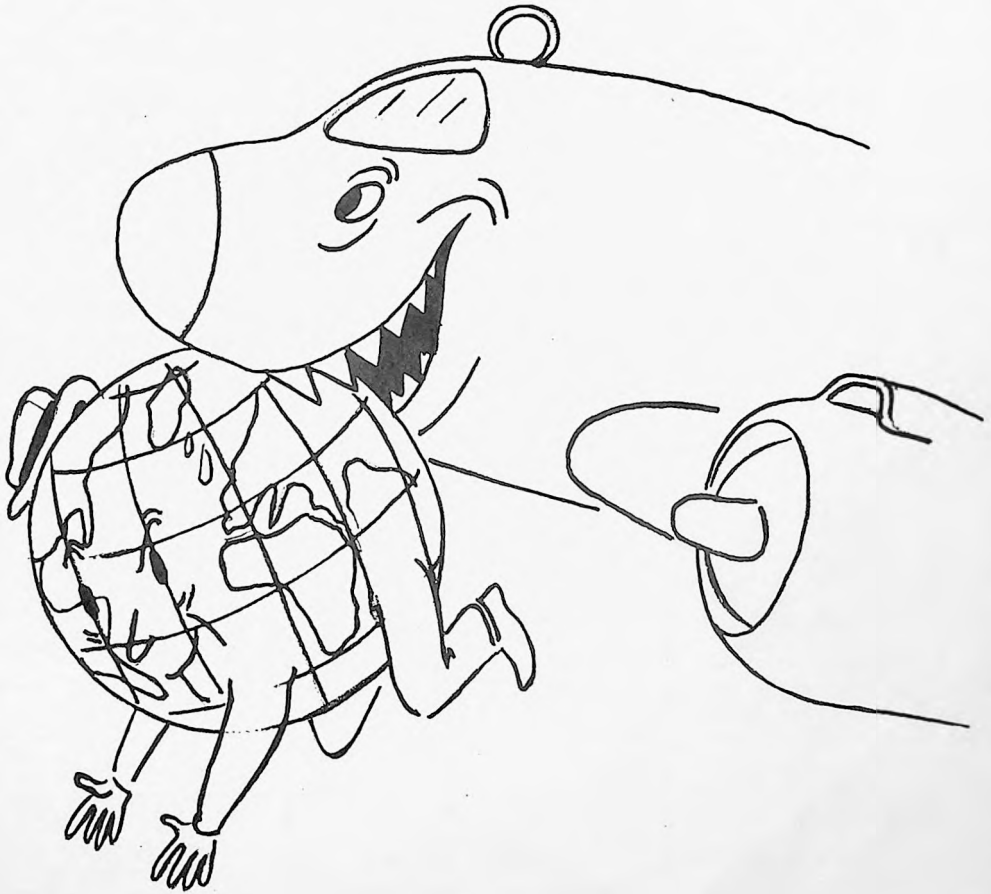


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Every Other Friday

on the spot

A long career in radio highlights the life of Tim Huntley, Chief of Communications for FTL ... along with dramatics, photography, and varied hobbies.

Born in Boston, Huntley had circled the world 3 times before he entered school.

He spent the early years of his life in England where he received most of his education, including 3 years at Harrow in London. This accounts for that fascinating accent..but probably not for his passion for bright ties and plaid jackets.

His interest in flying was so strong, that in 1918 he sawed 1,000 logs to pay for his first flying lessons.

Huntley journeyed to the U.S. a year later, studied a year at the New York Military Academy, and thence to California..and having come from a long line of theatrical people and acted on the stage from time to time since the age of 7, it was only natural that he should re-enter dramatics. In the next few years he played theaters all over the world, and was featured in New York for 8 years opposite such actresses as Helen Hayes and Katharine Hepburn.

Huntley kept up his private flying until 1927, when he was married and grounded by request of his bride. He then substituted radio as a hobby and operated his own station--which hobby he continued upon return to California in 1932 to act in the movies. Between pictures he organized net operations for A.A.R.S., a branch of the Signal Corps; taught cryptography; and made radio surveys of the Pacific Islands.

