

No 'Spirit' In Lindy Festivities

Attempts to borrow the San Diego Aerospace Museum's replica of Charles A. Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis for golden anniversary celebrations of the 1927 transatlantic flight have been rejected.

The flyable replica of the original San Diego-built plane will stay where it is despite five requests to borrow it, said Owen Clarke, museum director.

The last time the replica was flown was in 1969 when movie producer-pilot Frank Tallman used it in a documentary film. In 1967, the year it was built by Tallman, the aircraft was taken to Paris in a military cargo plane for an anniversary celebration.

Rejecting attempts to use the plane was the Lone Eagle Corps, a group that headed the money-raising drive nearly 10 years ago to buy it from Tallman for the Aerospace Museum.

Clarke said that estimates for the \$100,000 insurance policy premium were set by Lloyd's of London at about \$5,000, part of which would be refundable if nothing happened.

But the Lone Eagle Corps doesn't want the plane out of San Diego for the estimated three months it would take to modify it, said Clarke.

The replica of the Lindbergh aircraft was "bought by San Diegans with their pennies and nickels and dimes and dollars" and the Lone Eagle Corps wants it kept available for them, Clarke said.

The original Spirit of St. Louis is in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Clarke said the Aerospace Museum has some plans for observations of Lindbergh's flight but they don't include any attempts to again fly the replica.

On April 28, an historic marker will be placed at the main U.S. Post Office building on Midway Drive, commemorating the site of the first test flight of the original plane built in San Diego by Ryan Aircraft Co.

On May 10 there will be an observance of the date that Lindbergh left San Diego in the Spirit of St. Louis for St. Louis, New York and ultimately Paris.

And there also will be recognition on May 20-21 of the transatlantic flight itself, Clarke said, as well as on Sept. 21, marking the first return of Lindbergh to San Diego after completing his record-setting journey.

City To Fill Port Post

The list of citizens vying for the nod as a port commissioner will be pared from more than 30 to nine or less today at City Hall.

In accordance with the City Council's new appointment policy, council members will each contribute one name to a final list of possible candidates to the four-year post which architect Frank Hope is leaving. These candidates will then be interviewed by the council and one person chosen.

The council is expected to return Alois P. Smith for another term in office tomorrow. Smith stepped into Harvey Furgatch's unfinished tour of duty in 1974 when Furgatch resigned to pursue personal interests.

Although the initial list of names was confidential, most council members were ready with their choices yesterday in accordance with Mayor Wilson's request to submit names to his office today.

Among those expected to be nominated by the council are: Tony Bachman, president of La Jolla Federal Savings & Loan Association; Madu Madhavan, economist and professor of economics at San Diego State University; Dr. Mac Gleason, physician and past president of the local Medical Society; John McColl, resident manager of the local brokerage of Kidder, Peabody; Joyce Beers, secretary of the San Diego Transit board of directors; John French, a local businessman; and Tommy Adelizzi, a homemaker from Point Loma.

Both Port Commission terms expired Dec. 31, but the council only recently set its new policy for appointments to boards.

City Hires Housing Officer

San Diego Union Staff Dispatch

CHULA VISTA — A 50-year-old former Navy housing officer has been hired by the city for six months to speed up inspection of dwelling units in the downtown redevelopment area.

Paul Desrochers, redevelopment director, said there are 450 residential units in the Third Avenue project area, and only 90 units have been inspected.

Anthony Ciotti, of 1338 Santa Cruz St., was hired by the city for \$1,000 a month to handle the inspections and speed up code enforcement.

Ciotti managed a number of federally subsidized apartment units for the Gersten Co. of Beverly Hills, a major holder of Chula Vista's remaining undeveloped land in Rice Canyon.

Desrochers said Ciotti retired from the Navy Oct. 1, 1972, as a lieutenant commander after 28 years service. He was the military housing and referral officer at the time of his retirement in San Diego, and previously served as a public affairs officer to the Submarine Force at Ballast Point.



First graders at Miller Elementary School in Escondido put their hearts into Valentine's Day. So, too, did the

senior citizens at the San Marcos Barn. The snowflakes were not all that were fluttering.

— Staff Photo by Ted Winfield

2 More Face Court-Martial At Pendleton

Two more black Marines at Camp Pendleton have been ordered to face general courts-martial in connection with an assault last on a group of white Marines at the base.

Those ordered to be tried are Lance Cpl. Ricky McGilvery, 19, of Dallas, and Pfc. Gregory A. Coffee, 21, of St. Louis.

McGilvery and Coffee are among 14 black Marines accused of injuring six Marines in an attack Nov. 13. Some of the black Marines told naval investigators they thought they were attacking a meeting of Marine Ku Klux Klansmen.

The assaulted Marines did not belong to the KKK, Marine officials said.

TOTAL NOW FIVE

Yesterday's announcement from the Marine Corps brings to five the number of black Marines ordered to be tried by general courts-martial as a result of the incident.

