

THE GOSSIP COLUMN by Robin Adams Sloan

Q: Marilyn Monroe looks so completely different in these retrospectives of photos from her discovery till the time of her death. Just compare most of her pictures with stills from "Something's Got to Give," her last unfinished movie. Had she had plastic surgery on her body? — G. P., Hartford, Conn.

A: The startling difference between the zaitlik Marilyn of "Niagara" and the svelte platinum blonde who died just ten years ago, after only five days of shooting on the movie you mention, was surgery. But not plastic. Marilyn's look and shape changed drastically after she had her gall bladder out in the early 60s and could no longer eat fatty foods.

Q: It looks to me like you people in the press are giving poor old George McGovern quite a critical reception. Why is that, when the press reaction to Sargent Shriver is so glowing? — P. K., Paterson, N.J.

A: You may be right that the press is bending over backward to prove to the Nixon Administration that the media aren't partial to McGovern. But in the case of Sarge Shriver, the good press seems to be sincere. European reporters like Shriver, who bowled everyone over as Ambassador to France. As for the U.S., American reporters like Sarge because he comes back in the plane, sits down, has a drink, shoots the breeze with them and never holds anybody at arm's length.

Q: We don't hear much about Andy Williams dating Ethel Kennedy any more. What's the singer doing? — H. H., Ames, Iowa.

A: Andy's on a European tour this summer and you need him around to announce those dates with Mrs. Kennedy to one and all. Andy claims these days that he'd like to get back together with his wife, Claudine. The couple, who have three children, have been separated for about a year and a half. In the meantime, Williams was seen escorting Minda Feliciano to all the London night spots and at one place he serenaded the Philippine beauty with Hawaiian love songs. If you're wondering who Minda is—she's the girl Michael Caine recently dumped.

Q: How do some of these famous women put up with these husband-managers who hang on them and ride their coattails? — W. T., Las Vegas, Nev.

A: Well, they don't look at it that way. Jackie Susann really couldn't get along without her producer-manager husband, Irving Mansfield, who was a successful press agent before she became well-known. Ann-Margret simply can't function without the Svengali influence of her husband, Roger Smith. Doris Day never moved a muscle without the advice of the late Marty Melcher. Sonny is the brain and drive behind Cher. Carol Burnett's husband, Joe Hamilton, is her producer and the behind-the-scenes man who makes the decisions. Carol Channing considers the work of her husband-manager, Charles Lowe, the reason for her success today. These men are the brains behind their wives' higher profiles.

Q: There is so much to learn and be aware of nowadays, I just can't keep up. Isn't anybody going to invent a pill or something to help out with this overkill of information? — P. L., Baltimore, Md.

A: Yes, there's now an organization called Free Learning Exchange (FLEX), an educational clearing house and directory of information sources, with a registry of teachers and students knowledgeable in all kinds of subjects. You can sign up for this free-form education, find another person for discussion or offer your own learning to it, for a fee or in exchange for similar service. If you want to teach or be taught, FLEX will also help you get resource materials, books and records. FLEX is located in New York City. Tel: 212-757-3836. Inquiry is free. Services at FLEX are free to some people; others are asked to contribute at least \$3.

QUESTION YOU NEVER ASKED. HERE'S THE ANSWER ANYWAY: What do sophisticated Parisians want to see? Why, Brigitte Bardot's new \$250,000 apartment. The bedroom is completely covered in silk and boasts the biggest bed in France. The bathroom has an enormous circular tub, a mirrored ceiling, and a beautiful view of the city through a big window next to the tub. And when she's in the tub—a beautiful view of B.B.

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Bruce Blossat—In Washington Wishful Thinking On Taxes

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Sen. George McGovern, in his second try of the year at an economic plan, correctly sensed that Americans want a fairer tax system. But he is no more candid than President Nixon about the real prospect of higher taxes in the years ahead.

Mr. Nixon and top administration officials have been saying since spring that a heavier tax burden is not in sight.

