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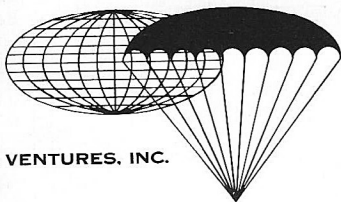
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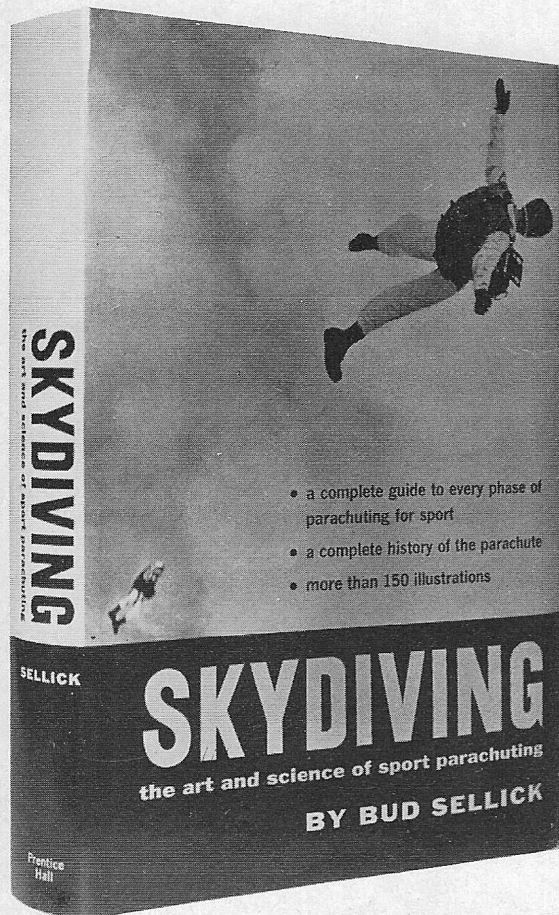
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EDITORIAL

There have been mixed reactions concerning the birth of PARACHUTE magazine. Most of them have been quite favorable, some appear to be indifferent, and a few have been rather skeptical. Many persons connected with Parachuting have been helpful and cooperative, and we wish to thank each and every one of you at this time. We will not let you down.

It will always be the policy of PARACHUTE to seek out the best material available on all phases of Parachuting so that the reader will be well informed at all times. PARACHUTE magazine will strive for the very best in quality while continuing to improve the contents of the magazine as time goes on. We will not lower the price of PARACHUTE magazine, but will use all available funds to publish a larger and better magazine for the reader to enjoy.

Everything of interest that is connected with a parachute will be found in PARACHUTE magazine, as the staff feels that a person who is interested in one phase of Parachuting will be interested in all phases. We welcome suggestions or criticism concerning the format of PARACHUTE and the material printed within its covers. Feel free to contact us at any time, and I will always be interested in hearing your opinions. We hope that you will like PARACHUTE magazine. Let us know how you feel!



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

enthusiastic

Good luck on your new magazine ... Anything that pertains to jumping I'm for ... Looking forward to coverage of all phases of parachuting. If you are ever in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas look me up. We have a jump club we call the Confederate Airborne. We jump with the Confederate Air Force as a team. Again good luck, good jumping.

Vorgie Pylant
Mercedes, Texas

Glad to see a competitor in the field. Two magazines will help advance the sport.

Jerry Tyson
Omaha, Nebraska

"CONGRATULATIONS: 1. To address with expressions of happiness in another's joy, success, etc; to wish joy to; felicitate. 2. To express sympathetic pleasure at. 3. to salute; to greet." (Webster's New College Dictionary)

What more is there to say? Unless I add that all of us were helped by your new publication and are hungrily awaiting the first issue of PARACHUTE MAGAZINE. Three cheers!

Bud Sellick
Nashville, Tennessee

I must admit that I am no longer very active in parachute activities, being in poor health. However, having donated 12 years of my life to it, I have more or less the pioneer's viewpoint on the matter having been the first one to demonstrate SKY DIVING in the U.S. in 1953 (See Flying Magazine: April 1954) and having coined the word SKY DIVING myself;

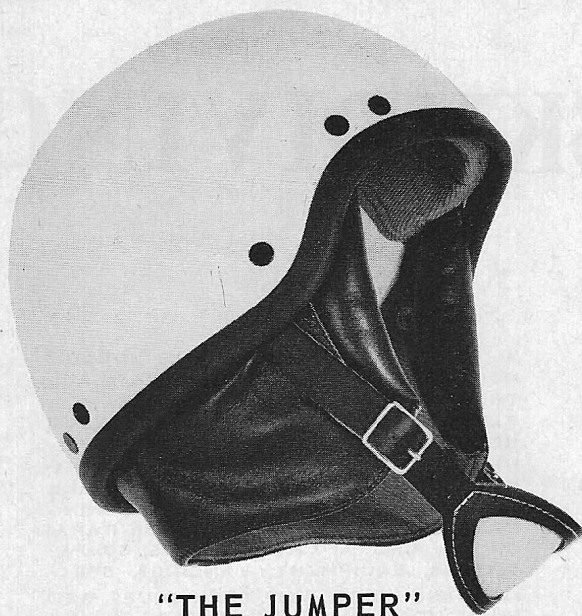
but my efforts were perhaps too lonely and premature at the time, and even good men wear out in their endeavors and let younger newcomers take over in their wake. I am only glad to see that the movement of interest in stabilizing free-fall which is the backbone of sports parachuting has flowered into such a great development in the United States, from the days of 1953 when hardly anyone would let me demonstrate the idea.

Raymond Young
Paris, France

skeptical

I'm curious, but not convinced. What are the chances for a trial copy for which I would gladly pay? \$5.00 for an unproven, unseen, unheard of magazine, even if it's on my favorite subject, might be better spent on wind drift indicators.

John H. Talbott
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6th World Championships





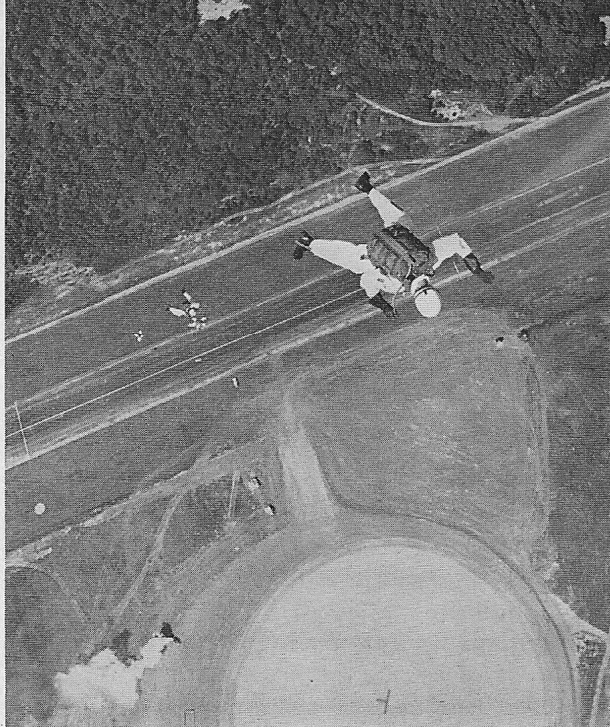
Beating tricky winds that raised havoc with other jumpers, U.S. chutist Loy B. Brydon, 30, of Everett, Wash. came barrelling in one meter off dead center in the first accuracy jump for men as competition in the Sixth World Sport Parachuting Championships began at Orange Airport. Brydon, who is also a member of the U.S. Army parachute team, topped a field of 96 jumpers with a score of 196.41.

Second best jumper in the first event of the international competition was Girard Treves of France with a

1.15 meters from dead center landing Englishman R.E. Wilson was third with a landing of 1.62 meter from center.

A meter is 39.37 inches.

As the U.S. team in the Nourduyn Norseman came over target for the first time Gerald F. Bourquin, 28, of Yuba, California made ready to exit. to Bourquin fell the task of testing the changing winds to indicate to his team-mates where trouble might develop in the 1,000 meter drop to the target, located in the center of Friendship Bowl. Catching a stiff gust as he approached, Bourquin landed 25.75



*U. S. Team during group accuracy event.
Jim Arender in foreground.*



*Jerry Bourquin scores .96 meters from
dead center.*



Courtesy U. S. Army Parachute Team, Myrt Harper

meters from target but he accomplished his mission for other team members, correcting on Bourquin's descent, scored well.

Second man out was Brydon. Maneuvering his chute, countering the changing winds, Loy came driving in, missing dead center by the scantiest of margins.

Jim Arender, 22, followed Brydon. The defending world's style champion chalked up a creditable jump of 7.05 meters from dead center.

Dick Fortenberry, 24, of Riverside, Calif. was the fourth U.S. jumper and it appeared as he came swinging in

that he might better Brydon's jump. Fortenberry wound up 2.48 meters from center, good for seventh place in the standings at the end of the first day's competition.

The fifth American team member, Phil Vander Weg, 28, of Wayland, Mich., landed 15.79 meters from center.

The Czechs enhanced their rating as one of the top contenders with their performance. In addition to their two jumpers in the top ten, Vaclav Klima (2.05 meters) and Dieter Mally (2.15 meters), Czech Jaroslav Jehlicka had a landing of 12.80 meters, Czech Jozef Vrabel landed 8.48 meters from target

and defending world's champion Zdenek Kaplan was 3.75 meters from target.

Surprise of the first day's competition was the battling Canadians with team leader Daryl Henry showing the way, scoring second best on a team basis behind the Czechs with the U.S. in third place unofficially.

Henry's distance from target, 1.86 meters, put him in fourth place.

Jumpers from the Soviet Union, defending world champions, had their troubles. Apparently bothered by the changing winds, the Soviets were well off target. Their best jumper was Oleg Kazakov with a landing 3.75 meters

from center.

Having the honor of making the first competitive jump in the competition was T. G. Jickells of Great Britain. He landed 8.08 meters from target and the world competition was officially underway.

Following completion of the first men's accuracy jumps, several plane loads of women jumpers took off but increasing winds cancelled their jumping after several women exited aircraft. They will be allowed a re-jump.

Before competitive jumping began the U. S. Army parachute team gave a demonstration of free fall. Trailing smoke streamers, they executed baton passes and acrobatics.

Jumpers were in the air every minute when the competition got underway as meet officials strove to make up time lost due to unfavorable weather.

A crowd of several thousand was in attendance.

Because of wind conditions many chutists had trouble controlling their chutes and landed well off the target in Friendship Bowl. One unidentified jumper landed in trees several hundred yards from target and numerous others were out of the bowl.

A non-contestant wound up in the South Athol road area prior to start of competition.

On Aug. 17, Judges of the Sixth World Sport Parachuting Championships disallowed the jumps made by U.S. women because they jumped out of turn. The decision was made after a lengthy meeting of the judges.

Ironically, Carlyn Olson of Van Nuys, Calif., made the best jump of the day, only 1.97 meters from dead center of the target. Mrs. Nona Pond of Massachusetts, was sixth in standing with a jump of 2.99 meters until the judges decision.

A number of protests were filed by several competing countries due to the weather. The first 12 women jumpers went out in high winds and then watched the remainder jump in calm air immediately following a thunder storm which interrupted the jumping.

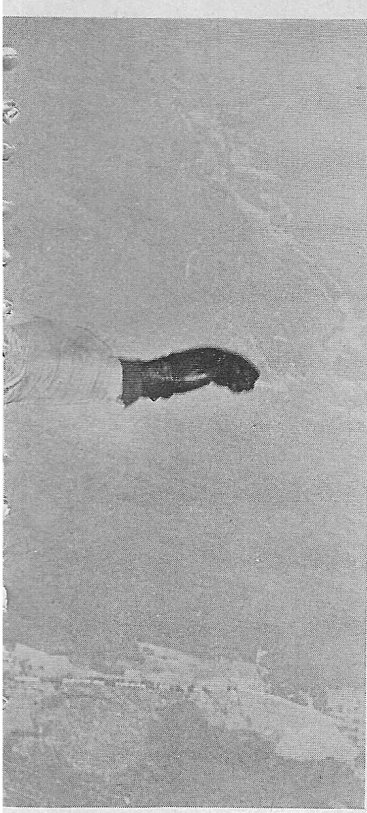
This was the first event for women in the competition and judges had lowered the altitude of the jump from 3300 feet to 2300 feet due to low clouds. Weather had plagued the Championships and only two days of competition had been held.

The women make three jumps in the individual accuracy event from 1,000 meters (3300 feet) and are scored on the best two jumps. While the Americans were not out of contention, they would now have to make the next two jumps their best.



Sfc. Jerry Bourquin. Note Altimeter reading.





Judges said the American group left the pattern of flights until the remainder of planes in the air had dropped their jumpers. This was the reason for disqualification. Jumpers must go in the order drawn for that particular jump.

On Aug. 19th, Mrs. Nona Pond, the mighty mite of the U. S. Women's Parachuting team, landed 1.15 meters from dead center as the U. S. team solidified their grip on first place in the women's group accuracy event. Mrs. Pond's distance was the best of

the day for women jumpers.

