

SSA NEWS

INTERNATIONAL TEAM

The SSA International Team chose both surface and air transportation to France. The MacCready team departed on the Ile de France from New York on June 12 and the following day the Ivans and Trager teams departed by air from Washington. "Captain" Wiggin departed on June 20 by air followed on June 25 by Raymond Parker and Floyd Sweet.

All but the last two arrived at St. Yan on June 23 in time for the six-day practice period.

The official contest numbers were drawn by lot and No. 1 fell to Bill Ivans, No. 34 to Paul MacCready and No. 64 to Kemp Trager, who will be flying in the two-place competition. No. 61 was the first two-place number drawn which went to Cdr. Nick Goodhart, flying with the British team. Nick's brother, Tony, will be competing as a member of the Australian team in the single place competition.

We all hope Bill Ivans' having drawn the No. 1 contest number is a good omen for our team.

REPORT OF THE SSA ELECTION COMMITTEE

The SSA election was carried out in accordance with the procedure set forth in the SSA By-Laws. Request for nominations were mailed to the voting membership on March 15, 1956, with request for nominations up until midnight April 5. Ballots were then sent out on April 27, 1956, with the final count to be made on May 21. There were a total of 325 ballots counted of which eight were void. Those elected were: Paul F. Bikle, William G. Briegleb, Howard E. Burr, Jon D. Carsey, Lawrence Gehrlein, Sr., and Kempes Trager.

These directors will serve a three-year term. At the summer Directors' Meeting an additional four directors-at-large will be elected by the Board of Directors for a one-year period.

LILIENTHAL MEDAL AWARDED TO KUETTNER

Dr. Joachim P. Kuettner was awarded the Lilienthal Medal for the year 1955. The award was made at

the Administrative Council Meeting of the F.A.I. in Paris on March 1, 1956.

The council approved the recommendation of FAI and the award was accepted by the delegate from the West German Aero Club for forwarding to Dr. Kuettner.



Dr. Joachim P. Kuettner

The medal was awarded to Dr. Kuettner for his work in investigating high altitude turbulence associated with jet streams and for communicating his results to others in a language which permitted glider pilots without scientific training to easily understand and use them.

The U. S. nominee for this award was Lyle A. Maxey, for establishing a world record to a fixed goal and return which record was established on September 4, 1955. The only U. S. citizen to have won this award is William S. Ivans, Jr., for his world altitude flight on December 30, 1950.

Dr. Kuettner has for several years been with the U. S. Air Force, Cambridge Research Center, and a Member of our Society since arriving from Germany. It is understood he has applied for U. S. citizenship.

The Society extends its congratulations to Dr. Kuettner on receiving this coveted award.

AIR FORCE AERO CLUBS

The Department of the Air Force on February 9, issued **Air Force Regulation #34-14**. This regulation authorizes Commanders "to establish Air Force aero clubs organized as sundry fund activities, tells how to establish them, and states what controls commanders should place on their operation. Its provisions, together with other Air regu-

lations cited and those published by the Civil Aeronautics Board on civil aviation, apply to Air Force aero clubs world-wide.

"These clubs are designed to stimulate an interest in aviation; to provide authorized personnel with an opportunity to engage in flying as a recreational activity; and to encourage and develop skills in aeronautics, navigation, mechanics and related aero sciences useful to the Air Force mission."

There is nothing in this regulation which would preclude the establishment of a gliding or soaring club at an Air Force installation. It is hoped our military Members will take advantage of this in order that they may share their soaring pleasures with others on the base.

KOOKABURRA

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weather flying a ventilator is fitted in the nose and is operated by a knob on the instrument panel.

The Kookaburra has aroused considerable interest in countries other than Australia. Enquiries have come from New Zealand, South Africa, New Caledonia, Canada, Sweden and the U. S. A. Although the Schneider company is interested in exporting the Kookaburra, this cannot be done yet as the machine is still awaiting a Type Approval Certificate. In the meantime, production is continuing for Australian clubs.

Refusing to rest on their laurels Schneiders are looking ahead to the time when the present intensive training programme being carried out by most clubs will produce a demand for single-seater sailplanes. Several tentative designs are being considered and Australian pilots look forward with confidence to another machine as successful as the Kookaburra.

SSD PROGRAM

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a position of financial stability to the point where we now envision, in the not too distant future, the ultimate in Soaring circles, the country club type layout, our own gliderport, complete with great big built-in white X's for power planes.

This goal can be achieved by us, and by any other group that tries. Work, hard Work, long hours of planning, developing, promoting, publicizing and creating a demand for the product, with a ten-year goal as the target, is the price for the security of soaring in the future. If you think

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