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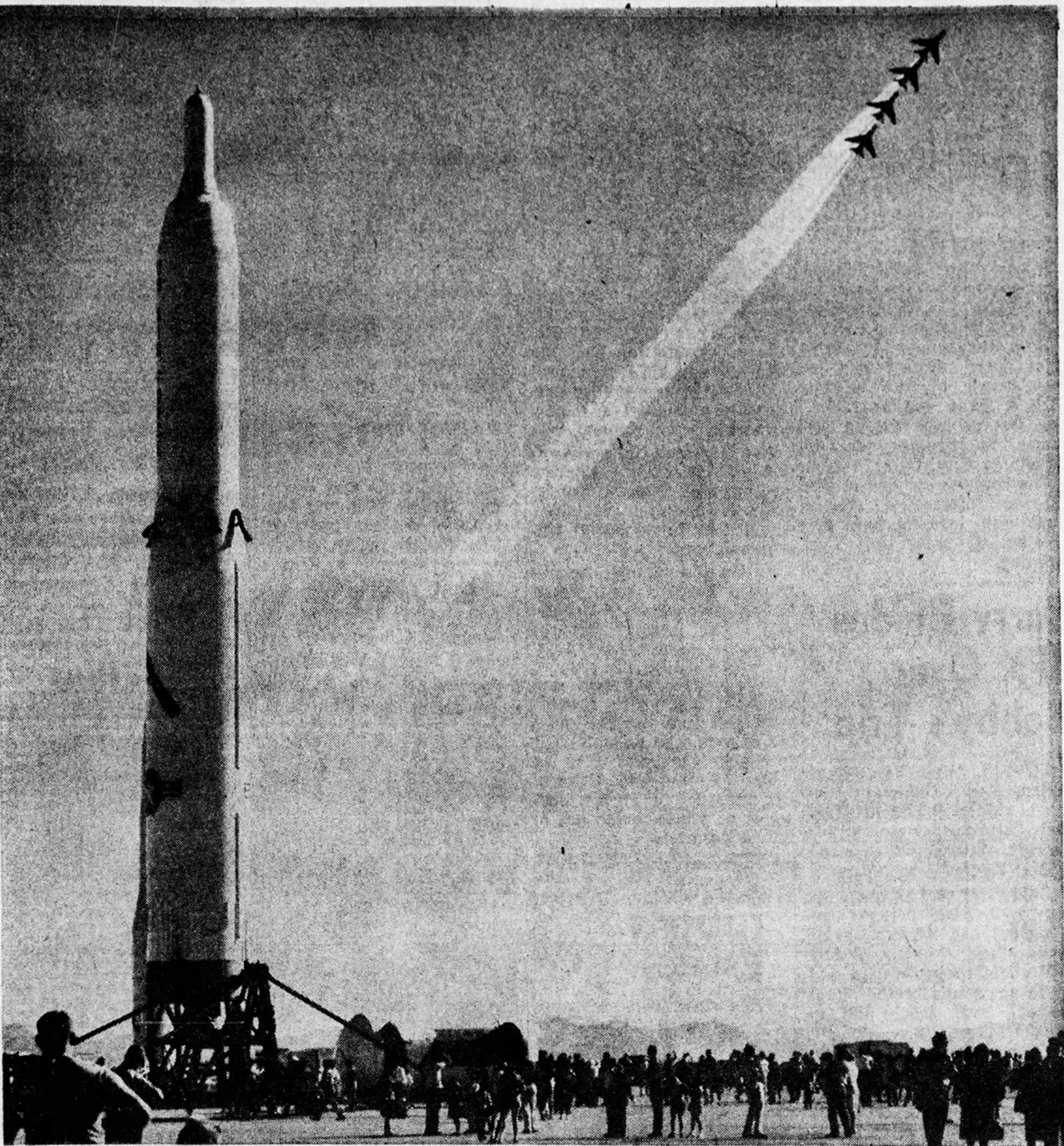
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'Into The Wild Blue Yonder'

Streaking skyward over the heads of spectators, the famous Air Force Thunderbirds showed their flying skill for the 705th time yesterday during the first half of the two-day Aerospace Show at Davis-Monthan AFB. In the foreground

looms the Air Force's big Thor-Agena missile, one of the static exhibits being featured in the Aerospace & Arizona Days Air Show at the base. The air show events will begin again at 2 p.m. today. (Jack Sheaffer photo)

Show Continues Today

About 40,000 Thrilled By Flying Exhibitions

Thunderbirds Top The Bill At D-M

By GENEVIEVE DOYLE
Five Thunderbirds — F-100 Super Sabres — streaked across sunny Tucson skies yesterday to give about 40,000 spectators at the Aerospace and Arizona Days Air Show breathtaking thrills. The show will continue today starting at 10 a.m.

Earlier in the afternoon yesterday, the crowd, gathered on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, had watched parachutists pepper the sky at an altitude of 14,000 feet and had

seen a World War 1 aircraft perform dramatic sky stunts.