Rebounding after a so-so performance in their second accuracy jump during the morning, the U. S. Men's team with Jerry Bourquin leading the way scrambled into second place in the team standings for the event behind the sensational Czechoslovakian team. The U. S. jumpers scored 761.736 out of a possible 800 points in their afternoon jump.

The U.S. girls, heartened by news that a judge's decision disallowing their individual jumps Friday had been overruled by an international jury, went for broke early in the blue skies

over Orange Airport. The three member team exited a jump aircraft over target at midmorning on their first group jump with their All American red head Carlyn Olson leading the way. Mrs. Muriel Simbro and Mrs. Pond followed the trio free falling for nearly 10 seconds before they pulled the rip cords and their chutes blossomed over head.

Mrs. Olson hit first just 1.52 meters from dead center. Then it was Mrs. Simbro, 5.69 meters out and Mrs. Pond 6.04 from dead center. The team score for the jump was 553.437 out of a possible 600 points.

Towards the end of the afternoon,

Loy Brydon during exit.

Jim Arender is tagged out at home!



with a crowd estimated in excess of 10,000 looking on, the U. S. women took to the sky again. Mrs. Olson hit 4.12 meters from center and Mrs. Simbro 3.73 meters off, with Mrs. Pond still in air.

Driving in, getting every inch possible, Mrs. Pond, from New Salem, busted into the center target area, just 1.15 meters from a bullseye.

As they came out of the bowl spectators were generous in their applause of the three Americans.

Aug. 20—High winds cancelled jumping and gave competitors a chance to review the past three days.

One thing was readily apparent; the United States Team was one of the strongest contenders for honors in all five events.

Three men of the team, Loy Brydon, Dick Fortenberry and Jim Arender were in the top 10 in individual accuracy from 1,000 meters (3300) feet. The U.S. men were second in the team accuracy event from 1,000 meters and the U.S. women led both the team accuracy and individual accuracy events.

On Aug. 19 the men watched the Czechoslovakian team make a phenomenal jump, scoring 769 points out of a possible 800 and then took to the air themselves in a jump which earned 761 points, putting them a scant 15 points behind on the basis of the two best jumps.

The American women, led by Nona Pond who landed only 1.67 meters from dead center, earned 568 out of 600 points and a total of 1121.550, 80 points ahead of the second place Bulgarian team. The Soviet's womens team was in third place.

Said Dick Fortenberry, captain of the U.S. Team, "The team we really have to beat is Czechoslovakia." The Czechs may have set a new world record with their team jump on Aug. 19th.

Surprisingly strong was the Canadian team which was currently in third place team accuracy from 1,000 meters and who had two jumpers, Daryl Henry and Floyd Martineau, who were high in individual scores.

Gerard Greves of France was currently in first place in individual accuracy with Lothar Rutzel of West Germany in second place. Loy Brydon and Dick Fortenberry, both of the U. S. were in third and fourth place.

An American, Carlyn Olson, led the women in accuracy, followed by Zdena Zarybnicka of Czechoslovakia and Ilona Berger of Canada.



Dead center jump by Loy Brydon.

Jumping was scheduled every day due to bad weather which had put the competition several days behind schedule. Team jumps were scheduled for the week ends.

"I check every ground indication I can find," said Jim Arender, current defending world champion of style. The Oklahoma youth went to great extremes to chart the wind from his opening point 2200 feet above the earth to the pinpoint center of the ground target.

Jumpers must not only understand the action of wind after opening their parachutes but the effects of wind at high altitude which affects their drift as they fall before opening. Jumpers "track" to an opening point, using their body the same as a pilot flies an aircraft. Once the parachute is open, they sail a three-dimensional pattern

worked out from the latest weather reports.

Just as many races are planned with several "legs", the parachutists plan their course to the target in legs to take advantage of shifting winds aloft.

The last 250 feet are the most crucial for a jumper for it is at this altitude he must be on the "windline" which will take him directly to the target. A miscalculation causing an over- or under-shoot can cause the loss of valuable points.

Canopy design has drawn praise from those who like color. Most countries employ their national colors in their canopies while others show



Muriel Simbro, new World's Champion.

individual preference in colors and design.

The Spanish team used scarlet and gold in alternating bands while the U.S. had a black canopy with a red lobster tail. The Soviet team jumped a plain white canopy but Bulgaria had a multi-colored one. Each team decided on the colors prior to the competition.

By Aug. 21 parachutists from the United States, particularly women's team members were watching and waiting at Orange Airport for the Bulgarian and Soviet Union women to complete their third team accuracy jump from 1,000 meters. Before winds again halted competition, the U.S. women completed their third jump, their final one in the event. They were currently leading with a team score of 1125.13. The final standings are based on the best two out of three jumps.

The teams from the Soviet Union and Bulgaria, each with one jump to go, were the only two with a chance to catch the Americans and their chances were slim. The USSR jumpers had to score 579.332 out of a possible 600 points to move into first place and the Bulgarians had to come up with a 586.56 score to go to the top.

The U.S. team jump on the 21st was the poorest of the three and was therefore eliminated in the final team score. Carlyn Olson and Muriel Simbro dropped in fairly close to target but Mrs. Nona Pond, who holds the best jump made by an American woman in the team accuracy event, a landing of 1.15 meters from dead center, was blown far off target. The U. S. score was 402.375 as compared to their scores on the first two jumps of 553.69 and 571.69

Three men of the team, Loy Bry-

don, Dick Fortenberry and Jim Arender were in the top 10 in individual accuracy from 1,000 meters (3300 feet). The U.S. men were second in the team accuracy events from 1,000 meters and the U.S. women led both the team accuracy and individual accuracy events.

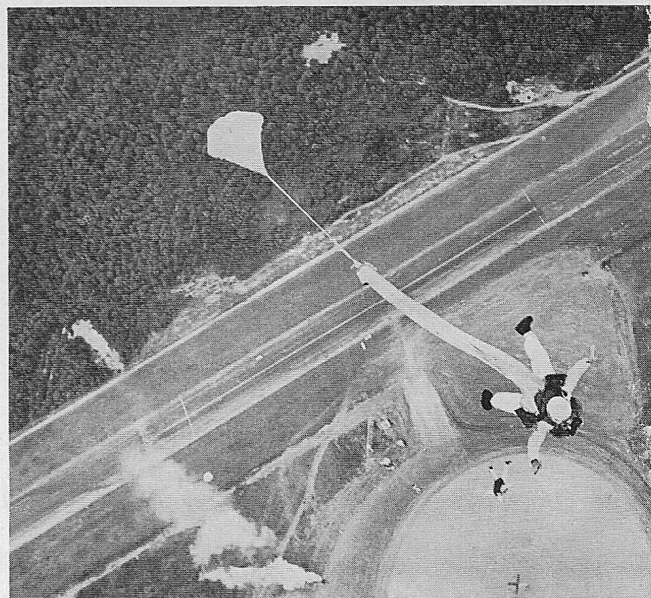
Sunday the men watched the Czechoslovakian team make a phenomenal jump, scoring 769 points out of a possible 800 and then took to the air themselves in a jump which earned 761 points, putting them a scant 17 points behind on the basis of the two best jumps

Surprisingly strong was the Canadian team which was currently in third place team accuracy from 1,000 meters

Gerard Treves of France was in first place in individual accuracy with Lothar Rutzel of West Germany in second place. Loy Brydon and



Dick Fortenberry, Team Captain, with the colors.



U. S. Women's team during practice jump. Alternate Jeanne McCombs in foreground.

Dick Fortenberry, both of the U.S. were in third and fourth place.

An American, Mrs. Olson, led the women in accuracy, followed by Zdena Zarybnicka of Czechoslovakia and Ilona Berger of Canada. Mrs. Pond was sixth.

By Aug. 22nd, tension mounted at Orange Airport where the on again, off again competition in the Sixth World Sport Parachuting Championships was delayed once more after several plane loads of jumpers had been sent aloft. Now well behind schedule, meet officials eyed the Sept. 3 get away date with growing concern. The question, whether competition would be completed by that date or not, grew more acute every day as the weather raised havoc with the schedule. There were still more than 1400 jumps to be made.

Winds subsided somewhat late and men contestants in the individual accuracy event, third jump were sent aloft. However before they could exit, the winds were back above the 18 m.p.h. maximum for men jumpers and the aircraft were summoned back to the field.

Final group jumps for four teams in the women's accuracy event from 1,000 meters were originally scheduled but the women could not jump, according to international competition rules, in winds in excess of 13 miles per hour so the men's event was given the green light. Then the wind blew out the light.

The U.S. Women's team, their accuracy jumps completed with a team

score of 1,125.132 were anxiously awaiting the outcome of the final Soviet Union and Bulgarian team jumps. The latter two were the only teams given an outside chance of overhauling the Americans in this event.

On August 23, Blond Zdena Zarybnicka of, Czechoslovakia, following in the path of her country's mens team, moved into first place in the woman's individual accuracy jump from 1,000 meters.

She scored 192.000 out of a possible 200.00 points when she landed 1.08 meters from dead center of the target.

Maria Vasilava of Bulgaria moved into second place when she scored a half of point less than the Czech jumper on her second jump in this series.

The highest ranking American woman jumper in this event was Nona Pond who was in 11th place.

Carlyn Olson dropped from first to fourteenth place as competition became stronger on this mild, windless day.

On August 23, The U.S. Women's Team World title victory in the Group Accuracy 1000m. was an agonizing anticlimax because of the three day streak of bad weather which prevented the last 4 teams from completing their jumps.

Of the four remaining competing teams, the Soviet and Bulgarian teams found themselves in with weather

conditions that morning that were ideal for a clear shot at beating the U.S.

Said Nona Pond, U.S. team member, "When the weather broke as it did this morning I felt a little sick".

The U.S. team had made their 3rd and last jump Monday night at sundown in this phase of the competition but then high winds both Tuesday and Wednesday delayed completion of the event.

Mrs. Muriel Simbro said "I feel great and I am glad the long wait is over."

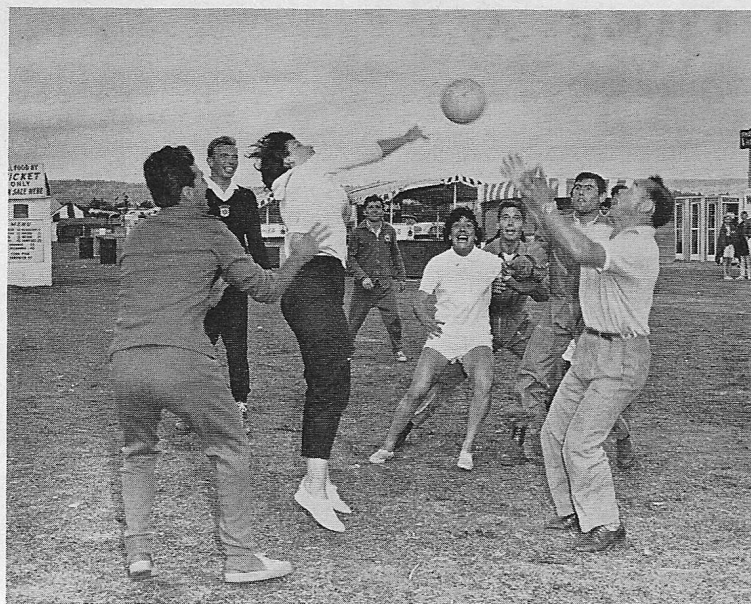
Said the third victorious team member, Carlyn Olson, "It was nerve wracking but I'm delighted we won it".

With the suspense ended in that struggle for leadership, Mrs. Pond expressed more concern over her showing later in the day during the individual accuracy event in which she was also competing.

On August 23, Maureen Hagerty of Montreal, Canada was withdrawn from competition by Glen Masterson, team leader, upon advise of doctors, who said she was suffering from low blood pressure and lowered corpuscle count.

Maureen so far had been unable to jump due to a condition which doctors had expected to clear up, but advised that she was not improving as much as necessary.

This eliminated the Canadian Women's team, but not the girls individually, Ilona Berger and Theresa Leclerc, the remaining members of the Canadian team, completed individually.



On August 23, The Czechoslovakian men's parachute team scored a spectacular jump to win the team accuracy event from 1,000 meters (3,300 feet) followed by another amazing jump by the French team which pushed the United States team into third place.

Led by Jaroslav Jehlicka, who scored the only dead center landing of the competition, team mate Zdenek Kaplan, touched down .64 meters from dead center. The two remaining team members, Vaclav Klima and Josef Label landed 2 meters and 2.54 meters from dead center respectively.

The hopes of the United States went glimmering with the Czech jump and they hoped to settle for second place but a hard driving French team scored almost as spectacularly as the Czechs, dropping the American jumpers into third place.

The Czech's score for the best three out of four jumps and a possible 2400 points was 2266.779, one of the highest scores ever recorded in this event in parachuting competition. The French scored a total of 2248.692 and the U.S., 2225.849. Canada was in fourth place with a score of 2178.044.

The American team and the Soviets protested the lack of smoke for directional purposes on their jumps.