The three men previously ordered to be tried by GCM are Sgt. William M. Spencer, Pfc. Donald R. Hunter and Lance Cpl. Anthony T. Matthews. None has been tried.

TWO ALREADY TRIED

The other men, charged with six counts of assault, could receive up to 21 years in prison rank reduction and dishonorable discharge.

Two other black Marines were tried by special courts-martial and sentenced to three months' confinement at hard labor, and fined.

Red Tape Steps In As Sentiment Fails

A 50,000 sugar cube model of the U.S. Capitol got a stay of execution yesterday — Valentine's Day — from its date with the junk heap.

But it was not the sentiment of Valentine's Day that won the reprieve. Instead, it was the length of time it takes to get something docketed and approved at City Hall.

Marie Hansen, who helped artist Bill Moody construct the 28-foot-long, 10-foot-high of the Capitol as a "birthday present" in the Bicentennial year, was scheduled to speak before the City Council last week to insure the display's future home. She did not make it to the meeting, so the item was referred to the city manager's office for further study. Another council discussion probably will be held next week, said a city staff member.

The model has been on view at the Balboa Park Club in Balboa Park for little

REQUEST SENT CARTER

Mayor Waits Word On Border Session

Mayor Wilson is still awaiting a response to his Feb. 4 mailgram to President Carter requesting a meeting Friday of local law enforcement and "top federal officials" regarding the problems stemming from border area crime.

Although he set the meeting for next Friday in his mailgram to Mr. Carter, a spokesman from Wilson's office said yesterday the

meeting would be held at the convenience of the federal officials.

Wilson did receive a letter yesterday from the White House, thanking him for telephoning and "alerting" Secretary to the Cabinet Jack H. Watson Jr. that Wilson had requested the meeting.

Wilson called the White House Feb. 8. The letter from Watson was dated Feb. 9 and received yesterday.

REPLY ANTICIPATED

Earlier, it was believed the President would reply in a "generally favorable" manner to the Wilson request for a meeting, according to city sources. Watson's letter said, however, the mailgram had been forwarded to the State and Justice departments.

"I anticipate you will be hearing from them concerning your planned meeting," said Watson in the letter.

The meeting was planned to discuss economic problems of the border, skyrocketing incidents of crime along the border and Wilson's request for more federal help in the problem.

PRESIDENTS CONFER

President Carter and Mexico's President Jose Lopez Portillo are meeting in Washington discussing the relationship between the nations. The mayor's office spokesman said yesterday Wilson "would certainly hope the subject (of border problems here) would be discussed by the two presidents this week."

Wilson telephoned the White House last Thursday, said the spokesman, "to insure a response and to advise" the White House of the importance of the scheduled meeting here Friday.

DENSE FOG HITS COAST

Dense fog returned to the coast last night, and is expected to persist until about 9 a.m. today. The fog descended at 8:20 p.m. and for a time moved in and out of coastal sections.

The control tower at Lindbergh Field said takeoffs were being permitted but that arriving planes were circling to await clearing. The tower said that if conditions failed to improve arrivals would be diverted, probably to Ontario.

Mild and sunny weather through tomorrow with gusty winds of up to 25 miles an hour in the desert was forecast by Ray Robben of the National Weather Service.

Temperatures should remain about the same. The high at Lindbergh Field yesterday was 74 degrees, and the low 51. It was 54-89 in Borrego Springs, 40-83 in El Cajon, 46-59 on Mt. Laguna, and 38-88 in Spring Valley.

Valentine's Day Touches Young, Old

By JOHN BERHMAN

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ESCONDIDO — Joby Manker's cherubic face blushed almost as red as the valentine he had just received from Candy Nelson, another first grader at Miller Elementary School here.

Meanwhile in nearby San Marcos, George and Dorothy Aker gave each other little, loving squeezes on the arms as they passed out the coffee, punch and cookies. They belong to the San Marcos Senior Club and were hosting and doing the serving honors at the club's afternoon meeting at The Barn.

Valentine's Day, 1977. The first graders at Miller school loved it and they let it show. So did the oldsters in San Marcos, although they were more reserved and tried to pass it off as another day.

LOVED IT ALL

Chubby, little Joby said he liked his valentine, "but I loved all the candy, cake, cookies and ice cream, too." Classmate Vicki Furnari said, "I liked making the valentine cards best of all." Grant Culbertson said, "I liked all of our party, but mostly making the valentine wiggles waggles" — little valentine characters with hearts for a body, a smile for a face and wrinkled arms and legs which bounce up and down.

REASON TOLD

Shannon Hoover said, "I love Valentine's Day because I can give valentine cards to all my friends." And, the kids did not forget their teacher, Judy Ruiz. She received several cards and typical, she said, was one from Jeff Vanostran, which said simply, "I love you." Ruiz said the pupils had spent several days last week working on their valentines, including ones for parents.

At The Barn in San Marcos, most of the seniors seemed embarrassed at Valentine's Day questions, and tried to pass it off as nothing special.

