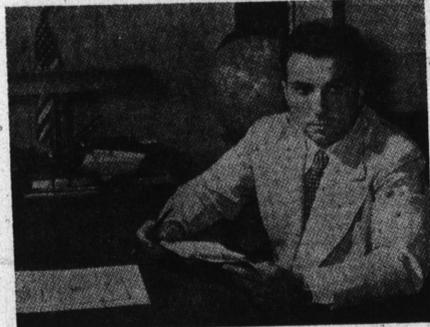
"Where Reynolds, in his 'Reynolds Bombshell,' an adapted A-26, has been making hops from one nation's capital to another at an average rate of 300 miles per hour," Colonel Williams remarked, "he too might recall the flights made from one state capital to another 16 to 20 years ago in his Stinson Junior, of which I was pilot, traveling at the average rate of 105 miles per hour, then considered fast time for that type of plane. Transports at that time were averaging 125 miles per hour.

"The distances which we covered in 15 hours of flying in those days have been covered by Reynolds in his world-circling flight, in three hours of flying. In that Stinson Junior he was flying for business purposes and I was testing radio receivers and transmitters keeping him in constant contact with various stations. In those days had only that one receiver and no sending apparatus. The two-way radio was yet to come to aviation. In Reynolds' plane today he has a radio range-finder, radio altimeter and a radio compass. In those days we had to rely on a magnetic compass, our sense of direction and the radio receiver.

"In the traveling we were doing in those days we had to throw out baggage to get over 12,000-foot humps. Today Reynolds can take off with a load which he can carry at 20,000 feet for three and four thousand mile hops, aided by oxygen equipment."

The plane Reynolds is flying is a converted A-26 attack plane which was developed during the end of World War II but never used in combat. It combines the speed of the A-20, attack plane, and the maneuverability of the B-26, medium bomber, and the load-carrying ability of the B-25, medium bomber. It has an automatic pilot which takes over after a take-off.

"Reynolds' flight shows the possibility of world air travel made available by the landing and navigation facilities built by the military services during the past war," Colonel Williams observed.



TO SPEAK HERE . . . John Kinfield Morley, well known speaker on topics of the day, will address the first Town Hall meeting of Torrance Kiwanis Club on May 16. He will speak on the subject, "Can We Prevent a Third World War?". The public is invited and admission will be free.

Torrance Kiwanis Club Hears Col. Morley At Division Meeting

Members of the Torrance Kiwanis club and their wives joined other Kiwanis clubs in Division One last Friday night to hear Col. John Kinfield Morley at the Emerson Junior high school auditorium in Westwood speak on "Can We Prevent a Third World War?"

Morley kept his audience of nearly one thousand persons spellbound as he traced the events leading up to the first and second world wars, and the moves that are being made today which may throw us into a third world war in the near future.

He brings to his subject the personal experience and authority of a man who was there, plus a legally-trained mind which sought the facts and interpreted them in the light of truth, free from propaganda and political expediency.

Torrance High Faculty Changes Are Announced

Two additional changes have been made in the Torrance High faculty, as Louis Monferino, social studies teacher, and Miss Roni Leitner, girls' physical education instructor, have been transferred to other schools.

In Miss Leitner's place is Miss Thelma Ward, Miss Ward was in the Red Cross for two years, serving in the Caribbean area with the Army Air Forces. Previous to that she was in the physical education department at Bell high school.

Monferino's permanent successor has not yet been named.

Redondo Driver Fined \$600 For Drunk, Hit-Run

Two men pleaded guilty in City Court last week to charges of drunk driving, one to a hit-and-run charge.

Billy Sunday, Carroll, 31, of Redondo Beach, was arrested April 9 and fined \$600 April 10 for driving while intoxicated and falling to stop after an accident, \$400 of which was suspended.

Donald L. Anderson, 34, of Compton, was arrested April 8 and fined at his hearing April 11, \$100.

FIRST HIGH SCHOOL

The first public high school in the United States was established at Boston, Massachusetts in 1871.

LB Man Killed, One Injured In Accident Sunday

By Gene Byrnes

One man was dead and another seriously injured Sunday afternoon as the result of a collision at the intersection of 182nd st., and Prairie ave.

Frank E. Scovil, 45, of Long Beach, died at Harbor General hospital from injuries received in the accident, and William D. Walton, 22, of Gardena, was admitted to the hospital with critical injuries.

Scovil was driving south on Prairie and when he crossed the intersection, his car was struck by that driven by Walton who was traveling east on 182nd st. The impact of the collision totally demolished both automobiles.

Doctors at the hospital gave Walton a good chance to recover.

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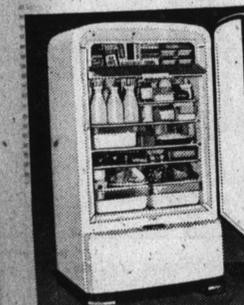
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