On August 24, Czechoslovakia moved into overall first place in the Sixth World Sport Parachuting Championship, a scant 32.303 points ahead of the United States with three full events to go.

The Czechs had a total 7647.163 and the U.S., 7614.860.

The two countries were about equal in honors, but it took a 20-year-old French youth, Gerard Treves, who had

been jumping less than a year, to post an amazing score for accuracy of 592 out of a possible 600 points.

The Czech's men's team won the team accuracy event from 1,000 meters with France in second place and the U.S. in third. The U.S. Women's team won the same event for women.

Individually, Czech girls led their counterparts. Dagmar Kuldova and Maria Stancikova took first and second place in the individual accuracy competition with Nona Pond of the U.S. in fourth place.

While Treves won the men's individual crown, Loy Brydon and Dick Fortenberry of the U.S. finished in second and third place.

Spectators had been treated to some of the most amazing jumping in international competition history. Three of the competitors made four dead center landings, a new record.

Jaroslav Jehlicka of Czechoslovakia made a dead center landing in both the team and individual accuracy jumps. Treves of France and Brydon of the U.S. matched the individual accuracy landings with dead center jumps.

Dagmar Kuldova of Czechoslovakia was expected to retain the title in women's individual accuracy.

Two days of good jump weather and hard driving jumpers had increased the tempo of the often weather-stalled championship.

On August 25, the teams and individuals were to begin Events II and IV, individual and team accuracy jumps from 1,500 meters (4400 feet). These events required the jumper, including the women, to delay not less than 15 seconds and not more than 20 seconds before opening their parachutes.

Opening early or late costs the jumper 50 points.

The good weather was expected to continue, according to weatherman Monte Glovinsky at Orange Airport.

Two protests from the Soviet parachute team were honored by an international jury. The subsequent rejudges in event four, team accuracy from 1,000 meters, ended with the women in third place and the Soviet men into eighth place.

Originally the Soviet girls had been in fifth place and the men in 12th.

The men's team protest that the smoke generator which indicates the ground wind was not operating during their last jump was the basis for the protest. During the women's jump, one control panel, an opening in the parachute, did not fully open which made it impossible to completely control the parachute.

Both teams jumped under ideal weather conditions with the men raising their score 2027.417 to 2070.382 and the women from 1014.100 to 1053.182.

The third jump in individual accuracy for women was taking place and would decide the champion for women in this event. Thus far, Zdena Zarybnicka of Czechoslovakia was leading.

By Aug. 25th Czechoslovakia held a slight lead over the United States at the completion of two events in the Championships according to meet officials.

Competition continued in good jump weather in events 2 and 5. Event two is individual accuracy jumps from 1500 meters and Event 4 is group accuracy jumps from 1500 meters, 5400 feet.

Czechs yesterday dominated the

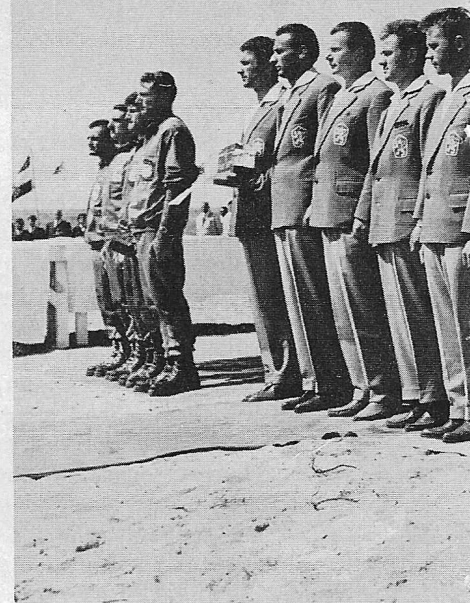
THE FOLLOWING ARE THE UNOFFICIAL SCORES AND STANDINGS FOR ALL COMPLETED EVENTS IN THE SIXTH WORLD SPORT PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS. THESE ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL REVISION BY THE INTERNATIONAL JUDGES.

INTERNATIONAL INDIVIDUAL STANDING - MEN
(EVENT #2 CANCELED DUE TO BAD WEATHER)

NAME	COUNTRY	EVENT 1	EVENT 3	TOTAL (EVENTS 1 & 3)	INTN. STANDING
J. ARENDER	U.S.A.	563.551	497.	1,060.551	1
V. KLIMA	CHZECHOSLOVAKIA	564.414	488.5	1,052.1914	2
R. FORTENBERRY	U.S.A.	571.130	480.5	1,051.630	3
O. KAZAKOV	U.S.S.R.	554.856	496.5	1,051.356	4
J. VRABEL	CHZECHOSLOVAKIA	565.822	482.5	1,048.322	5
D. MALLY	CHZECHOSLOVAKIA	565.543	482.5	1,048.043	6
L. BRYDON	U.S.A.	580.471	467.	1,047.471	7
G. TREVES	FRANCE	592.940	451.	1,043.940	8
D. HENRY	CANADA	558.642	482.5	1,041.142	9
D. VAKHARIA	INDIA	560.951	477.5	1,038.451	10

INTERNATIONAL TEAM STANDINGS
MEN
(EVENTS #2 AND #5 CANCELED DUE TO BAD WEATHER)

COUNTRY	EVENT 1	EVENT 3	EVENT 4	TOTAL POINTS	INTN. STANDING
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	2,247.122	1931.0	2,266.084	6,444.206	1
UNITED STATES	2,284.059	1880.5	2,225.852	6,390.411	2
U.S.S.R.	2,234.713	1947.0	2,070.378	6,253.091	3
FRANCE	2,131.704	1813.0	2,263.150	6,207.854	4
CANADA	2,206.037	1820.5	2,178.054	6,204.591	5
BULGARIA	2,225.789	1811.5	2,158.000	6,195.289	6
YUGOSLAVIA	2,111.893	1828.5	2,027.043	5,967.436	7
POLAND	2,036.064	1659.0	2,049.038	5,744.102	8
RUMANIA	2,159.500	1514.5	2,066.150	5,740.150	9
SPAIN	2,060.337	1247.5	2,147.707	5,455.544	10



OVERALL WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION

1. MURIEL SIMBRO USA
2. DAGMAR KULDOVA CZECHOSLOVAKIA
3. NONA POND USA

OVERALL MEN'S TEAM WORLD CHAMPION

1. CZECHOSLOVAKIA
2. U.S.A.
3. USSR

OVERALL WOMEN'S TEAM WORLD CHAMPION

1. USA
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA
3. POLAND

EVENT I, MEN, INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY FROM 1,000 METERS

1. GERARD TREVES FRANCE
2. LOY BRYDON USA
3. DICK FORTENBERRY USA

EVENT I, WOMEN, INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY FROM 1,000 METERS

1. DAGMAR KULDOVA CZECHOSLOVAKIA
2. MARIA STANCIKOVA CZECHOSLOVAKIA
3. MARIA VASILEVA BULGARIA

EVENT II, WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY FROM 1,500 METERS

1. MURIEL SIMBRO USA
2. JANINA KREJEWSKA POLAND
3. NONA POND USA

EVENT II, MEN, INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY, 1,500 METERS
NOT COMPLETED

EVENT III, MEN'S STYLE, 6,600 METERS

1. EVGENIJ TKA CHENKO USSR
2. JIM ARENDER USA
3. OLEG KAZAKOV USSR

EVENT III, WOMEN'S STYLE, 1,800 METERS

1. MARIA STANCIKOVA CZECHOSLOVAKIA
2. ZDENA ZARYBNICKA CZECHOSLOVAKIA
3. EVA HRIBALOVA CZECHOSLOVAKIA

EVENT IV, MEN, TEAM ACCURACY, 1,000 METERS

1. CZECHOSLOVAKIA
2. FRANCE
3. USA

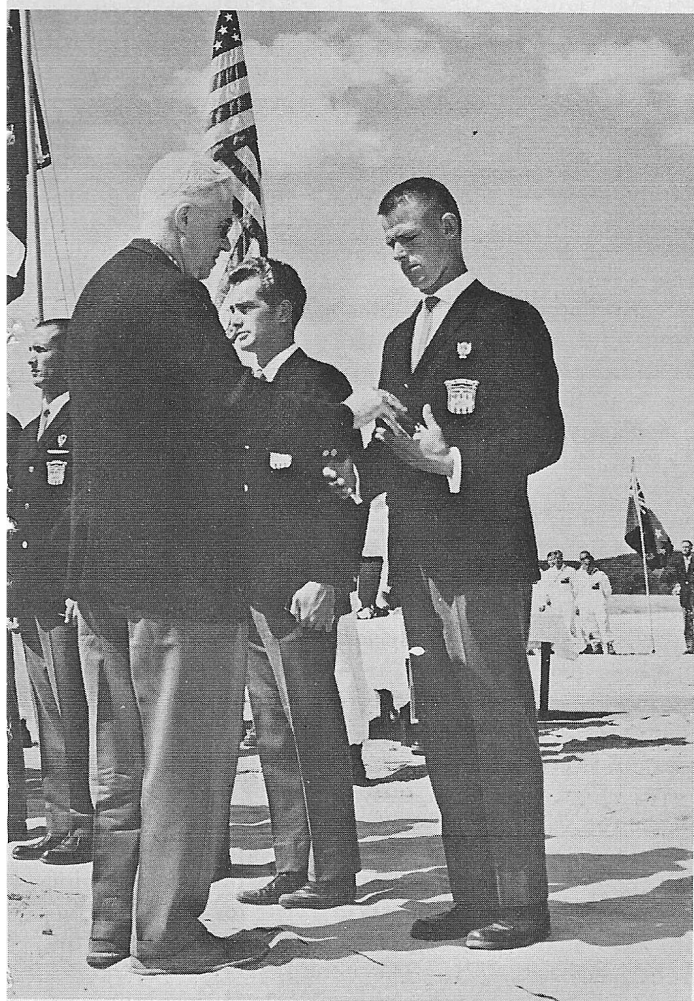
EVENT IV, WOMEN, TEAM ACCURACY, 1,000 METERS

1. U.S.A
2. POLAND
3. USSR

EVENT V, TEAM ACCURACY, 1,500 METERS
NOT COMPLETED BY EITHER MEN OR WOMEN

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS BY COUNTRY

1. USA	4618.006
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA	4595.220
3. POLAND	4550.938
4. USSR	4536.412
5. BULGARIA	4469.791
6. FRANCE	3965.694
7. RUMANIA	3886.263
8. AUSTRIA	2414.267



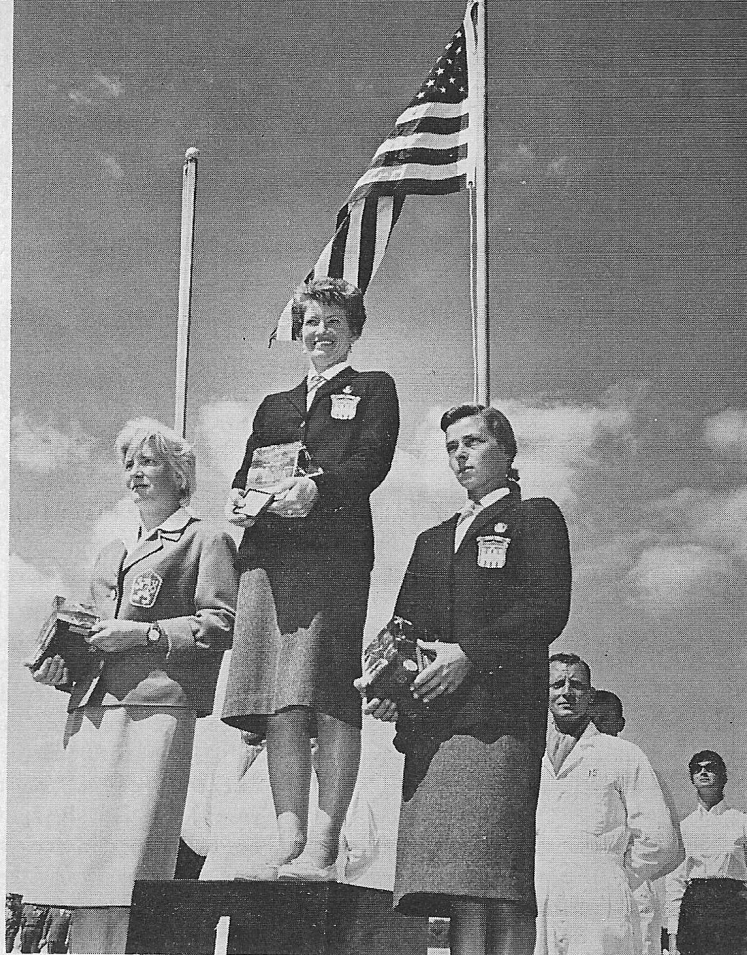
the 100 meter accuracy jumps for women as all four team members finished in the top 10.

Re-jumps following protests, resulted in Dagmar Kuldova of Czechoslovakia vaulting into first place from fifth, ahead of Czech jumper Maria Stancikova, who was first announced as event winner by meet officials. In third place was Maria Vasileva of Bulgaria and Mrs. Nona Pond of the U.S. was fourth.

