Space Medical Panel, Other New Features Planned for Association Meeting, Los Angeles, April 27-29

Dr. Hubertus Strughold, U.S. Air Force "father of space medicine" and Scott Crossfield, North American X-15 test pilot, will be co-chairmen of a symposium on "Space Bioscience and Technology" to climax the thirtieth annual meeting of the Aero Medical Association at the Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, April 27, 28 and 29, Brigadier General M. S. White, USAF, president of the society has announced.

This symposium, one of several panel discussions devoted to aerospace medicine among the 150 papers to be presented at the meeting, includes the following presentations:


**Future Potential of Space Biological Laboratories.** Douglas W. Whorf, Ph.D., National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D. C.


**Crucial Biological Experiments in the Space Environment.** Otto Schmitt, Ph.D., Department of Physics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

**Results of Animal Investigation in Space Vehicles to Date.** Brig. General Don Flickinger, USAF (MC), Air Research and Development Command, Andrews Air Force Base, D. C., and Colonel Robert H. Holmes, MC, USA, Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C.

**Summation.** Scott Crossfield, M.S., North American Aviation X-15 Project, Los Angeles.

Several additional papers have been added to this most extensive program the Association has ever presented. Among them are "Pathology of Visceral Displacement in Animal Subjects Exposed to Abrupt Deceleration," Captains J. E. Cook and J. D. Mosley, USAF (VC), and H. J. von Beckh, M.D.; "Abrupt Deceleration Studies Related to Automobile Crash Forces," First Lieutenant D. L. Enfield, USAF; "Acoustical and Vibration Aspects of Manned Space Flight," H. I. Jacobs; "A Case of Brain Abscess in a Test Pilot," A. Remond; and "Portable Water Recycled from Urine," J. Sendroy, Jr., Ph.D. and H. A. Collison, B.S.

**SPECIAL TOURS**

Five tours to industrial development and test sites of aircraft and missile contractors in the Los Angeles area have been arranged especially for members of the Aero Medical Association and their guests on April 28, the day following the close of the scientific sessions of the meeting. Interested persons are urged by Dr. Charles I. Barron, general chairman of the meeting, to sign up for the tour selected at the time of the registration to be assured of bus transportation from the hotel. The tours and sponsors are:

- **Douglas Aircraft Company—Visit to the "contact cockpit" instrument flight project at the El Segundo Division, and to the Thor IRBM production line at the Santa Monica Division.**
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Hughes Aircraft Company—Visit to the astronautical instrument and information display project at the Culver City plant.

Litton Industries, Inc.—Visit to the high vacuum research facility in Beverly Hills.

Lockheed Aircraft Corporation—Visit to the mockup of the proposed air evacuation version of the Electra at the Burbank plant.

North American Aviation, Inc.—Visit to the rocket engine test facility at the Rocketdyne Division, Canoga Park.

As another post-convention feature, an escorted tour of Walt Disney's famous "Disneyland" for members and their guests, has been scheduled for April 30. Buses will leave the hotel at 9 A.M. and return about 4 P.M. Often called a "magic kingdom" this noted entertainment center combines fantasy and history, adventure and learning, together with every variety of recreation and fun designed to appeal to everyone.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

The annual business meeting of the Association will be held at 1 P.M. on April 28, following lunch in the hotel's Golden State Room with General White presiding. The Space Medicine Branch is planning a luncheon on April 29. During the noon periods on Monday and Wednesday, April 27 and 29, and on Monday and Tuesday evenings, new aerospace motion pictures will be shown in one of the meeting rooms on the spacious mezzanine floor. Members having suitable 16 mm. films for screening should write Dr. Barron, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Burbank, California, giving title and running time so that they can be scheduled in the printed program.

The Airline Medical Directors Association, under the presidency of Dr. André Allard, medical director of Sabena Belgian Airlines, will hold its annual business and scientific meeting at the Statler Hilton Hotel on Saturday, April 25. The Civil Aviation Medical Association is planning a luncheon meeting on April 27. The CAMA board of trustees will breakfast together the same morning at 8 A.M.

The President's International Reception (by invitation) has been scheduled for Monday evening, April 27, in the ballroom of the General Petroleum Corporation, one block from the Statler. On this occasion the Association's officers and their wives are hosts to visiting members from other countries. The annual Fellows' Dinner will be held at the Officers' Mess, U. S. Naval Base, Long Beach, on
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the evening of April 28. Dr. Marion M. Kalez, past president, is toastmaster for this event.

The traditional annual dinner of the Association and the installation of the president for 1959-1960, Dr. Ludwig G. Lederer, will be in the beautiful Pacific Ballroom of the hotel on Wednesday evening, April 29. A distinguished Hollywood personality and topnotch entertainment have been arranged for this gala affair by Dr. Barron. Members and their friends will be guests of Litton Industries at a cocktail party preceding the dinner.

WIVES’ WING EVENTS

The Wives’ Wing of the Association will establish its headquarters in the Assembly Room of the hotel where United Air Lines will be hospitality host for “coffee breaks,” according to Mrs. Charles H. Roadman, president of the auxiliary. The entertainment program for the ladies attending the meeting include a welcoming tea and reception in the Golden State Room on Monday, April 27, and a luncheon on the following day in the Garden Room West, overlooking the new Statler swimming pool. On Wednesday, April 29, tours have been arranged to Hollywood movie stars’ homes, the University of California in Los Angeles, Santa Monica beach, Universal International lot, Hollywood Bowl and Griffith Park. The ladies will have luncheon at the famous Farmers’ Market.

Mrs. M. S. White is honorary president of the Wing and Mrs. Kenneth L. Stratton, wife of the medical director of American Airlines, will be installed as the new president. Chairmen of the various committees include Mrs. Theodore C. Bedwell, Jr., registration; Mrs. Paul A. Campbell, nominations; Mrs. Joseph W. Weaver, publicity; and Mrs. Joseph P. Pollard, membership.

RESERVE POINT CREDIT:

The Department of Defense announced on February 19 that retirement point credits may be earned by reserve Medical Corps officers who attend the scientific sessions of the Association’s meeting. This authorization covers eligible physicians who are Medical Corps officers of the reserve components of the U. S. Army, Navy and Air Force on inactive status. One point credit will be awarded for each day of attendance. Each of the military departments will have a registration desk at the hotel to accommodate reserve officers.

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