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**Plans World Voyage in Steel Sailboat**  
WORCESTER, England, Dec. 9—(Reuters)—Vladimir Vestamovich, 27-year-old Russian, today sailed his 27-foot welded steel sailboat down the River Severn from Worcester, setting out on a single-handed voyage round the world. His vessel, which he believes will

be the smallest ever to attempt to cross the Atlantic, weighs less than three tons and can be completely sealed to allow him to sleep during the voyage. He built it in 13 months in his spare time. Vestamovich intends to sail to Bristol and then set out for Buenos Aires. He will take enough canned food to last him the four to six months he expects to be at sea before reaching south America.

Quickies By Ken Reynolds



"What's wrong with wearing him on my watchfob — the American West Ad said he was a WATCHDOG!"

**World's Greatest Bomber Makes 8,000-Mile Flight**

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 9—(AP)—The world's biggest bomber has made its greatest flight. The United States Air Force announced today that its giant pride, a B-36, flew non-stop from Fort Worth to Honolulu and return, breaking its own record. At 7 p.m. last night, 35 hours and more than 8,000 miles after taking off, the great silver ship touched down at this city's Carswell Air Field. It had carried "a useful bombload" to the halfway mark, dropping the bombs in the ocean off Honolulu. Brig-Gen. J. B. Montgomery of the Strategic Air Command made the announcement here after hours of official silence. "It is the best the B-36 has ever done, but it was a routine training flight—well within the capabilities of the bomber," he said. "It was in excess of 8,000 miles." With a 16-man crew the ship flew from Fort Worth to Honolulu by way of San Diego, Calif., and returned via San Francisco. "From San Francisco, it did not fly directly to Fort Worth," said Montgomery. "It flew to the east of Fort Worth and then returned." Built to carry 10,000 pounds of bombs, 10,000 miles, the bomber staggers the imagination of the public and the men who fly it. It is as big as three five-room houses and its 67-foot tail is as high as a four-story building. It has grown into the air at its full gross weight of 278,000 pounds. No other plane ever carried such a load. Its amazing wings stretch 230 feet—almost the length of a football field—and they flap lazily in flight. And the B-36 is so long—143 feet—its crew members use a little scooter on rails to slip from nose to tail. Six pusher engines shove the bomber along at better than 350 miles an hour. Hours before the air force made its announcement, there were unconfirmed reports of an historic



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flight. But officers remained silent. Montgomery made the first announcement to the Associated Press in Dallas early today. "I can't tell you everything, but I'll tell you what I can," he said. "The flight was not a record for distance. In October, 1946, a United States navy Lockheed Neptune patrol bomber flew from Perth, Australia, to Columbus, Ohio—11,236 miles. The air force hopes to stretch the B-36's bombing range to 12,000 miles.

**U. S. Electoral College Names President Monday**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9—(AP)—Everything is ready. The day of the great decision is Monday. The electoral college will meet and elect the next United States president. Maybe you thought the United States already had a president for the next four years. Maybe you believed those headlines of Nov. 3 that the people named a fellow named Truman. Stuff and nonsense! All they did was to pick electors to pick a president. Down through the years, of course, electors have dwindled in importance until their job has become a mere formality. But it's a formality backed up by two sections of the constitution and eight pages of law. Truman can't be elected until it's carried out. The man charged with seeing that everything goes properly is Denys Myers of the State Department. He assured me today that everything looks shipshape for the big event. "The electoral college," he said, between puffs on a bumpy pipe "is a reminder of our history. Originally we were the United States, with a small 'U' and a big 'S'. So the electors were named in each state, and they decided on the man they thought should be president." Myers has written each of the 48 governors, over the signature of Robert A. Lovett, Undersecretary of State, explaining to them how the thing should be done. For instance: Each state must send in its letters of ascertainment. This translated from the legal vernacular, merely means a report on who was elected electors, and by how much. During Monday's meetings in the 48 states, each elector will sign six certificates, verifying how the voting went. What happens to these six certificates requires almost a full page of law to explain. But the upshot is that they'll be opened in Congress Jan. 6, and counted. This time the result won't surprise the most bemused politician. The long drawn out formality will add to Truman. Changes come slowly in something like this. But I noticed that four years ago the letters to the governors wound up with: "I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant." This year Myers quietly changed this to "very truly yours." A small step, perhaps, but it's in the right direction.