A second Bulgarian, I.G. Todorova, was fifth followed by Eva Hribalova and Zdena Zarybnicka of Czechoslovakia, Elizabeth Popescu of Rumania, Monique Labbe of France and Elena Bascaoanu of Rumania.

The U.S. men scored a remarkable comeback in the individual accuracy event from 1,000 meters placing three team members well up in the top ten. Loy Brydon, who hit dead center on his final jump was second, Dick Fortenberry, third and Jerry Bourquin, fifth. Jim Arender of the U.S. was 12th and Phil Vander Weg 55th.

The individual accuracy event for



men was won by Girard Treves, 20, of France who scored a sensational 592 points out of a possible 600.

ORANGE, MASS. August 27—"It's the first time I ever hit one meter and it turned out to be in the boonies." The speaker was Dick Fortenberry, captain of the U.S. parachute team after two team members, Jerry Bourquin and Loy Brydon followed him in with dead centers in the men's 1500 meter group accuracy in the Sixth World Sport Parachuting Championship here Sunday.

Fortenberry landed 1.30 meters from center of target ahead of Bourquin and Brydon and the incredible pair of consecutive dead centers. The fourth U.S. jumper, Jim Arender, landed 8.38 meters away for a team score of 7.66.303 in that event; a result high enough to push the United States contingent into first place ahead of Czechoslovakia in the overall standings.

The jump came shortly after Canada had broken the world's record, held by the U.S., for that event with a point total of 774.879 and an average of 1.76 meters from center. The United States performance also broke the existing record of 4.14 which it had set in Phoenix, Arizona. The action had not ended, however, as New Zealand, comparatively unimpressive to date, came up with a score of 752.819, also eclipsing the old mark.

How soon did they know that they had made a dead center jump? Bourquin, from Yuba City, California, guessed about 50 meters. "I turned to mushroom in on my final run, and there it was." Brydon guessed about the same. "It felt pretty good," the Everett, Washington, native added.

The U.S. performance boosted team spirits and placed it in the leading position for the team overall title. Czechoslovakia dropped to second with defending champion U.S.S.R. third and Bulgaria fourth.

Fortenberry, Riverside, California, was the first person to score a dead-center in world competition, but thus far he had been unable to duplicate the feat. The men with the right wind line this year seemed to be the U.S.'s Brydon and the Czech's Jehlicka. Both had scored two.

The previous day's jump by the U.S. stood as the most spectacular ever seen in parachuting. The two dead centers immediately raised the speculation as to when the records in the group jumps will reach 0.00

for four men. The answer was probably, "not too long."

The style event, event three, began on the 26th for the women with Muriel Simbro and Carlyn Olson of the United States both considered serious threats for the title.

On the male side of the style picture, the United States had Jim Arender, who was the defending world champion of style and again Fortenberry, a good bet if it were to be the year for Arender's unseating.

By August 28, the Sixth World Sport Parachuting Championships were on the verge of losing the decision to the weather. Overcast skies and rain washed out jumping in the men's style event from 6600 feet. The event, third of five, must be completed in order for the competition to be considered official. It was doubtful if the individual accuracy event for both men and women from 1500 meters and the team accuracy event from the same height would be finished. Champions had been decided in two events, individual and team accuracy from 1,000 meters.

After the bad weather, sunny skies prevailed for a change over Orange Airport as competition resumed in the men's style event from 6600 feet. Defending champion was Jim Arender. In order for the championships to become official the style jump for men must be completed. In the event jumpers do a designated set of maneuvers on signal from the ground.

The weather, which had plagued the championships since its start Aug. 11, still held the key as to whether competition in two uncompleted events would be finished. The events are accuracy jumping for both men and women individually and team accuracy from 1500 meters, 5400 feet.

Overall the U.S. held a lead of 44 points over Czechoslovakia 11,559.469 to 11,515.061, exclusive of the men's style event, scores of which will not be available until the 31st. The Czech women won the style event, placing 1-2-3 in their division.

However if the individual and team accuracy jumps from 1500 meters would not be completed, points the U.S. has scored so far in the events would go down the drain and the U.S. would drop out of first. On the basis of completed events Czechoslovakia would lead.

As if they hadn't had enough trouble already with the weather, the championships faced another interruption Sunday.

Operation Sky Shield 3 was sched-

uled from 3 to 8:30 p.m. and the Federal Aviation Agency had ordered that in the interest of national defense and air safety all civil flights over the U.S. and Canada would be suspended during the third annual North American Air Defense Command Sky Shield exercise.

Shortly after jumping resumed in the men's style event two jumpers had malfunctions. Mike Turner of the Irish team became entangled in lines and used his emergency chute, and Phil Vander Weg of the U.S. had a perfect Mae West - line wrapped over main chute. He cut away his main canopy and came in on reserve.

Neither jumper was injured.

By September 1st, Czechoslovakia was the uncrowned king of the Sixth World Sport Parachuting Championships. The Czechs, by placing three men in the top seven unofficially in the men's style event, still not completed at noon, clinched the title in the curtailed meet, beset by bad jump weather since its start.

Unofficial figures indicate that Ergenij Tkachenko of the Soviet Union won the style event for men over defending champion Jim Arender of the U.S. Tkachenko scored 503 points and Arender 497. In third place was Oleg Kazakov of the Soviet Union with 488 points.

Czechoslovakian Vaclav was fourth with 488 points and Jean Grivit of France was fifth. Dietr Mally and Josef Vrabel of Czechoslovakia finished sixth and seventh.

Unless a near miracle happens and the weather clears, which was doubtful according to weather reports the U.S. lead based on incompleting events would be wiped out. The U.S. would lose points in the accuracy event for women from 1500 meters, in which Muriel Simbro of Van Nuys, Calif. held a substantial lead, and also points in the men's group accuracy jump from 1500 meters, in which the U.S. was presently second.

Final championship scoring is based on completed events only.

There was still a question of whether the championships would be official at all. If the men's style event from 6,600 feet was not completed by the end of the meet, 2 p.m. EST Sunday, the championships would be declared null and void for this year with no championship awarded.



Sfc. Harold Lewis (foreground) and U. S. Army Team members during mass exit at Orange, Mass.

Jim Arender, 22, and Mrs. Muriel Simbro reigned as the world's champion parachutists. They won their titles in the Sixth World Sport Parachuting Championships which concluded on a note of bitterness at Friendship Bowl.

The bitterness had its beginning Sunday morning following a vote by competing teams to hold the group accuracy event for men from 1500 meters in preference to the men's individual accuracy event from the same height. The vote was 15 in favor, eight against and one abstaining.

On completion of the vote the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakian teams refused to jump and the chief judge, Ctibor Ceipa of Czechoslovakia refused to score any team jumps.

An argument of some two hours followed before officials overruled the vote of the parachutists and instructed jumping in the individual accuracy event from 1500 meters to commence. Angry, the parachutists were slow to respond and once in the air several teams resorted to stalling tactics, making excessive passes over the drop area before discharging chutists.

As a result the event was never completed as competition came to a close at 3 p.m. when all civilian aircraft were grounded by a government order due to the Sky Shield 3 air defense exercises.

Mrs. Simbro won her world title in competition with 34 women jumpers representing 11 nations. Dagmar Kuldova of Czechoslovakia was second and Mrs. Nona Pond was third. Scoring for the individual championships, both men and women, was based on the total score received in all individual events. Women completed individual accuracy jumps from 1,000 and 1,500 meters and style jumps from 1500 meters. Mrs. Simbro's winning score was 1206.968. Miss Kuldova had 1202.699 and Mrs. Pond 1181.042.

Arender reigned as overall champion in the men's division. Vaclav Klima of Czechoslovakia was second with 1052.914 and Dick Fortenberry of Riverside, Calif. gave the U.S. two in the top three by placing third with 1051.630 points.

The U.S. in addition to their two overall champions, Arender and Mrs. Simbro, won the women's team cham-

pionship. In the men's individual accuracy jump from 1,000 meters Loy Brydon of the U.S. was second to the winner, Gerard Treves of France.

Czechoslovakia, on the basis of completed events, walked off with the overall team championship.

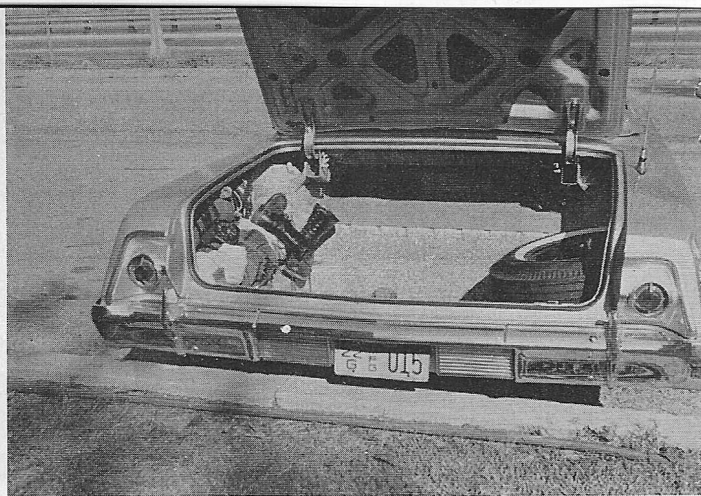
The Czechs won the men's group accuracy jump from 1,000 meters, Dagmar Kuldova of Czechoslovakia won the women's accuracy event from 1,000 meters and the Czechs won the women's style event, placing one, two, three.

In the men's uncompleted team accuracy jump from 1,500 meters Canada was the leader with the U.S. second and New Zealand third.

Final standings in the men's and women's divisions are as follows:

Men: Czechoslovakia, United States, Soviet Union, Canada, France, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Great Britain, Poland, Spain, Israel, Ireland, Australia, Switzerland, Germany, New Zealand, Netherlands, India, Saudi Arabia, Korea, So. Africa, Japan.

Women: United States, Czechoslovakia, Poland, USSR, Bulgaria, France, Rumania, Austria.



Above: Impala convertible provided excellent transportation. Note vast trunk area.

PARACHUTING HOLIDAY

by RON SIMMONS.

PHOTOS BY RON SIMMONS, KERN FORBES, SHIRLEY SIMMONS

What is the first thing a sky diver does when preparing to leave town on vacation? He finds enough room to pack his complete rig, his clothing, and his traveling companions. In that order. Then he routes himself, keeping in mind that he will want to visit a few jump centers along the way.

The editor and his wife normally drive a sports car and a compact while in the Los Angeles area, but it was decided that a full sized car would be much more comfortable for the two of them and their eight year old daughter during a long trip. Chevrolet Division of General Motors provided a new Impala Super Sports Convertible for our use on the trip, and our space problems were solved. Either of the two small cars would have provided room for the parachute gear and clothing, but the girls wanted to go along also!

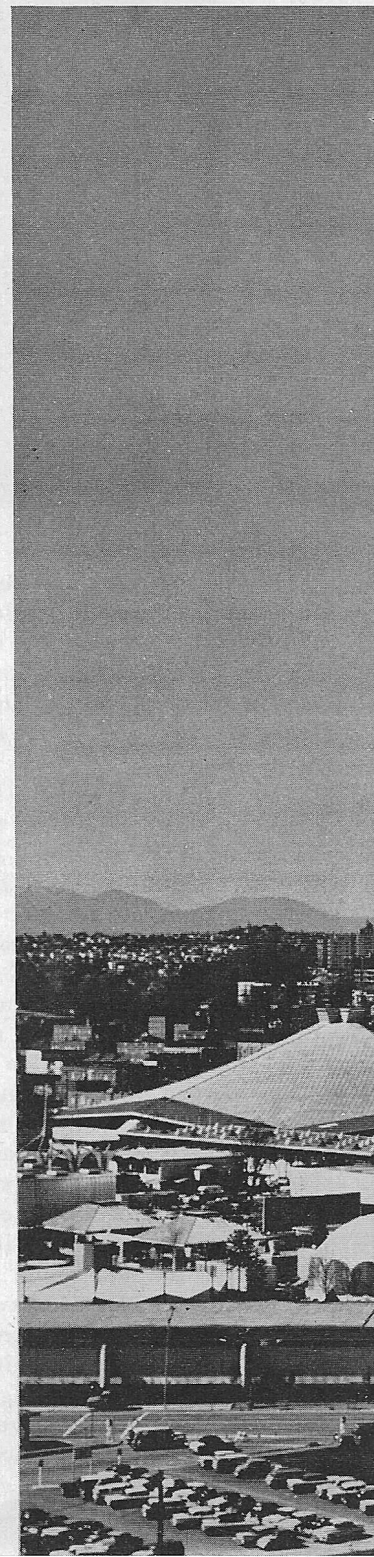
We started out on a Saturday morning, and headed north out of Los Angeles on highway 99, the same road that would eventually lead us as far as Vancouver, B. C., Canada. We left highway 99 temporarily about 30 miles south of Bakersfield, California, and cut west to the Taft Parachute Center for a brief stop. From Taft we drove north west to Paso Robles and headed north on highway 101 to San Francisco where we spent the first night with our parents.