McGovern in New York said, and repeated for strong effect, that "No American whose income comes from wages and salaries would pay one penny more in federal taxes (under McGovern tax reforms) than he does now."

That sounds like an open-ended promise not to institute a general income tax increase, even though McGovern's reforms are designed to pick up an extra \$22 billion by closing many tax loopholes.

These buttery assurances from

the two major party presidential nominees don't register well when set beside the budget outlook for the next four years. As noted in a recent column, the prospect is that by fiscal 1977 the federal budget will have been enlarged by another \$100 billion—to the vicinity of \$350 billion annually.

Mr. Nixon and his people want us to believe that economies in government, and prudence in adopting new programs, will keep tax rates steady.

McGovern wants us to think that soaking the rich and chopping at the big defense budget will avoid the pain of higher general tax burdens.

But the hard judgments of many economists and tax experts suggest that neither candidate is really leveling with us. There are enormous built-in escalators in the budget. Programs grow as population rises. Automatic cost-of-living increases are already prescribed by law. A good part of the budget is, in a sense, unchangeable.

Mr. Nixon was probably chided for distorting the tax situation as recently as in his acceptance speech at Miami Beach. Right now it is McGovern's turn, since he has put himself on the firing line.

In his New York speech, he quickly left candor behind when he complained of the revenue-draining effect of tax cuts put through under Mr. Nixon in 1969 and 1971. That left out one of the biggest cuts of all, under Lyndon Johnson in 1964. The Brookings Institution estimates that without those three cuts the federal treasury today would be getting \$35 billion more a year in income tax collections.

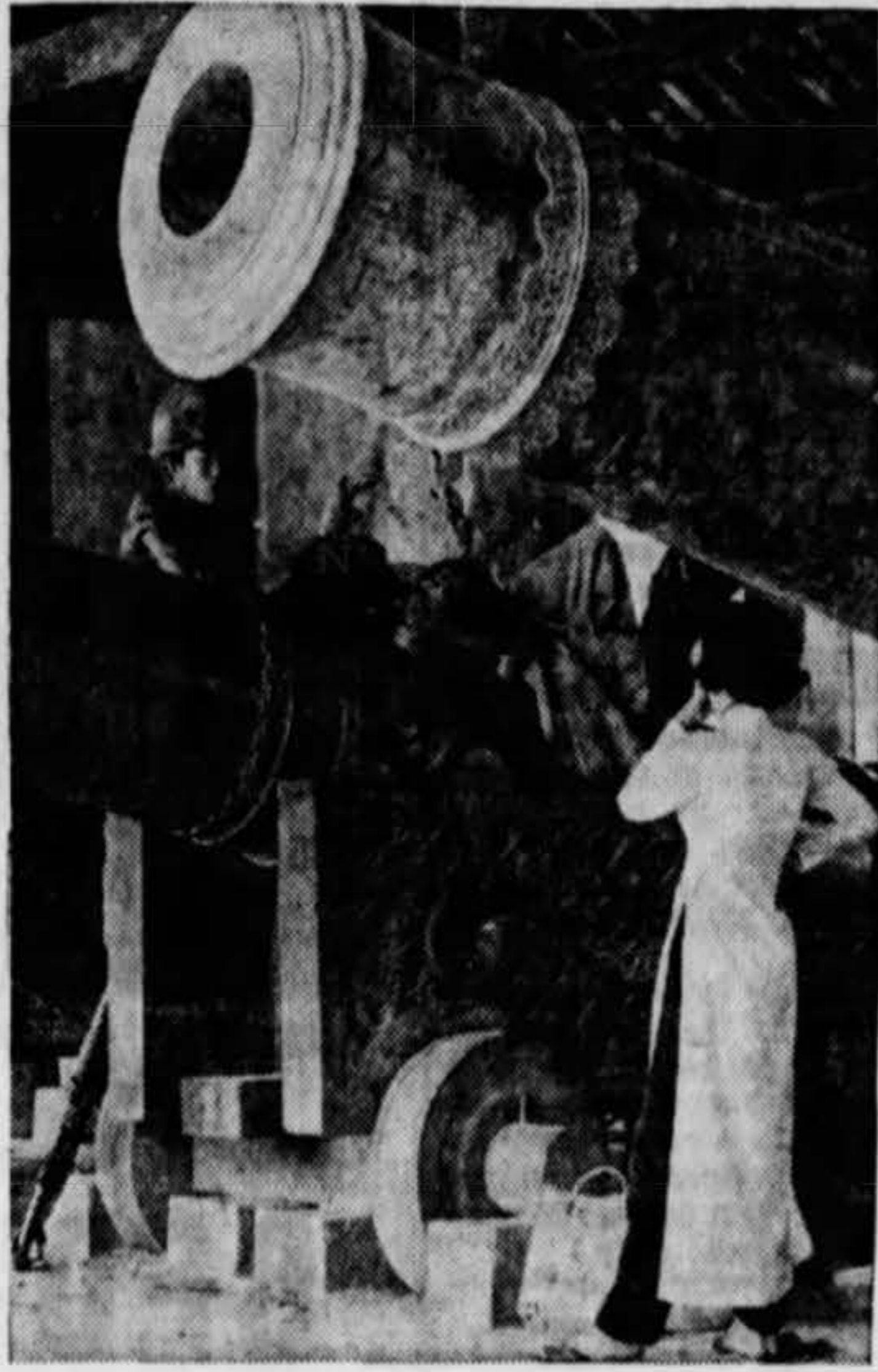
McGovern faults Mr. Nixon for allegedly having a "secret plan" for property tax relief. If he is elected McGovern says, he will propose allotting \$15 billion in federal monies to local school systems, to "assure substantial property tax relief."