**U. S. Considers Cominform-Tito Split Genuine**

By J. M. Roberts, Jr. Associated Press News Analyst United States officials apparently are convinced now that the Cominform-Tito split was not a phony and that greater trade between Yugoslavia and the west can be undertaken safely. Yugoslavia has been under close scrutiny for the six months since Russia made her futile effort to oust Tito in favor of a regime which would pay less attention to nationalistic interests and more to the international program of the Communists. There were signs of fear on the part of the Kremlin that Tito's tendency toward independence from Russian guidance might lead him into a position of neutrality in hot war. The Cominform understandably, the power of Yugoslav nationalism, the "good Communists" to which it appealed failed to rise to oust Tito, and now that fear has assumed a certain semblance of reality. Tito still expresses loyalty to the idea of Communism, but insists that it can exist on a national basis without subservience to the rule of international obedience. The attempted purge having failed, Russia has been reduced to other forms of punishment for what she considers a renegade. This has resulted in an effort to weaken Tito with his people by weakening Yugoslavia's economy. A virtual trade blockade has been erected by the Cominform countries, crippling Tito's one-year plan. He is forced to look elsewhere for a drop in an already poor standard of living should lend vigor to his so far suppressed domestic opposition. The United States is reported reviewing its export license policy toward Yugoslavia with a view to liberalization. There are also indications that steps will be taken to make it easier for Marshall Plan countries in Europe particularly Italy, to trade with Belgrade. The program would advance a fundamental concept of the Marshall Plan, that increased trade between Western and Eastern Europe is vital to Western European recovery. It would increase the split between Tito and the eastern bloc countries' closer look at the enormity of the robbery Russia committed when she vetoed their desire to join in the European Recovery Program. Natural trade forces have always tended to break through political dams. I know a lot of people who think that they are bound to be at work in Russia herself, and that they may offer eventually the one possibility of a bridge to peace between east and west.

**When You're WORN OUT and Worried**



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**Russia Bids High For Wool On World Market**

By SYDNEY GAMPELL LONDON, Dec. 9—(Reuters)—Russian purchases of wool and of other sterling area materials are believed to be partly for strategic stockpiles, but mainly to supply the industries not only of Russia herself but also of her satellites, including the textile industries of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Finland. It has been reported from New York, as well as from Australia, that for the types of wool she wants, Russia outbids all other buyers, and American as well as Australian manufacturers have expressed concern. The size of Russian purchases is unknown and should not be exaggerated. On some recent days Italy has appeared to be a bigger buyer than Russia, but the Russian purchases, and the way they are made, tend to have the highest effect on prices and to attract most attention. Russia has three sources of sterling to pay for the wool. First and foremost are her earnings of sterling under the Anglo-Russia trade agreement of last December. She shipped more than \$20,000,000 (\$80,000,000) worth of grain to Britain and spent much less than was expected on British equipment. She has been sending—and sometimes over-spending—the balance on raw materials in the sterling area. Earlier this year her purchases were mainly Malayan rubber, but recently they have switched to Australian wool. "I can't tell you everything, but I'll tell you what I can," he said. "The flight was not a record for distance. In October, 1946, a United States navy Lockheed Neptune patrol bomber flew from Perth, Australia, to Columbus, Ohio—11,236 miles. The air force hopes to stretch the B-36's bombing range to 12,000 miles.

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Government have however stated that they recognize the existence of a specially close relationship between Eire and the Commonwealth countries and desire that this relationship should be maintained. These close relations arise from ties of kinship and from traditional and long-established economic, social and trade connections based on common interest. The United Kingdom Government for their part also recognize the existence of these factual ties and are at one with the Eire Government in desiring that close and friendly relations should continue and be strengthened. Accordingly the United Kingdom Government will not regard the enactment of this legislation by Eire as placing Eire in the category of foreign countries, or Eire citizens in the category of foreign

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43-year-old Mrs. Kathryn Mellen, artist and writer, when she resisted his advances. Then, Gulemba said, he fled Philadelphia, upon learning his job required him to dig the victim's grave. Bayard J. Jenkins, a 19-year-old Negro teen-ager, was convicted of the slaying. Sentence was withheld pending outcome of his appeal. The first degree murder verdict—without a recommendation of mercy—carries the death penalty. Detective Captain James Kelly of the homicide squad said Gulemba's answers to specific questions asked by Philadelphia police indicated he had no first-hand knowledge of the crime. "We're convinced that Gulemba is trying to mislead us in some way and that the man we have convicted is the one who murdered Mrs. Mellen," Kelly stated.

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