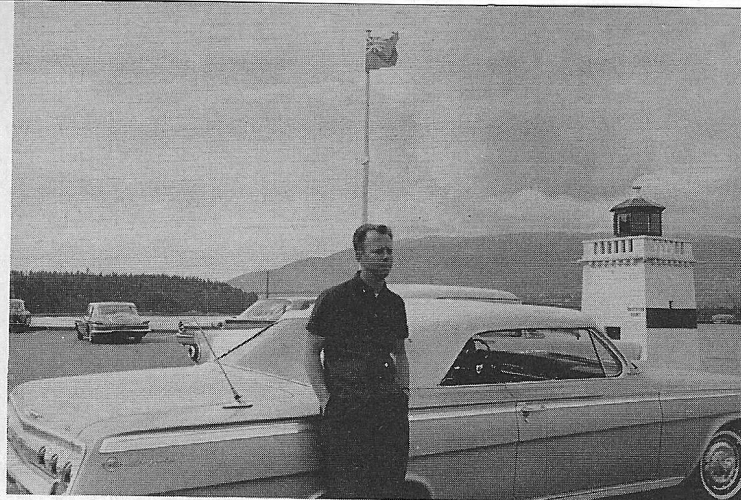
We arose early and drove about 100 miles to Calistoga, California, where we came upon a first rate club, the Calistoga Sky Divers. We spoke with Ed Nunes, the Club President, who explained that the club requires all members to have a valid P.C.A. card before jumping here. This same rule holds true for visitors, although visiting P.C.A. members are welcome to jump at Calistoga. The D.Z. is located on the very edge of this small town. It is felt that a person jumping without the benefit of PL & PD insurance might damage nearby property without being able to pay for the damages, causing a rapid decline in the good will of the local people.

We stayed a night with relatives in Santa Rosa, California, then drove north through the Redwood Forest. We put the top down on the Impala and were able to enjoy one of the most beautiful strips of highway in the world. We were particularly impressed with the world's tallest known tree, the Founders Tree. We would hate to make a tree landing in that one!

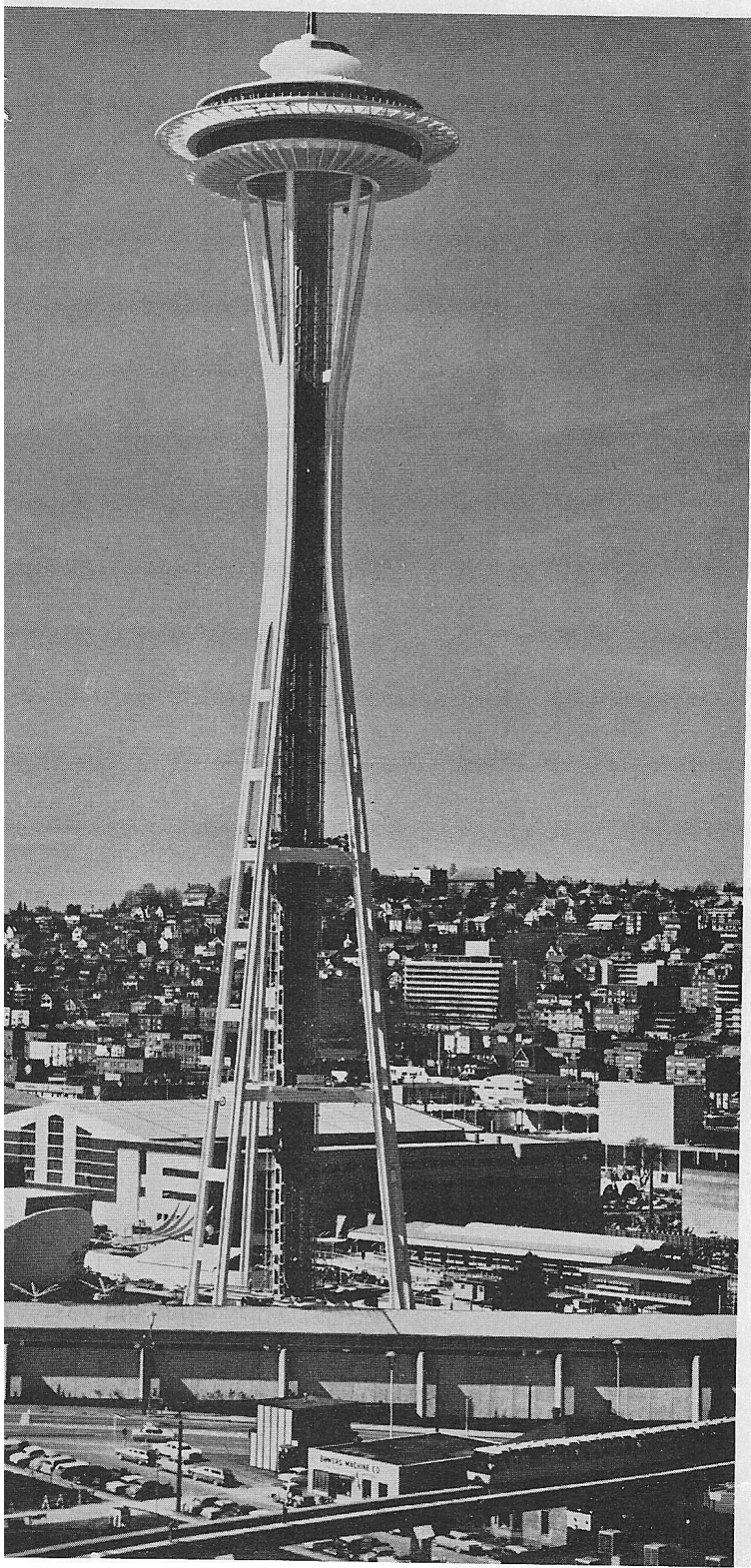
The next day saw us in Seattle, Washington. We were able to jump at Snohomish, the home of the Seattle Skydivers. We were quite favorably impressed with the Snohomish center and got a kick out of jumping with the Skymaster door.

We were also able to jump during





Above: Victoria, B. C. Canada and Brockton Point.

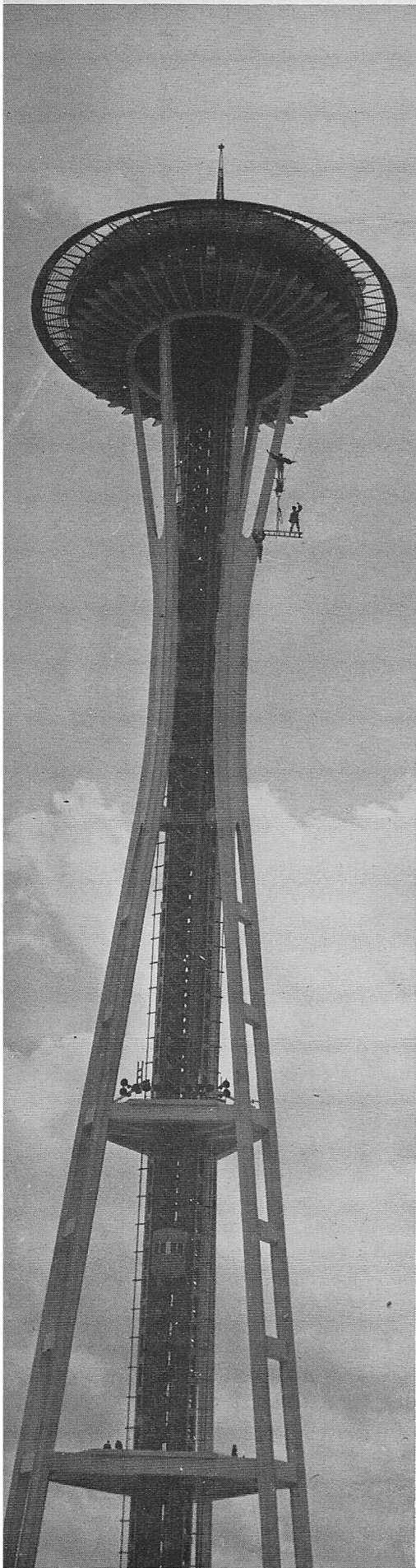


the meet at Issaquah, a jump center located about 20 miles from Snohomish, and also in the Seattle area. The facilities here were good, the crowd control at the meet was excellent. We jumped between cloud bursts here, but it was a lot of fun, and at least there was no dust!

Every parachutist should try to visit the Space Needle while in Seattle. We were also able to visit the Century 21 exposition while in town, but it is due to close on October 21 of this year. The Space needle, fortunately, is here to stay. We went late at night and sipped cocktails while looking down at the lights below. The top of the needle revolved once per hour, and it is a fantastic experience to relax and look at the sights.

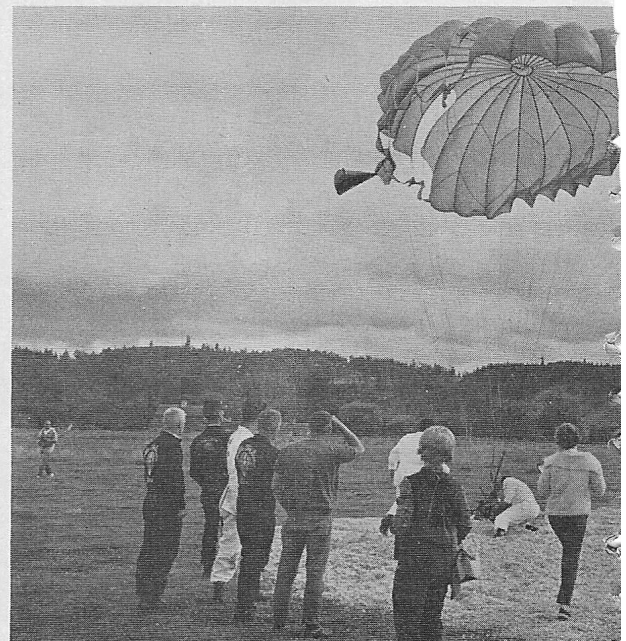
We made a one day side trip to Vancouver, a very beautiful city, then headed south again. We stopped at Reids Hillview Airport, San Jose, California, home of the Golden Gate Skydivers, and at the Fort Ord Clubhouse. Unfortunately this was a weekday, no activity at either spot.

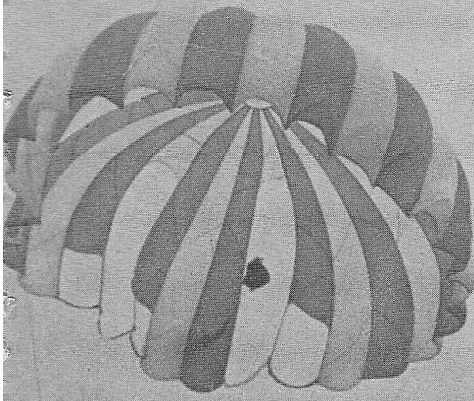
We were a little sad when, back in Los Angeles, we returned the beautiful Impala Convertible. It was a Super Sports model, equipped with very comfortable bucket seats and full power equipment. It provided the ultimate in comfortable highway motoring with the top up, and was fun to drive around with the top down. The locking console located between the bucket seats was very handy for maps and etcetera. The trunk space was tremendous, and we found that with the top up we were able to leave most of our clothes on the hangars, placing them behind the rear seat in the bin that is used for storage of the fabric convertible top.



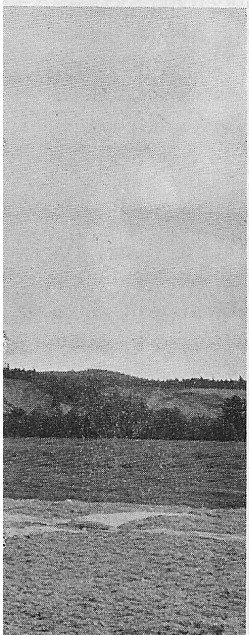
Left: Do you think we can get a ten second delay from here?

Below: Editor's Wife, Daughter, and small friend look at the sights.





Top right: Jumpers prepare to load 1929 Travelair at Issaquah, Washington.



FORT CAMPBELL

Col. Patrick F. Cassidy Returned to 101st Airborne Division; Veteran Member of WWII Division Named Assistant Division Commander

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Colonel Patrick F. Cassidy has been named assistant commander of the 101st Airborne Division.

A veteran of the division's World War II combat operations and a recent nominee for brigadier general rank, Colonel Cassidy joined newly-arrived Brigadier General Harry W.O. Kinnard, another 101st veteran, in supervising the operations, training and administration of division and post units, under the command of Major General C.W.G. Rich.

Colonel Cassidy's second assignment with the 101st Airborne is his second tour of duty at Fort Campbell. He served here with the 11th Airborne Division from July 1954 until February 1956, first as commander of the 511th Airborne Infantry Regiment, then as the division's chief of staff.

Recognized as one of the Army's pioneer parachutists, Colonel Cassidy was a member of the original 501st Parachute Battalion (1941). Later, assigned to the 502d Parachute Battalion, he participated in the first company- and battalion-size jumps made by an American Airborne unit.