The fact is that the federal government can't offer such assurances. Even if the dispensing of U.S. funds to schools should be tied to cutbacks in use of the property tax for schools, counties and other local taxing units may simply apply heavy and rising levies to other purposes.

McGovern flatly asserts that his reforms aimed at raising \$22 billion by wiping out or reducing tax preferences affecting capital gains, oil depletion, depreciation allowance, etc., would not decrease "the incentives for growth and initiative" in the economy. He says "that is the McGovern position," but in fact it's only a hope. The full consequences of such changes can't really be firmly forecast.

McGovern, then, is telling the average taxpayer that he has nothing to fear from him, that only the corporations and the rich will be hit by his reforms, and that even they won't lose their spirit. But against the hard rock of soaring budgets to come, his promise to spare Americans new tax burdens breaks like a fragile wave.

A Maryland firm has developed a rader system that would enable harbor controllers on shore to direct ships the way air traffic controllers guide planes at airports.



ANCIENT GUNS that once guarded Hue, South Vietnam, are the setting as a soldier on guard and a young girl seem about to, shall we say, fraternize?

Switchback Trail Run Will Be Held Oct. 28

The second annual Switchback Trail Run will be held on Oct. 28 starting at 2 p.m., it was announced.

The course, more than seven miles long, will be over the upper parts of the historic Switchback Trail from Summit Hill to the tip of Mount Pisgah overlooking Jim Thorpe.

Serious runners, joggers and walkers are being invited to take part in the event. Its purpose is to focus attention on the campaign to protect and preserve the Switchback Trail, which is the remaining right of way of the Switchback Railroad, which once carried coal and then tourists on criss-crossing, gently graded routes through the woods on the mountainside paralleling the Bloomingdale Valley.

Bicycle riders are encouraged to join the walkers and runners for the first half of the course from Summit Hill to the point where the Switchback routes crossed, a spot marked by the remains of a stone overpass, about a quarter mile west of the breast of the Mauch Chunk Creek Watershed Dam.

It is at this point that the route of the run will swing slightly uphill after a slight downgrade from Summit Hill. The route will rise steadily until the mountaintop finish line is reached.

Summit Hill police will again be asked to escort the group from the starting point at the Summit Hill Borough Park through the town on Holland Street to the Stony Lonesome Road, which merges with the Switchback Trail around the mountainside east of Summit Hill.

