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Program of Aviada

Today and tomorrow, like yesterday, will be memorable for the many and interesting features of AVIADA. Here's the program:

TODAY, (Sunday)—10 a.m., first annual "AVIADA" model airplane meet one mile south of Hotel Last Frontier.

10 a.m., "Airways to Peace" exhibition, etc., War Memorial building.

12:15 p.m., air-war heroes luncheon, Hotel Nevada Biltmore.

1 to 4 p.m., army air corps aircraft display, McCarran Field.

2 to 3:45 p.m., first annual "AVIADA" seminar, Hotel Nevada Biltmore; prominent guests participating.

4 p.m., "Cockpit Chatter," Hotel El Rancho Vegas, sponsored by participating airlines. Hostesses, the Aviadettes.

6 p.m., "instrument check." **Packed With Activity**

TOMORROW, (Monday)—April 17, third day—10 a.m., "Airways to Peace" exhibition, etc., War Memorial building.

11 a.m., special tour of army air corps facilities for out-of-town guests.

1 to 4 p.m., flight training procedures, McCarran Field.

1 p.m., special luncheon for out-of-towners as guests of Basic Magnesium, Inc.

2:30 p.m., escorted tour of the BMI plant.

4:30 p.m., out-of-towners return to Las Vegas from BMI.

6 p.m., "prop spinning," Trophy Room, Hotel Last Frontier, sponsored by participating airlines. Hostesses, the Aviadettes.

7:45 p.m., first annual "AVIADA" banquet, Ramona Room, Hotel Last Frontier.

Toastmaster, Senator Pat McCarran, state of Nevada; guest speaker, Hon. L. Welch Pogue, chairman, C. A. B.

Luncheon Honor Guests
Returned air combat heroes from Las Vegas army airfield will be honored with a luncheon today at 12:15 at the Hotel Nevada Biltmore, with John F. Cahlan as master of ceremonies.

Veterans representative of all the allied fighting fronts will speak at the luncheon. Their theaters of action include the European - African campaign,

New Guinea, Guadalcanal, and the Aleutians and China. Their uniforms bear such decorations and ribbons as the Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medals, and Oak Leaf Clusters.

Over Bay of Bengal
Honored for their participation in flying B-24 (Liberator) bombers overseas will be Staff Sergeants Matty Oak and Dover Campbell.

Oak spent more than two years in the China-Burma-India theater, operating out of India except for a few months in China. His favorite story concerns the time he almost jumped to his death over the Bay of Bengal, infested with sharks, when the "jump" alarm went off by mistake. With his feet dangling out the tail hatch, he turned to investigate and so saved his life.

Campbell is a real veteran of the Arctic wastes, flying 76 missions out of Attu. His story is most interesting in the fact that his plane, "Rasputin," never returned from what would have been his 77th mission. The crew is now interned in Russia!

First Jap Plane
Sergeant Ray Miller, one of the air heroes to be honored at the luncheon, is credited with having shared in bringing down the first Japanese plane at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He manned a machine gun on the ground and was the death of a dive bomber. Miller later shot down eight Zeros during the Bismarck and Coral Sea battles.

Technical Sergeant Charles Sanford and Clyde Saulman, who had an amazingly long career together, will be among the honor guests. They met in February, 1942, went overseas, and did not separate until they had completed 50 missions over Africa and Italy in the same plane.

Sanford saved the life of his pal over Sardinia when the latter's mark was shot away at 28,000 feet. They are now stationed together as instructors at the field.

Still others who will be there are Technical Sergeant Willard N. Durbin, who has completed 50 missions over England and Africa; Staff Sergeant Robert H. Frantz from New Guinea, Staff Sergeant Richard H. Granstrand

from Africa and Sergeants Donald J. Brorby and Ralph C. Samsel of Guadalcanal.

Long Aviation Background
Toastmaster Cahlan, news editor of the Review-Journal, for the past fifteen years has a long aviation background, dating back to the period immediately following World War I. He first became interested in aerial navigation during his high school days in Reno, when he assisted the "Flying Parson" in which he won the first transcontinental air race held in America.

More and more engrossed in the interests of flying, Cahlan assisted in staging the Reno aerial display, which featured the "Flying Circus" of World War I. He was chairman of the receiving committee, welcoming Charles A. Lindbergh after his Atlantic flight. In Las Vegas he has been actively interested in aviation since the days when the first Western Air Lines express field was opened; and in the founding of the Las Vegas army airfield he was one of the original "fathers."

Federal Aviation Chief Banquet Guest Speaker

Concluding event of the AVIADA, and one of the most important, will be the banquet at Hotel Last Frontier Monday evening, with Chairman L. Welch Pogue of the Civil Aeronautics Board the guest speaker. One of the principal authorities of the country on the subject, and the official who passes on all applications made in the United States for airline service, his acceptance of the junior chamber of commerce invitation to come here for the AVIADA celebration is a local triumph and indicative of the interest Washington takes in this event.

The farflung appreciation of the AVIADA is apparent from the fact that aerial transport organizations and also the principal aircraft manufacturing companies will be represented by officials. Western Air Lines, T.W.A. Inc., Continental Air Lines and Braniff Airways are to have representatives present as are such plane builders as Douglas, Lockheed, Consolidated, Vultee, Northrup, and probably some additional.

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