As commander of the 1st Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division's 502d Parachute Infantry Regiment in the invasion of Fortress Europe, Colonel Cassidy was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Of his battalion's performance the historian of the European Theater of Operations, Colonel S.L.A. Marshall (now Brigadier General, retired), had this to say:

"An examination of the record and accomplishment of Cassidy's battalion, weighed critically against all others in the American Army, warrants the estimate that on D-Day, in point of fighting effectiveness and tactical scope, this was probably the outstanding battalion of the Normandy operation."

Colonel Cassidy led his battalion in the airborne operation over Holland and later became executive officer of the 502d.



Veteran 101st Airborne Officer Returns to Screaming Eagle Division as Assistant Commander; Brig. Gen. H.W.O. Kinnard in Third Tour of Duty with 101st

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FORT CAMPBELL, Ky., July 21 - The 101st Airborne Division has a new assistant commander in a new brigadier general.

But there the newness ends.

Brigadier General Harry W. O. Kinnard is neither new to the division nor to Fort Campbell.

First assigned to the 101st during its World War II lifetime, he served in both command and staff slots with the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment. He participated in the D-Day and Holland invasion jumps, then went on to the Battle of the Bulge and its Bastogne climacteric as the division's G-3 (Operations and Training) officer. Four months later, in April 1945, he was a full colonel - at 29!

General Kinnard's first assignment at Fort Campbell was his second tour of duty with the 101st Airborne Division. He was one of the pioneers of the Army's pentomic concept when the division was reorganized and tested here, 1956-58. A dedicated infantryman and paratrooper, he first commanded the advanced prototype of his early World War II unit, the 501st Airborne Battle Group; then, proving his versatility as a professional soldier, he commanded the division's considerably stepped-up artillery.

More recently General Kinnard served as executive officer to the former secretary of the Army, Elvis J. Stahr, Jr., who officiated at the general's late June promotion ceremony.

Still expanding his professional horizons, General Kinnard has been taking flight training at the Army's Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Ala.

And now, once more, he is "present for duty".

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SWIFT STRIKE II.

The 101st Airborne Division was one of eight major Army units named to participate in the United States Strike Command exercise, SWIFT STRIKE II, in the Carolinas last August.

In the two-sided exercise opposing

Red and Blue forces, totaling more than 60,000 maneuvered against each other for control of some 5,500 square miles of land situated between Fort Bragg, N.C. and Fort Jackson, S.C.

The United States Strike Command, headed by General Paul D. Adams, is a unified command operating directly under the Joint Chiefs of Staff with Headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. It is a mobile, flexible, highly-trained force comprised of the combat-ready units of the Continental Army Command and the Tactical Air Command stationed in the continental United States.

Headquarters U.S. Strike Command took the field during Exercise SWIFT STRIKE II, commanded both the Red and Blue Forces during the maneuver, and controlled the operations of both joint forces from its field Headquarters near Camden, S.C.

The forces of the Continental Army Command (CONARC) and the Tactical Air Command (TAC) under operational control of the U.S. Strike Command are based in nearly a score of states from Maryland to California, from which they were alerted and moved into the maneuver area.

The maneuver area, which was about 100 miles long and 50 miles wide, lay south of U.S. Highway 1 in North and South Carolina and was almost entirely comprised of privately-owned property. Without the patriotism and public spiritedness of the citizens and property owners of the area, the maneuver would have been impossible, and adequate training of our ready forces could not have been attained, since even the largest military reservations are no longer adequate in size for training forces of this magnitude.

Both Red and Blue forces were jointly composed of Army and Air units, with appropriate combat, technical and administrative support units. The Army elements included infantry, armor, artillery, engineer, ordnance, quartermaster, chemical, transportation, medical, military police, adjutant general, aviation, intelligence, psychological warfare, signal and civil affairs branches in the ground task force.

The Air arm of the Red Force (Aggressor) were comprised mostly of units of TAC's 9th Air Force, while

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Ridgway Trophy



The Matthew B. Ridgway Military Sport Parachuting Trophy is a silver bowl, 15 inches in diameter, mounted on a walnut pedestal. On the sides of the pedestal are silver plaques on which will be inscribed the names of Military Sport Parachuting Clubs winning the trophy each year.

The Trophy was created by THE AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION in March of 1959 and named after General Matthew B. Ridgway, President of the Airborne Association. Its purpose is to stimulate participation by Armed Forces sport parachutists and clubs in competition sanctioned by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), The Parachute Club of America, and the Department of Defense or Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

To be eligible for consideration, a Sport Parachuting Club must be a military club of the Army, Navy or Air Force, officially sanctioned under current regulations of those departments, and affiliated with the Parachute Club of America; and must have competed in at least one sanctioned competitive parachuting meet.

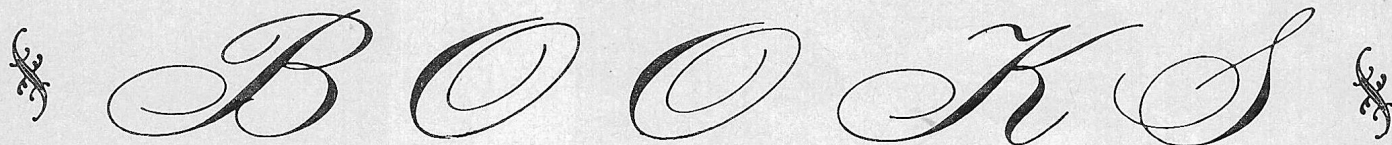
Candidates will be evaluated under a point system whereby the club will be credited with points for club participation, team and individual place awards, and such other events as may be listed in the table of points. Point values will be scaled according to the class of competi-

tion under each of the four classes of competition recognized by FAI and/or PCA. Table of points is shown as Inclosure No. 1, hereto. Competitive classes of competition are:

- CLASS I: FAI World Championship only.
- CLASS II: National Competitions; and Major International Competitions.
- CLASS III: Minor International Competitions; and Regional Competitions.
- CLASS IV: Sectional Competitions; and Sanctioned Local Competitions.

The Board of Directors of THE AIRBORNE ASSOCIATION will name annually an Award Committee to screen applications of candidate clubs and determine the annual winner of the Trophy. The Committee will announce its findings as soon as practicable after the 1st of January each year.

The Trophy will be presented to the winning club by the President of The Airborne Association or his designated representative with appropriate ceremony at a suitable time and place as soon as practicable after announcement of the winning club.



THE SKY DIVERS, by Lou Cameron, Gold Medal Books, Fawcett Publications, Inc., Greenwich, Conn. 35¢

At thirty five cents, you might wish to read this new paperback. If you happen to be waiting around an airline terminal with nothing at all to do and you feel like something light to read, grab one off the rack. If, however, they should ask for one more nickle, put it back.

The book contains 160 pages that sometimes read like this: "Then he gently pulled the ripcord on the reserve. The compressed nylon billowed out onto the beaver-board counter as I took the pilot by the bridle and started walking down to the end of the loft. That was one of the things you had to watch for. Some guys don't think you need a sleeve on a reserve chute. I do."

Then, for instance, the new boy is ready for his first jump: "I looked down at the altimeter buckled to my reserve pack. We were at seven thousand feet. I put my mouth next to Hall's ear and said, 'We're going to do a door exit. Nothing fancy. Just get both heels planted on

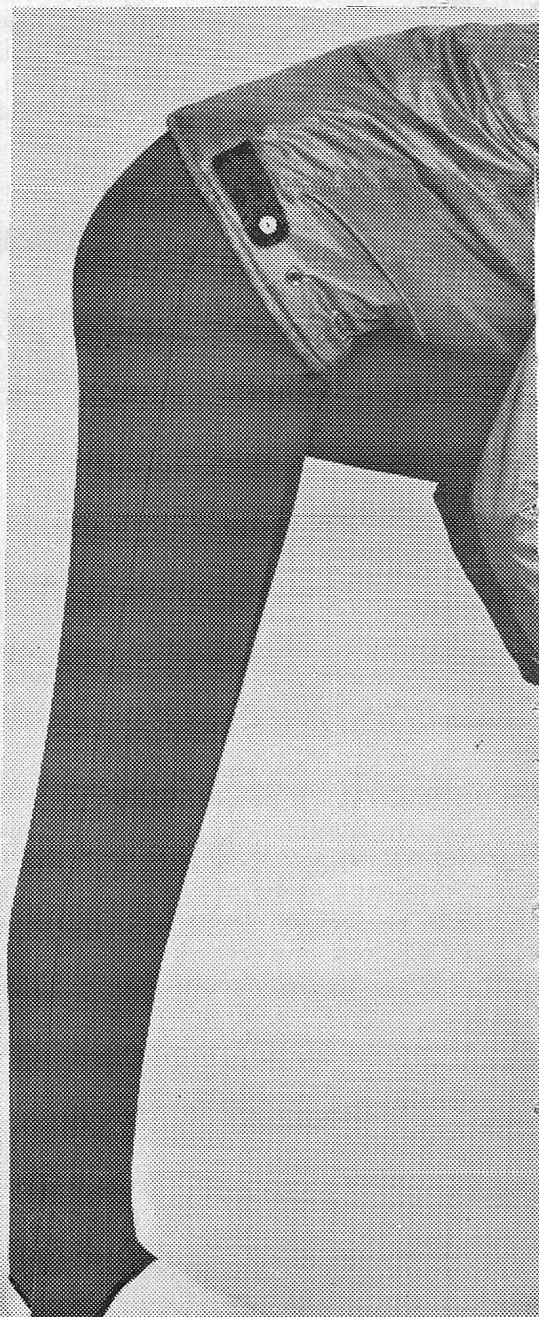
the door ledge and sit tight while I hook you up.'" He nodded. It was a bit crowded, but the Frisco Fliers couldn't afford a higher performance kite. I took the free end of Hall's static line and hooked it on the ring over the exit, holding him by the harness as I did. We'd gone over this a few times on the ground, so there wasn't much to say. I watched over his shoulder until we were coming in over the field and patted him on the back. He leaned forward. For a second I thought he was going to double up in a frightened ball. But then he sprang out from the side of the kite in a perfect swan dive. The static line slipped it's binding and unreeled behind him as he dropped away from the Cessna. Then it snapped taught and pinged the pilot out of Hall's pack. As soon as he had silk showing, I dove out after him."

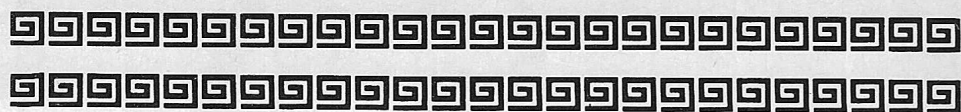
Whether the above passages with their technical errors should be criticised on matters essential to the basic purpose of the book, we shall leave for you to decide. It should prove exciting reading for the non-jumper, a laugh a minute for the Parachutist.

CLOTHING

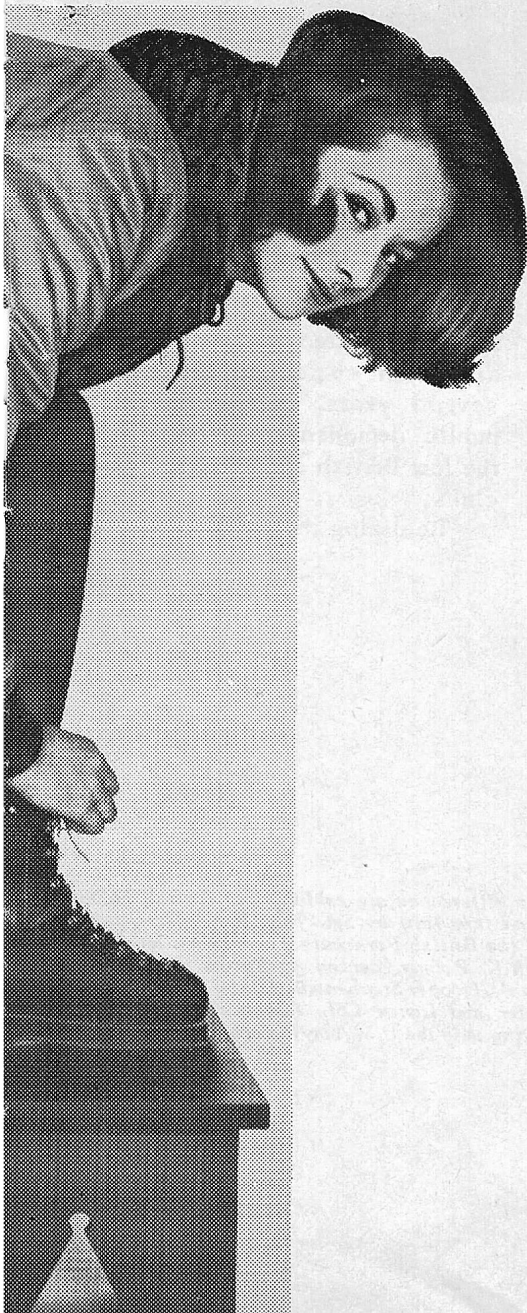
THE PARACHUTIST MIGHT WISH TO LOOK TO THE SKI SLOPE FOR IDEAS ON CLOTHING. A LARGE PART OF THE COLOR AND INTEREST IN THIS WINTER SPORT IS DUE TO THE MULTICOLORED SWEATERS AND SMART LOOKING STRETCH PANTS WORN BY SKI'ERS OF BOTH SEXES.