The craft, a biplane Nieuport 28, an original aircraft of Eddie Rickenbacker's "Hat in the Ring" squadron, was to tangle in a mock battle with a German Fokker D7, but the German craft crashed before the show began, marring an otherwise triumphant day. (See story and picture Page 3A)

Yesterday's Thunderbird show, the 705th performance of the USAF Thunderbirds since 1953, featured formation vertical barrel rolls, vertical

"U" turns, eight-point rolls, corkscrew rolls and the Thunderbird Bomb Burst.

To climax the show the Bomb Burst started with a formation vertical climb. Four Super Sabres reached an altitude of 7,000 feet before breaking away from one another and streaking off in different directions. On their tails was the solo Thunderbird as if to add a final burst to the four-pointed star made by the smoke streams of the group. Meanwhile the four sped at 1,200 m.p.h. to a central point, where they crossed

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In 4th Day Of Rains

Calif. Again Drenched

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A marathon storm drenched Southern California for the fourth day Saturday while across the continent another storm dumped three to five inches of snow on southern and central New England.

At least eight persons have died in storm-related accidents in California, six of them in accidents on rain-swept streets Friday.

Some California areas have received nearly nine inches of rain. More than four inches of rain has fallen on Los Angeles and more is expected before Sunday afternoon when the Weather Bureau expects skies to clear.

Snow turned to water under the winter sun Saturday causing serious flooding in some Western states.

Water stood up to four feet deep in parts of Utah, Idaho and Wyoming as storm sewers were overburdened with heavy snow-melt.

Some homes were evacuated and portions of many roads were closed because of high water.

Rain in Idaho accelerated the melting of snow.

At least three families were removed from their homes in low-lying sections of Pocatello, where the

Portneuf River continued to rise. The stream was measured today at six feet, just four tenths of a foot short of flood stage.

Snow fell over much of New England and in scattered sections of the Appalachians. Bitter cold kept its grip in extreme northern sections of the Midwest and colder weather spread over much of the eastern half of the country.

A huge ice jam in the Mississippi River that ripped barges from their moorings and threatened the dam at Alton, Ill., was washed downstream when Army engineers opened the locks.

After 21-Month Imprisonment

Russ Free U2 Pilot Powers In 'Swap' For Top Spy Abel

Reds Try To 'Milk' Release

Don't Acknowledge Freeing Of Abel

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MOSCOW, Feb. 10—The Soviet Union Saturday represented the release of Francis Gary Powers, the U2 pilot, as a pardon granted in answer to a petition from the flier's relatives.

A government statement declared also that Powers, who was shot down in the Urals May 1, 1960, had been freed "to improve relations between the Soviet Union and the United States."

The announcement by Tass, the official Soviet press agency, said nothing about Col. Rudolf Ivanovitch Abel, convicted Soviet spy who was said to have been released by the U.S. in exchange for Powers.

Tass said:

"The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., having examined the petition of relatives of Francis Gary Powers, American flier convicted in the Soviet Union, and bearing in mind F. Powers' confession of commission of his serious crime, and being guided by a desire to improve relations between the Soviet Union and the United States, has decided to pardon Francis Gary Powers and to hand him over to American authorities."

Muscovites, asked for comment on Powers' release, expressed satisfaction, and stressed the Soviet government's avowed desire to improve relations with the U.S. by this act.

When told about the Washington report that Powers had been freed in exchange for a Soviet spy, Russians voiced incredulity and said they'd never heard of Abel.

Soviet authorities never have acknowledged any connection with Abel, who was condemned to 30 years in prison at a trial in 1957.

Romney Says He Will Run In Michigan

DETROIT, Feb. 10 (AP) — George Romney declared himself a Republican candidate for governor of Michigan Saturday, but refused to be drawn into a discussion of any possible presidential hopes two years hence.

Romney said he would request a leave of absence Monday as chairman and president of American Motors Corp., a \$150,000-a-year job, to seek the \$25,000 one now held by first-term Gov. John B. Swainson, a Democrat.

The industrialist, however, said he would not become an active candidate until Michigan's constitutional convention, to which he is an elected delegate, has completed its months-long job of drafting a new constitution "with the very heart and core of good government," or until "I am satisfied that such is clearly destined to be the case."

The convention has set an April 1 target for adjournment, but Romney said he was "more concerned about the quality of the document than in meeting a deadline."

Romney, announcing two months ago he was considering the race for governor, said he would give his final decision by Saturday. He did at a news conference.



FRANCIS POWERS



RUDOLF ABEL

Powers' Reunion Begun In Secret

Parents Of Freed Pilot Depart For Washington Area Meeting With Son

NORTON, Va., Feb. 10 (AP) — The parents of U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers left here Saturday night by car for a rendezvous with their son at an undisclosed location in the Washington area.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Powers, accompanied by a State Department representative, left this southwest Virginia area secretly shortly before 9 p.m. (EST).