From there the course is a graded path through the woods.

The going becomes a bit rough on the uphill half, which is marked by railroad ties, potholes, overhanging branches and fallen trees. At one point the trail crosses a rock ledge above the Hackelbernie mine tunnel, which is one of the oldest mine tunnels in the United States. The ledge is wide enough to cross easily on foot, but it isn't recommended for bicyclists, horseback riders or trail bikers.

Organizers of last year's run, Ed Gildea of Lansford and Rich Benyo of Jim Thorpe, said it will be slightly different this year. Last year they teamed up for a relay. Gildea running the first half and passing a gold-plated spike from the defunct railroad to Benyo, who ran the second part.

This year both will try the entire route. Collegiate distance runner Bob Thomas led the pack last year, covering the route in 48 minutes. He was the only man who actually ran the entire distance.

Gildea said he hoped for a bigger turnout this year and urged anyone interested in running, jogging or hiking to join in the Oct. 28 event.

"We'd like as big a turnout as possible to stimulate support for the trail's preservation," Gildea said.

Officials will be urged to take steps to protect the trail by classifying it as a scenic-historic trail. A possible sponsor for this year's event will be the Carbon County Tourist Promotion Agency. Attempts also are being made to secure cooperation from the land owner, the Northeast Land Company of Blakeslee.

HEW Secretary Will Visit Harrisburg

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Elliot L. Richardson, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, will visit Harrisburg Thursday touring flood-damaged areas and two health centers, Republican state officials said Wednesday.

Richardson will hold a news conference at the Hamilton Health Center in the afternoon. He will also visit the Hershey Medical Center. Both facilities are financed partly by HEW funds.

Escorting Richardson will be Glenn E. Williams Jr., Republican candidate for state treasurer, and Harrisburg attorney Herbert C. Goldstein.

Per capita consumption of pork in the U.S. is 66 lbs. a year.

'Flying Missionaries' to Benefit From Air Show at Pocono Raceway September 17

The "Flying Missionaries of the Sacred Heart" in New Guinea will be the principal beneficiaries of the Wings of Hope Air Show to be held at the Pocono International Raceway, Mt. Pocono, September 17, at 2 p.m.

Founded in France in 1854, the Catholic society of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) now totals 3,000 priests and religious brothers.