'SPECIAL DAY'

"It's just another day, George," Acker said. But then he was asked if had remembered a present for his wife. "Well, yes. There it is on the table," he said, pointing to a vase of red and white tulips.

"I guess it is a pretty special day," he said.

The more romantic Mrs. Acker agreed, adding "but we're sweethearts every day."

"We don't make anything special out of it," said George Bultman. "We used to when we were younger. Actually, now that I am retired and we are together so much more, every day is Valentine's Day."

Mrs. Bultman concurred. "Now we have Valentine's Day every day. But, I guess Feb. 14 is something special because that is the Valentine's Day."

\$75 MILLION SEIZURE

Troops Guard Three Mexico Drug Figures

By VI MURPHY

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TIJUANA — A federal office complex here has been turned into an armed fortress to prevent any possibility of an attempt by members of an international drug smuggling ring to free three men arrested at the Tijuana airport with a \$75 million payload of underground narcotics.

Federal officials said here yesterday the drugs were destined for an American, Mafia-controlled narcotics operation which has been using Tijuana as a base for receiving large shipments of heroin and cocaine and also as its chief distribution point.

Mexican federal authorities on Friday seized four large suitcases containing 312 pounds of uncut cocaine and a small valise carrying 12 pounds of pure heroin.

It was the biggest single drug seizure in the history of Mexico, authorities said.

Posted At Entrances

Yesterday, Mexican soldiers armed with automatic rifles and submachine guns were posted at all entrances to the building and at the offices of Federal Prosecutor Manuel Benjamin Rodriguez Delgado and Americo Espinosa del Angel, commander of the Federal Judicial Police unit here.

Soldiers also were stationed at the detention cells holding Jesus Alfredo Aguilar Medina, a commercial pilot, Oscar Cazares Rocha and Marcio Enrique Alvarez Velasquez.

Rodriguez said the daylight landing of the twin-engine airplane at the international airport Friday morning "was an incredibly bold move." Officials said the plane taxied to within 20 yards of Mexican customs and immigration service offices.

Mexican Federal Judicial Police — tipped off in advance of the impending delivery — rushed from concealment after the plane stopped and when the three men, its only passengers, were almost at the bottom of the aircraft steps, said Rodriguez.

Unable To Draw Guns

"They were so surprised they didn't have a chance to draw the automatic pistols they were carrying," he commented.

Rodriguez said the three men are believed to be major principals of a large, new international drug smuggling ring "because such a large delivery would never have been entrusted to underlings."

The cocaine was brought into Mexico from Colombia and loaded on the plane, along with a Mexican heroin delivery, in Culiacan, the capital of the western state of Sinaloa and considered the narcotics smuggling center of North America.

The ring was discovered by undercover agents last November, said Rodriguez, and it has been monitored ever since.

"The ring's leaders have excellent connections in the drug underworld," said Rodriguez. "That is why they were able to acquire so much cocaine out of South America. A single shipment of that size is almost unheard of. It took a fortune in money to acquire it."

A three-month investigation of the ring's activities, conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, is now centered almost totally in Baja California and other Mexican points, Rodriguez said. More arrests are expected.

S.D. 'LESS PROVINCIAL'

Banker Lauds City's Growth

By KEN MIMMS

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San Diego banking has grown and matured and "thrown off some of the provincialism" that once was associated with the city, according to a former San Diego bank executive.

"When I came to San Diego it was a banking and money market with a personality of its own," said Carl E. Hartnack, president and member of the board of directors of Security Pacific National Bank in Los Angeles.

Hartnack came here in 1958 with the merger of the old Sutherland Merchants Bank and Security Pacific National Bank.

MORE BANKS

"Since leaving San Diego in 1968, I have noted that more and more large California banks, and some foreign banks, have entered that market.

"This gives the city a more mature image — almost a mini-international banking image," Hartnack said.

The merger of older local banks with larger ones has brought a great deal of economic banking power to San Diego, according to Hartnack.

"Both business leaders and the business community have matured along with banking," he said, adding that San Diego's banking market is "pretty sophisticated."

"It's a good banking and commercial market and we like it," he said.

LAURELS FOR LEADERS

The 61-year-old Hartnack will speak at noon tomorrow at the city's Washington-Lincoln Laurels for Leaders luncheon in the U. S. Grant Hotel.



CARL E. HARTNACK 'good banking market'

More than 66 high school student body presidents and their principals will be honored at the 20th annual luncheon.

"I've been asked to tie in some of the qualities of Washington and Lincoln into an inspiration for the youth of today," Hartnack said.

REWARDS

"They should know that all is not lost and that there are rewards for hard work and leadership," he said.

In addition to being a member of the Association of Reserve City Bankers, Hartnack also is a member of the Urban Affairs Committee of the American Bankers Association in 1975 and was named by former President Gerald Ford as national chairman of the National Alliance of Businessmen's JOBS program.

The JOBS program was designed to find employment for persons continually underemployed or unemployed.