Their departure was announced by the Powers family attorney, Carl McAfee, about an hour after they left. McAfee declined to disclose any further details.

Earlier, McAfee had said the family would not leave until Sunday morning for their meeting with Francis Gary Powers, reportedly late Sunday afternoon.

Earlier Saturday, the elder Powers had read to reporters a radio message from his son which said, "Stay put until I get back to the states. . . ." He said the message was passed along by a representative of the State Department who met with him in private early Saturday afternoon.

McAfee, who many times has acted as a spokesman for the family, said there "is a remote chance" the reunion of the pilot and his family will take place here or at some other secluded Virginia spot.

The elder Powers already was packed for the journey, wherever it might take him. "We'll meet wherever he wants to meet us," Powers said.

There were earlier indications the U2 pilot and his parents would be reunited in Washington late Saturday. The last time Powers was seen by his family was during his espionage trial in Moscow in May of 1960.

He has served one year and nine months of a 10-year sentence.

"Now I can get back to work," the elder Powers said. The shoe cobbler's small shop was jammed Saturday with newsmen and well-wishers.

Messages of congratulations apparently drowned out any ill feeling which may have existed toward Francis Gary.

"We don't know what we would have done if we'd been over there," a service station attendant said. "I'm glad for the boy's family."

Friends noted there had been some criticism of the captured pilot in the community earlier after Powers' trial testimony.

Dramatic Trade Takes Place On Bridge In Berlin

Flier En Route To Reunion With Family And Secrecy-Shrouded Official Reception

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP) — American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers walked to freedom in the center of a drama-packed trade for Soviet master spy Rudolf Abel.

Russia contended it was a gesture of friendship. The United States still is looking for demonstrations of friendship of greater proportions or significance.

Powers walked to freedom in a fur cap and dark overcoat, across a white line where Communist East Germany stops and West Berlin begins.

The 32-year-old flier had spent 21 months in a Soviet prison after pleading guilty to spying from his high-flying photo plane that was downed in Russian territory on May 1, 1960.

Freed far sooner than he apparently had dared hope, Powers quickly was whisked away from the Berlin bridge

*See details of prisoner swap on Page 4D.

in a convoy of cars. He was rushed to a plane and soon was on the way home by air, to a reception to be shrouded in secrecy and uncertain official warmth.

Abel disappeared behind the Iron Curtain of Communism. He had been serving a 30-year sentence as a spy convicted of stealing military and nuclear secrets from this country and slipping them to the Kremlin.

One other person was involved in what was a two-for-one swap. The United States got back 28-year-old Frederic L. Pryor, who was studying in West Berlin, entered East Berlin last August and vanished. Word seeped into the West weeks later that he, too, was in prison, accused of espionage.

Pryor was released at a different spot on the Berlin border, Checkpoint Charlie. Not until he was free, and reunited with his waiting par-

Plane Believed Carrying Freed Flier Arrives

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del., Feb. 11 (Sunday) (AP)—A military C121 Constellation aircraft landed here unannounced early Sunday and took off within minutes for Andrews Air Force Base in Washington.

Dover officials said they did not know if U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers was aboard.

Maj. Homer E. Brown, base information officer, and Capt. Robert Clark, the operations officer, immediately rushed out to meet the craft, which asked for a clearance to land here. It touched down at 1:04 a.m. and took off at 1:26 a.m., according to the base operations center.

Frederic Pryor, the third man in the U.S.-Soviet swap of Rudolf Abel for Powers returned to the United States Sunday.

He arrived at Idlewild Airport on a commercial air liner just 24 hours after stepping to freedom from behind the Iron Curtain in Berlin.

The Powers case is discussed in the CIA—The Inside Story on page 11B.

ents, did the Powers-Abel exchange go through, 12 miles away.

It was 8:52 a.m. Berlin time when it happened. That was 2:52 a.m. in Washington.

Within five minutes, word of the swap reached President Kennedy.

The Chief Executive had slipped up to the living quarters in the White House an hour before to await the flash from Berlin. Until then, he had been attending a gay, black tie, White House dinner dance.

Newsmen routed out of bed by Press Secretary Pierre Salinger got the word of the exchange that had taken place on Berlin's Glienicke bridge.

Salinger announced that Powers and Pryor had been turned over to U.S. authorities and that Kennedy had commuted Abel's sentence. That action was effective at the moment of Powers' release.

A formal statement said Powers soon would be on his way to the United States and that:

"He will have an opportunity to meet privately with his family and will be interviewed by appropriate United States government officials."

The government notified Powers' wife, at Milledgeville, Ga., and his parents at Norton, Va.

None of them, they said, had had any inkling of Powers' release.

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U2 Pilot's Wife Waits

Mrs. Barbara Powers (left), wife of U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers who was released by the Russians Saturday, poses with her dog as she waits in Milledgeville, Ga., to be reunited with her husband. At right is her mother, Mrs. Monte Allen. (AP Wirephoto)