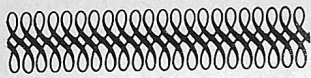
SEVERAL LEADING MANUFACTURERS OF SKI CLOTHING HAVE SHOWN AN INTEREST IN PROVIDING JUMP SUITS OF STRETCH FABRICS THAT COULD BE PURCHASED IN A MULTITUDE OF EXCITING COLORS. THESE PEOPLE FEEL THAT THE SPORTS PARACHUTIST IS GROWING WEARY OF WEARING CARPENTERS COVERALLS AND MECHANICS UNIFORMS, AND THEY HOPE THAT HE WILL SOON TRANSCEND TO SOMETHING IN THE WAY OF A CUSTOM PARACHUTIST SUIT. HOW DO YOU FEEL AS A JUMPER?



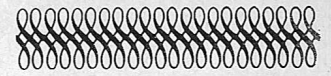


photography courtesy Gunnar Porath





S.A.S.



Modification of a parachute harness is explained to British Trooper Edwin Stephenson (left) of the British Special Air Service Parachute Team. Explaining the sewing technique is Sgt. John A. Muellerweiss, maintenance NCO of the U.S. Army Parachute Team at Fort Bragg, N.C. (Official U.S. Army Photograph)



Special Air Service is a regiment of the Army that is usually not found in the United States. A major reason for this is S.A.S. is the British Army's counterpart to the U.S. Army's Special Forces.

However, during the months of August and September, 10 of their members are present stateside. At first glance it would seem that their visit would coincide with exchange training in special warfare. This is not the case. Parachuting provides the reason for the trip and specifically the World Championships at Orange,

Massachusetts, August 11, 1962.

Of the ten jumpers, six are on the British team and are heading directly to Orange. The other four and one Canadian member of the British Army are presently at Fort Bragg, N.C. for special training in free fall techniques.

Hosting the contingent of British jumpers at Bragg are the members of the U.S. Army Parachute Team, holder of 19 world parachute records. Although the principle mission of the Army Parachute Team is demonstra-

tion, competition and testing and techniques, the S.A.S. has this mission also, but as an ever growing additional job.

British S.A.S. men, members of the 22nd Special Air Service Regiment, have been studying free fall techniques in tactical situations for several years. Up until last year public demonstrations were left to the few British civilian sport jumping clubs.

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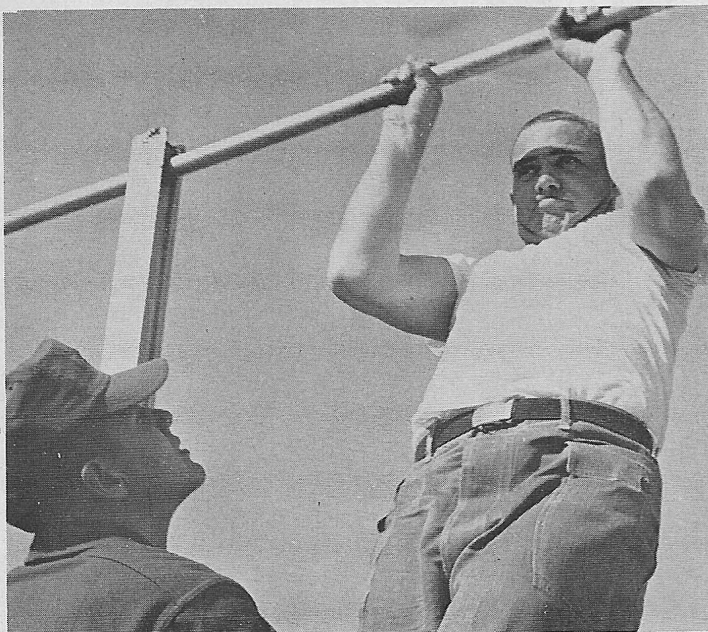
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Parachute harness differences are explained to British Trooper Edwin Stephenson (second from left) by Sgt. John A. Muellerweiss (far left). Other members of the British Parachute Team check an American canopy as SFC Ralph K. Palmer (center) discusses the equipment. The British Team (l to r), Trooper Stephenson, Lance Cpl. Sherry Vatsdal, Cpl. Robert Slater and Lance Cpl. Terrence Roberts are studying American parachuting with the U.S. Army Parachute Team at Fort Bragg

Ft. Benning Georgia





The United States Army's airborne training, which started more than 22 years ago at Fort Benning, Georgia, with 48 men under the leadership of First Lieutenant (now Colonel) William Y. Ryder, is back again at Fort Benning. Fort Bragg and Fort Campbell have graduated their last basic classes, and Fort Benning is now the only Airborne training center in the continental United States.

The task of organizing the first test platoon began in July, 1940, and under the recommendation of Lieutenant Colonel William C. Lee (later Major General), the men were moved to Highstown, New Jersey for a week's training on the parachute drop towers which had been used in the New York World's Fair. The Army was so impressed with the towers that it bought two of them from the Safe Parachute Company and erected them at Fort Benning, later adding two more.

The first jump by members of the platoon from a plane in flight was made from a Douglas B-18 over

Lawson Field on August 16, 1940.

The first Airborne combat unit to be organized was the 501st Parachute Battalion, where a Private Eberhart first used the Paratrooper's traditional cry "GERONIMO", while proving to a friend that he had full possession of his faculties when he jumped. The cry was adopted by the 501st as a battle cry and has been used by Paratroopers ever since.

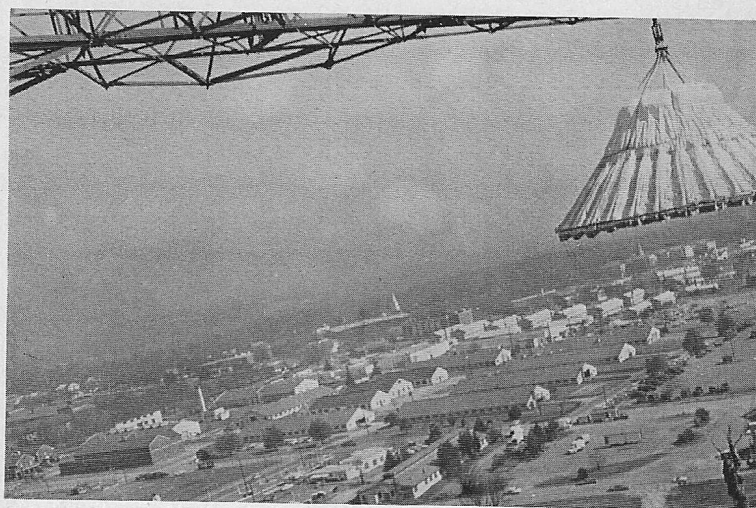
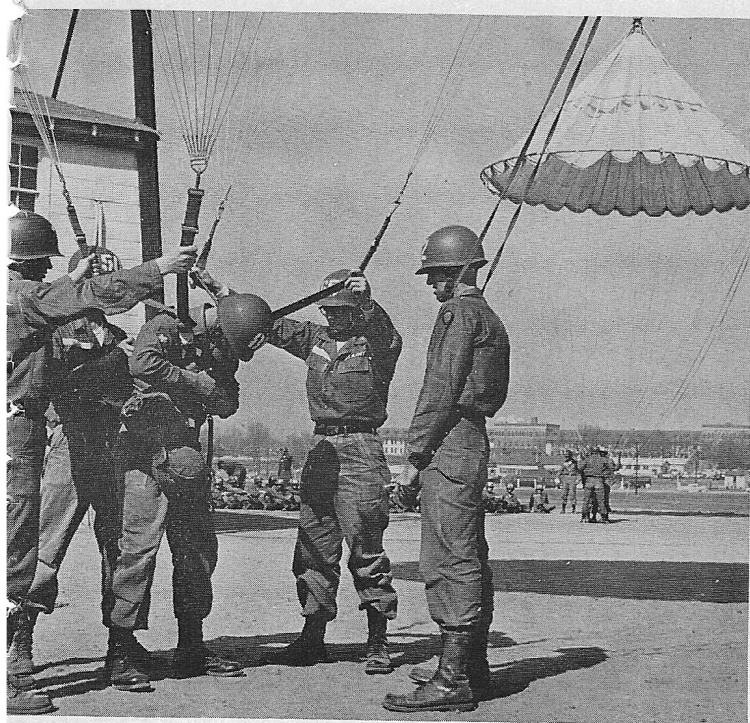
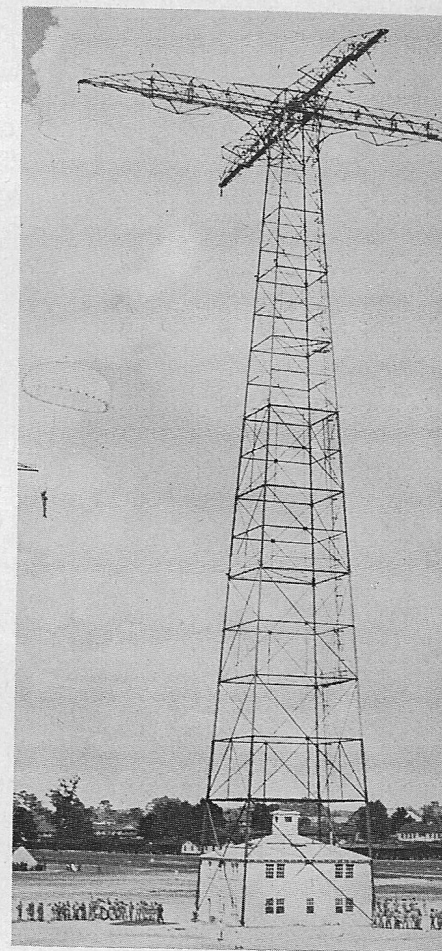
As a result of the activation of more Airborne units, the Parachute School was established at Fort Benning on May 15, 1942. It has since been known by six different names, presently designated the Airborne-Air Mobility Department, The Infantry School. The total graduates from the Fort Benning School and the various divisional jump schools since 1941 is believed to be close to one million parachutists.

During the first week of the three week course, the student is taught physical training, exit positions, parachute landing falls, and pre-jump procedures. He then enters the Tower

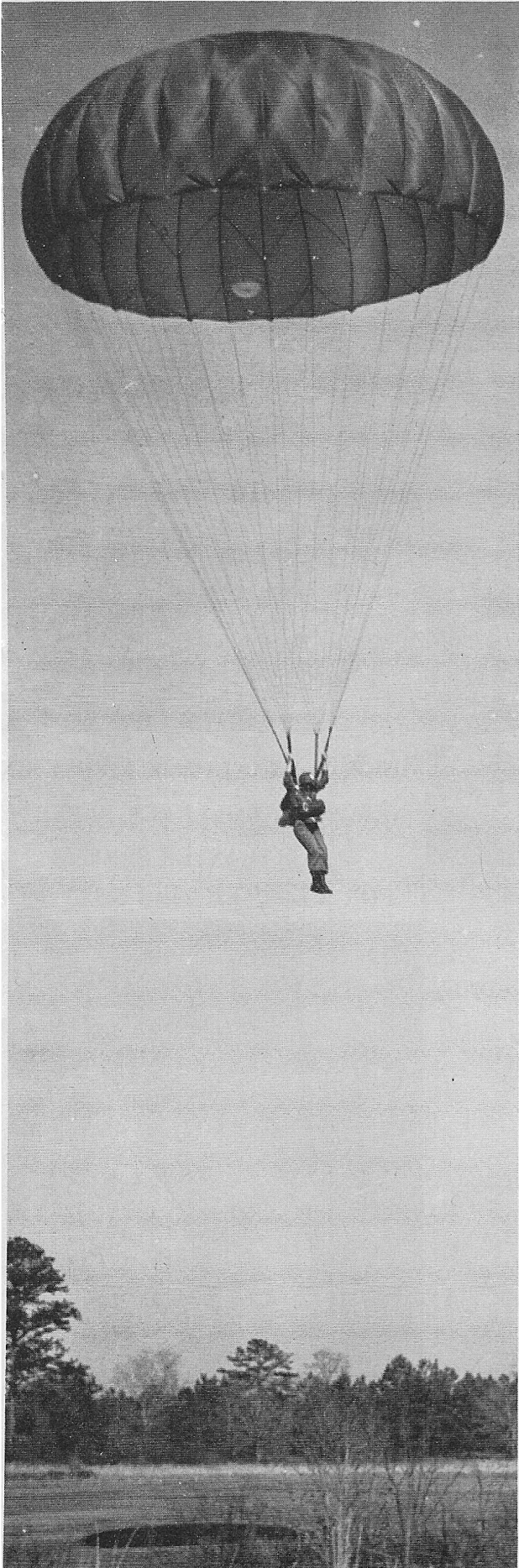
training phase in the second week, where he jumps from a 34 foot tower, and later a 250 foot tower, learning to control his T-10 chute during descent, use of the reserve and how to make mass exits. The third week is the jump week, where the student makes five qualifying jumps from an airplane prior to being awarded his Parachutists Badge and joining an Airborne or Special Forces unit.