In 1942 he joined United Airlines and became a Flight

SUZIE'S GIFT SHOP--TOKYO

Suzuko Kawahara, well known to overseas personnel as "Suzie" is opening her own gift shop in Tokyo immediately.

The popular little clerk-hostess of the Meisner House, the Tokyo home of the flight crews, is starting her business for the express purpose of accumulating rare souvenirs and gifts for the flying personnel to bring back with them.

Hand-painted ties and gold lapel pins with FTL emblems are two items of interest to the members of this company.

Suzie's partner in this enterprise will be David Inona. David is reputed to be one of the finest guides in Tokyo. A short talk with Suzie might result in a detailed tour of the more interesting Tokyo sights which the average tourist will seldom see.

So remember, when you're in Tokyo, see Suzie first!!



"Suzie" Kawahara --Proprietor

Radio Operator. He flew the ATC run 4 years, operating a portrait studio in between flights. Then he came directly to the Tigers. He has continued his amateur radio communication and is daily in contact with Pacific islands and European countries.

Busy though his life has been, Huntley found time to raise 3 children, one of whom is now an employee of the Tigers.

FTL OVERSEAS CHARTS IN USE

A new chart is now being printed for over-water operations between Guam & Tokyo. This will supplement the Army Air Forces navigation log charts, now being used by Pacific Operations navigators.

The new charts were prepared by the FTL Navigation Office. This will represent the first over-ocean chart prepared by the Flying Tigers and used by them.

HADEL ELECTED TO OFFICE

This should come under the heading of "Things we've just found out"--or perhaps you're far ahead of us. Did you know that Walter Hadel, Chief Navigator, is one of the founders of the Institute of Navigation?

Mr. Hadel, considered one of the foremost authorities of celestial navigation in this country, and author of a book on this subject, was recently elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of this organization.

OVER THE PACIFIC...

...with Don Gish



Laying their final plans for an FTL bowling league, left to right; Don Shuey, dispatching office; George Toohey, building maintenance; Marion Jensen, payroll; Pvt. Valenti, ATC; and Eddie Terracciani, jeep driver.

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!There's Bowling Tonight

With the combined cooperation of several hard workers, the FTL has formed a bowling league which is to meet every Thursday night, 8:30 p.m., at the popular North Hollywood Bowling Center at 4554 Lankershim Blvd.

Marion Jensen, Payroll Dept. is chiefly responsible for an excellent job of organization and securing of the alleys.

There's been a mimeographed copy of the regulations given to each prospective team member with a few of the agreements as follows:

1. All bowlers will be handicapped from 2/3 of the difference between their averages and 190. The maximum handicap for an individual is 35 pins.

2. All league lines will be guaranteed and no allowances will be made for absentees.

3. The schedule of the league is to be for 16 weeks, plus one for sweepstakes. League Games Started March 27.

Members interested in renting shoes may do so for the price of twenty-five cents. Harry Grant, bowling alley manager, will reserve bowling balls for any member who declares his preference.

Many of the team captains were selected, and are as follows: H.L. Short, Sue Warner Bill Le Rocker, George Toohey, Sgt. Frazier, Frank White, George Foley, Eddie Terracciani, and Marion Jensen.

It's imperative that each one of you continues to appear every Thursday night. It is a lot of fun, but a great deal of hard work has been accomplished to start the league. **LET'S KEEP IT GOING!**

SOFTBALL PLAYERS

Teams being formed now!

With the leadership of Don Shuey, the plans for a softball league are well under way.

Final arrangements are being made in regard to the equipment, practice rules and location of the field.

As soon as all of the information is complete, notices will be posted on bulletin boards and appear in the paper.

If you haven't already indicated your preference for softball, call or see Don at the Dispatching Office, Personnel Building.

When leaving on a Burbank to Tokyo run, let a word to the wise suffice..take along a special kit for holding identification. Customs officials are insistent on knowing that you are born; that you are not an espionage agent; and that you do intend to return to the mainland.

In Hawaii, the age old custom of singing "Aloha" is not confined to ship passengers. As we donned Mae Wests to go aboard the giant "54" the familiar strains were heard.

George Lauman, Flight Traffic Clerk, was on his first Tokyo run, and did everything possible to make the journey a pleasant one. With a myriad of duties assigned it wasn't an easy task, and George performed them with the dexterity of a veteran.