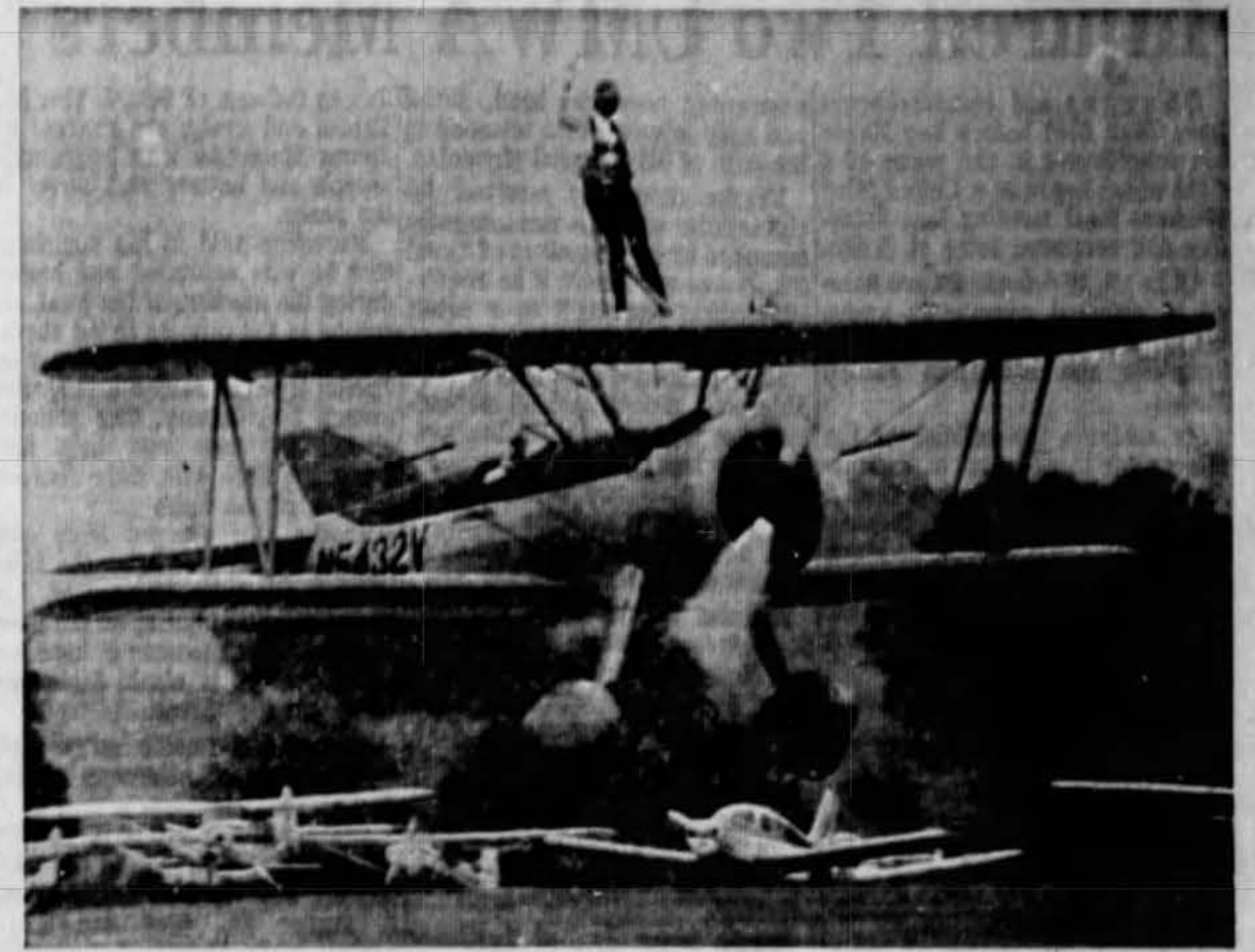
The society has been involved in foreign mission work since 1880 in the South Pacific Islands, Indonesia, the Philippines, China, Japan, Africa, and Latin America.

Although the U.S. branch became a full-fledged province in 1939, World War II prevented it from undertaking this work until 1946. In that year the first group of six American MSC priests went to the territory of New Guinea in order to help the German MSC missionaries there rebuild the churches, schools, and hospitals destroyed during the Japanese occupation and to fill the ranks of mission personnel depleted by war casualties.

Nine From Pennsylvania
During the past twenty-six years a total of 33 priests and 6 brothers from the U.S. province has served in New Guinea, building up the present diocese of Kaveing, New Ireland, which covers several islands in an area of over 85,000 square miles in the northern part of the territory.

Of the 21 missionaries working there now, nine priests are from Pennsylvania: Fathers Philip Kelly, Henry Einhaus, Joseph Muller, and Anthony Ripp, Philadelphia; Fathers Martin Kopunek and William Jones, Lansford; Father Peter Vavro, Coaldale; Father Vincent Fresh, Pleasant Valley; and Father Joseph Gleixner, Reading.

Built Churches, Schools, Etc.
It was Christian missionaries—mainly Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Seventh Day Adventist,



How to fly when all the airline seats are taken? This young girl from the Mason-Dixon Airshow troupe demonstrates that riding on the wing of an airplane is possible, though a bit breezy. She will perform this stunt at the Pocono International Raceway on September 17.

Baptist and Lutheran — that not only brought Christian faith and ethics to most of the two million primitive, stone-age natives of New Guinea, but also brought a civilizing and progressive force to these people by helping them with education, vocational training, agricultural instruction, and health care. Missionaries built church for worship, but also built schools, hospitals, saw mills, factories, roads, and airstrips.

