

Missile Displayed Here

The Lockheed X-7 search missile, which has just been announced as the missile that smashed through speed records by "zooming" through space at an unbelievable speed of more than 2500 miles per hour, will be on display during Torrance's "Saulte to the Air Force," October 14-17.

Sponsoring Chamber of Commerce officials stated that the new record breaker will be on display at Cravens and El Prado along with North American Aviation's F-86 Sabre Jet fighter and also a Ryan "Firebee" drone, the latter manufactured in Torrance at Ryan's new plant.

Air Force officials said the run was so fast its paint was burned by air friction heating. Named the "Methuselah" by Lockheed Missile Systems in Van Nuys, the flying laboratory flew faster than any rampart-powered missile, any ground-controlled missile, and any recoverable missile.

Although its actual speed was not disclosed, the rugged workhorse was believed to have flown faster than Mach 4; four times the speed of sound or about 2600 m.p.h. The X-7 is launched from a B-29 mother ship. A rocket booster pushes the missile to Mach 2, where the Marquardt Aircraft ramjet takes over for its supersonic dash into the stratosphere.

After the missile radios performance data to ground crews a parachute slows its speed and descent to a nose spike landing on the Air Force range near Alamogordo, New Mexico. The life expectancy of such a missile is usually three to four flights, but the one to be exhibited in Torrance was flown and recovered successfully 10 times, saving the government and the taxpayers over \$350,000.

Other events during the celebration honoring the "Golden Anniversary of Air Force Power" will be an evening showing of "Battle Hymn" on October 16 at the Grand theater and a banquet on October 17 at Ricks Restaurant. "Miss Air Force" will be selected at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 5.

Military Ball Scheduled for Saturday Eve.

The residents of the local area are reminded that this weekend will inaugurate Torrance's first annual Military Ball, according to public information officer, Nap Bloudeau. Torrance's own National Guard unit is sponsoring the dance in conjunction with other units of the 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion. Members of the decorating committee spent Sunday preparing the Army for a gay evening. The dance will be held Saturday, October 5, at 8:30 p.m. in the National Guard Armory.

Requests and dance music will be furnished by the 40th Division orchestra. Refreshments will be provided by a committee and tickets are available to the public. Members of the Armed forces are asked to attend in uniform and the public in semi-formal attire. Capt. Douglas (Dutch) Horlander, local unit commander stated that all proceeds from the Military Ball will be donated to the National Guard building fund of Washington D.C. which is in the process of erecting a memorial building in memory of all former National Guardsmen.

Horlander who also is chairman of the committee of the first Military Ball added that a large number of dignitaries will be present at this big event for the city of Torrance and that a record attendance of the public would be welcomed. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

Contest Ends Friday

Deadline for entries in the "Miss Air Force" contest will be 1 p.m. Friday, October 4, sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce officials announced today.

The contest will be held at 8:30 p.m. on October 5 at the Stadium Theater in Torrance as the "kick-off" to a celebration honoring the Air Force on its "Golden Anniversary of Air Power."

Girls aged 15 to 18 inclusive, eligible if they reside in the South Bay Area. They will be judged in party dresses on poise, beauty and personality. There is no entry fee of any kind.

The winner, in addition to receiving a trophy, will represent the Air Force on numerous TV shows.

Entry blanks are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1345 El Prado. Phone 8-2814.

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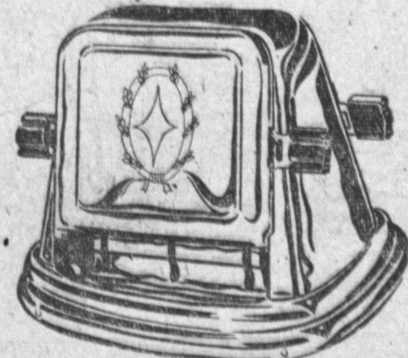
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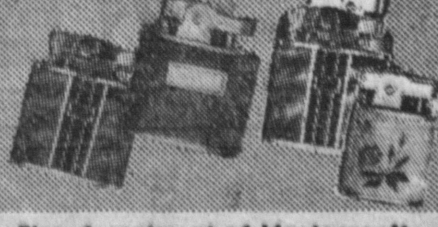
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