On board for the first leg of the journey from Hawaii was a native making his initial airplane jaunt. Preparing to retire, he spread his blanket on the floor, rolled up another for a pillow, and used a third one for a cover. Quietly he removed his sandals, and crawled into his "bed". Quickly he closed his eyes, then his lips began to move as he prayed. Everyone watched him-----completely fascinated. Almost immediately, he made the sign of the cross and fell asleep. As the plane droned on over the placid Pacific, there was silence within as each passenger contemplated this man's prayer for all of us.

ASIDES.....

Johnny Ament told us that Mary Brunner of Acctg. wants to know if a hula specialist is needed in Hawaii!! How about a performance, Mary?

SHIPMENTS START FOR BEKINS

Utilizing a freight ship of the Flying Tiger Line as a furniture van, Bekins Van & Storage Co. recently moved a full planeload of household furniture from Los Angeles to New York by air.

This is the first of weekly furniture shipments by Bekins that will move on both east and westbound Flying Tiger flights across the country for the convenience

BEAUTY GETS A LIFT

A refrigerated self service meat and dairy case was brought in recently by the Tigers for display at the annual Orange Show held in San Bernardino.

Perfecold, Inc., the consignee and distributor, decided to take publicity pictures and brought out four gorgeous models...just to be sure everything was displayed to the best advantage.

It seems the young ladies weren't the athletic type, in fact were having some trouble getting up, down & around generally on the case. Mr. Broderick, affable gentleman from Airport Service, made quick note of this and immediately offered his services as a "carrier".

"Never was duty move enjoyed", quote Mr. Broderick.

ARMY NEWS AND VIEWS ---

The Army boys are really strutting around these days after passing the inspection from Pacific Division headquarters with a rating of excellent.

Captain Wiley Garber has become the new administration officer-- arriving here a little late after his car broke down en route from San Francisco.

Pvt. Valenti, news source for the Tiger Reg, will exchange O. D.'s for striped shirts in the next few days. Adios, and good luck!

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of families who have a minimum of time in which to move their furnishings.

The shipment was delivered to the airport in Burbank by Bekins, where it was loaded into the plane just as in ground van movements. Twenty-four hours later the furnishings arrived in New York, ready to outfit a 5 room home.

RSVPFOR RENT

Large room, private home -- only 12 minutes from field. Contact Mrs. Stabler, 4128 Allott Ave., Sherman Oaks, State: 40503.

Only 1½ miles away from the airport is another sleeping room--\$6.00 per week, at 412 Bethne, Burbank.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOM NEEDED

For couple: Kitchen, room & bath, in or near Van Nuys. Call State: 51786.

CAR FOR SALE

Model B Ford; two door sedan in good condition. Good tires 37,500 miles (actual). Call Frank Heilesen, CH: 80558.

*** JUST FOR FUN ***

Kisses may be the language of love, but money still does the talking.

He: "I appeal to you as a woman."

She: "Don't bother. You don't even appeal to me as a man."


HICKAM

C. E. Kilpatrick received thrilling news from the main land. His 17-year old daughter, Joan, a light opera vocalist, has passed her screen tests at a leading studio, and received parts in two pictures.

March 14 was a gala night for the boys at Hickam. A dance was held, with a vacant hangar being used in lieu of the Mocambo. Only one of the men was fortunate enough to have his wife there, and our reporter assures us that Mrs. Margaret Wilson should have a medal for good sportsmanship, as well as for her terpsichore.

Free refreshments were served throughout the evening, through the auspices of the Civilian Employees' Recreation Committee.

Bob King, Flight Radio Operator and former member of Chennault's "Flying Tigers", became entangled in an automobile mishap and suffered a broken arm. Tough luck, Bob, we'll hope for a speedy recovery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Captain Paul Spellman and his bride-to-be, Jean Lewis. The event is slated for the first week in May.

Captain J. F. Wiley on the addition of a new household member, born March 11. And the same to Albert J. Sharpe who decreased his withholding tax deductions several weeks ago -- same reason.

The Burbank Office played host to John Ament, Hickam's Asst. Station Manager, and to E.L. McConnell and Captain Bergeron from Fairfield.