Besides mission work in New Guinea and in Colombia, South America, the apostolate of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in the U.S. include parishes, retreats, educational facilities, special preaching assignments, and hospital chaplaincies.

The provincial administration office is at Aurora, Ill. Seminaries are located at Center Valley, Pa.; Watertown, N.Y., and Chicago, Ill.; other major houses are in

Youngstown and Shelby, Ohio; Reading, Pa. and Oceanside, Cal. Local parishes served by the MSC are in Nazareth and Revere, Pa. The Wings of Hope Air Show headquarters have been set up at 520 Seip Ave., Nazareth, Pa. (Tel. 759-2404). Tickets for the show at \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 6 to 13 may be purchased there, at other advertised locations, or at the raceway itself on the day of the show.

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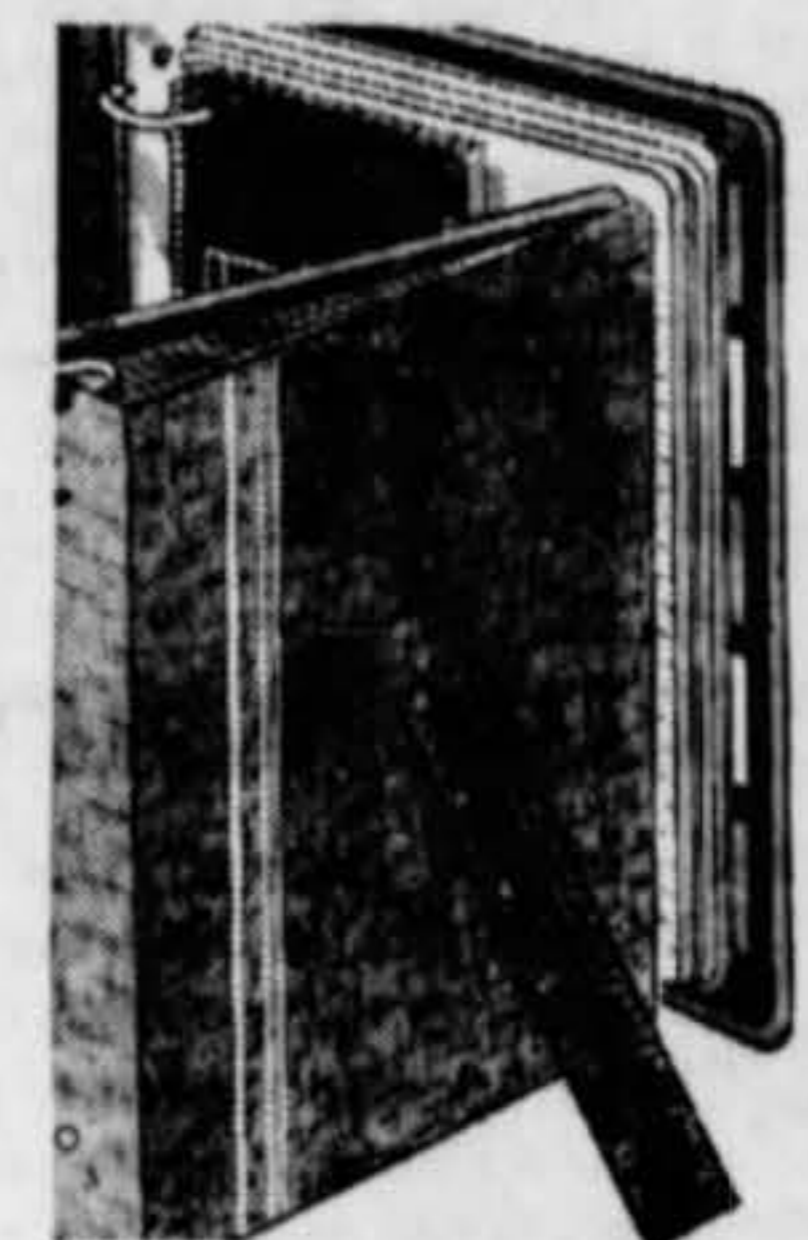
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