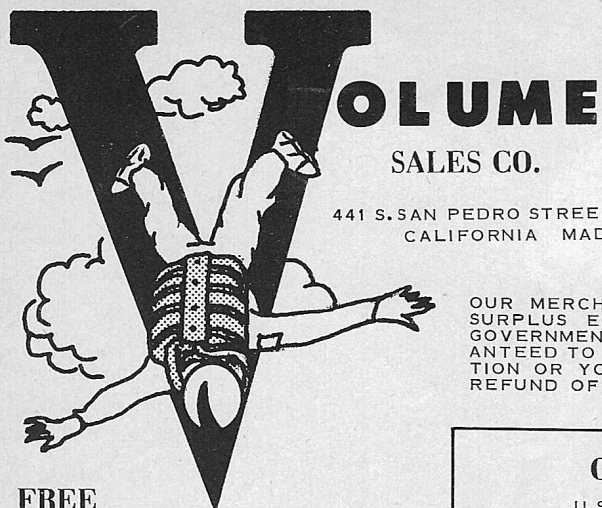
In the past 22 years men have left Benning to join units such as the 11th 13th, 17th, 82nd, and 101st Airborne Divisions as well as the 187th and 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Teams and the 18th Airborne Corps, Airborne Ranger units of the Korean Campaign and the Special Forces Units. They have made combat jumps from North Africa to Korea and have been commanded by such men as Generals Adams, Gavin, Lee, Lemnitzer, McAuliffe, Ridgway, Taylor, Swing, Trapnell, and Westmoreland. Great acts of courage and daring have been the rule whenever our Paratroopers have fought and sometimes died, and the battles are all a part of the rich Airborne heritage.











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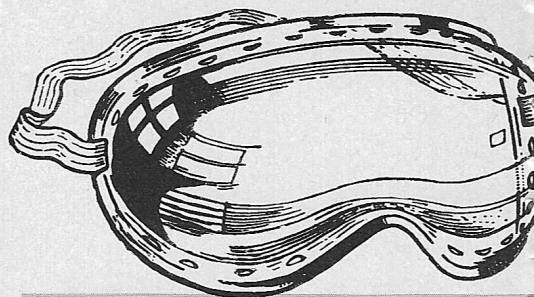
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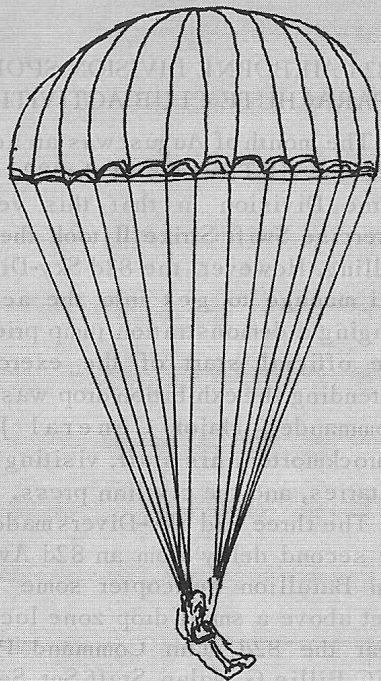
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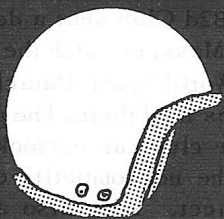
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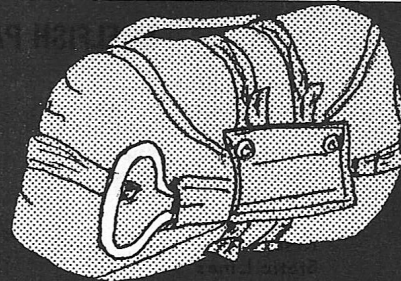
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In addition to the 101st Airborne Division, these other major Army units participated in the two-week exercise: III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas; XVIII Airborne Corps and the 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., the 2d Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga., the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley,

Kans., the 2d Logistical Command, Fort Lee, Va., and the 4th Logistical Command (Provisional), Fort Eustis, Va.

TAC's 839th Air Division became the 82d Air Force (Provisional) Troop Carrier supporting both sides of the exercise, utilizing C-130 Hercules, C-123 Providers, C-119 Flying Boxcars, and SA-16 Albatross in its aerial armada.

Ninth Air Force provided six squadrons of jet fighters (F-100s and F-105s) and two units of reconnaissance aircraft (RB-57s and RF-101s) for Exercise SWIFT STRIKE II.

82d AIRBORNE DIVISION SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB ACTIVITIES

The month of August was an active time for all Troopers of the 82d Airborne Division in that this year's Exercise Swift Strike II took the top Billing. However, the 82d Sky-Divers did manage to get into the act by staging a demonstration jump prior to the official start of the exercise. Attending the exhibition drop was 82d Commander, Major General J. L. Throckmorton, his staff, visiting dignitaries, and the civilian press.

The three 82d Sky-Divers made the 30 second delay from an 82d Aviation Battalion helicopter some 7200 feet above a small drop zone located near the 82d Main Command Post. SFC Billie G. Nolan, Staff Sgt. Sebastian DeLuca, and Sp4 Denneth Benson all made stand up landings in front of the reviewing party, much to the approval of the press and the many 82d Troopers watching the show.

While a large part of the membership was out in the field, a small but dedicated crew stayed behind to remodel the club house. Nearly completed now, the renovated club house sports a new padded bar, panelled walls, and an acoustic tile ceiling. New light fixtures and furniture plus a new coat of paint for the shelves and cabinets round out the job. We are holding a general membership meeting and party to celebrate the fine job on the new home of the 82d Sport Parachute Club.

The 82d Club sent a delegation to Orange, Mass. to catch the last events of the World Sport Parachute Championships held there. The group drove up in the club car and took advantage of all the noncompetitive activities of the meet. They also acted as an informal cheering section for a fellow member of the 82d Sky-Divers, SFC Phillip VanderWeg. Sgt. VanderWeg placed ninth at the Nationals in Kansas City, giving him a berth on the U.S. Team. After a successful practice period he was chosen to represent the United States at Orange.

Plans for the Sport Parachute Club include demonstration jumps at the Darlington 300, Labor Day Race Spectacular, and the Winston-Salem Air Show. We hope to host a get together type invitational meet in September.

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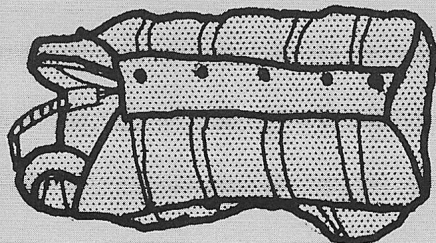
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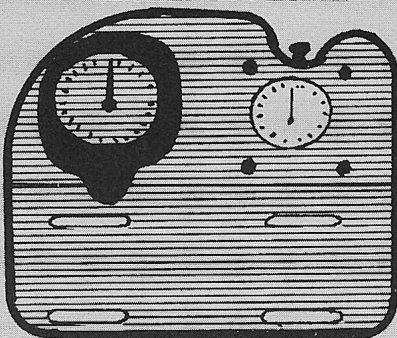
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relation values to be derived from the demonstrations of free fall parachuting, the S.A.S. took the cue from the U.S. Army Team. They formed a special team that began public demonstrations. Their last demonstration was highlighted by a crowd of 50,000 spectators at Goodwood Raceway in England. Part of their training for these events was provided by two members of the U.S. Army Team who visited England early in the year to instruct in demonstration free falling.

Like their American counterpart the S.A.S. team began an onslaught on the British free fall records and the British Parachute Championship Team. The first two records the S.A.S. set were the Malayan altitude record of 12,000 feet formerly held by the British Royal Air Force and the Commonwealth Altitude record of 34,350 feet. It was set by six S.A.S. jumpers January 30, 1962, with a two and a half minute delayed opening. In June of this year the S.A.S. team entered the elimination meet to select the team to represent Britain at the World Championship at Orange. When the chutes were down and the points counted, first, third, fourth, fifth and seventh places were held by S.A.S. jumpers. Second place was netted by a jumper from the British

Parachute Regiment, a Canadian by birth and unable, therefore, to jump for Britain in the competition. The lone place winner not in Army uniform was sixth place that went to an R.A.F. jumper. This was similar to the selection of the American team were four of the six jumpers representing the U.S. are from the U.S. Army Parachute Team. One jumper, Jim Arender, is a former member of the Army Team. Alternate Henry Simbro is the only civilian trained jumper.

During their stay at Bragg, the S.A.S. men are jumping with the members of the Team still at Bragg. In addition they are observing parachute maintenance, packing and jump techniques prior to the start of the Orange Championships. August 8th, the remainder of the Army Team and the British jumpers will depart for Orange to assist and demonstrate at the World Championships.

Whether in the United States or Britain, or any of the other 21 countries participating in the Championships, free fall parachuting is on its way to becoming one of the world's major sports. The S.A.S. Team like its American counterpart, the U.S. Army Parachute Team, are serving to lead the way.

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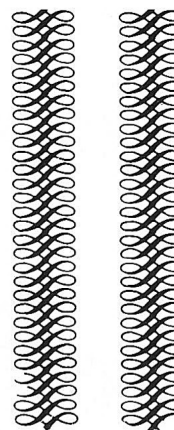
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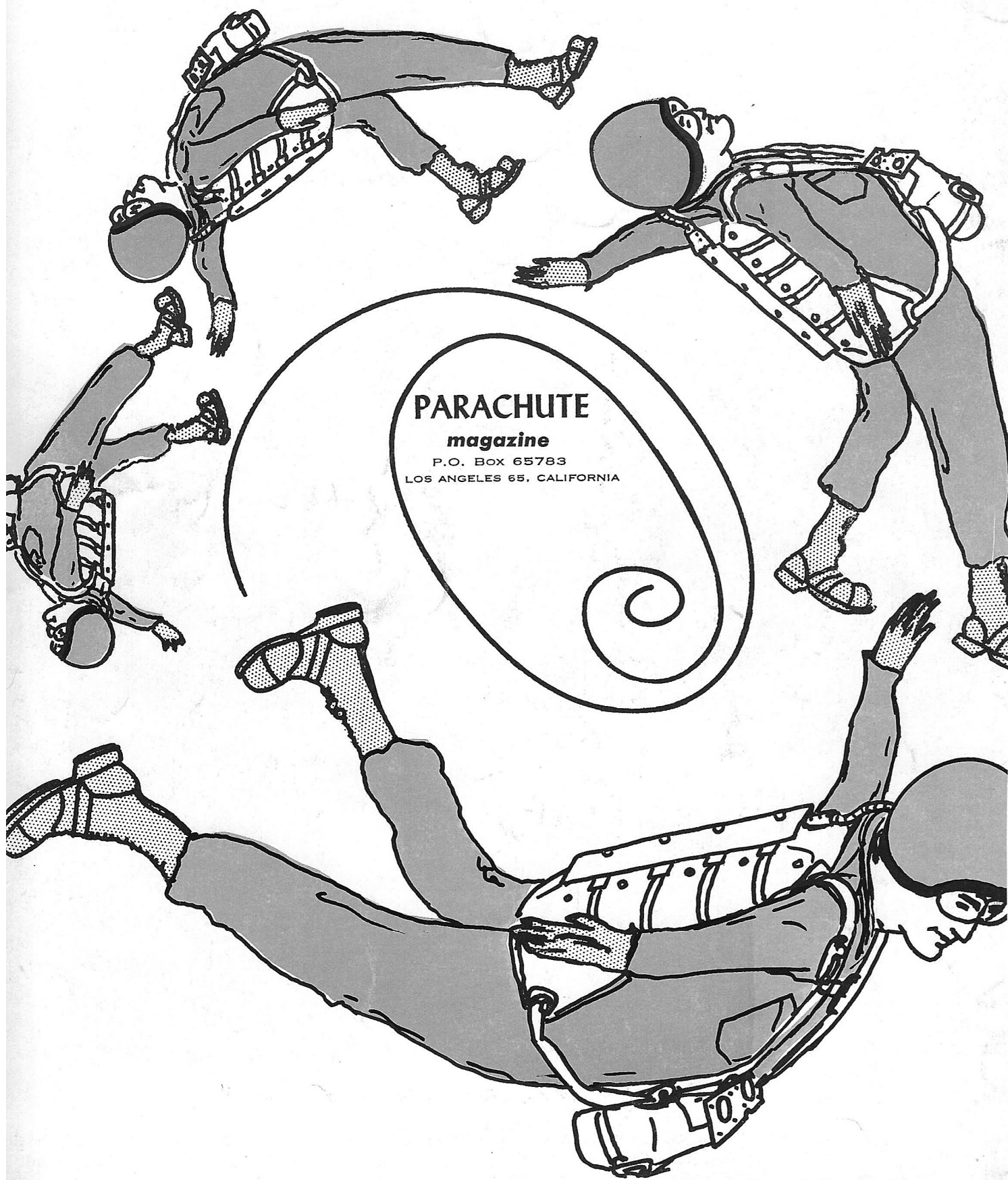
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