2 Die as Jet in Fair Flight Hits 7 Homes North of City

Fair Opens On Signal From Star

By STANTON H. PATTY Seattle went into orbit at noon today.

President Kennedy opened the long-awaited space-age Seattle World's Fair by tapping a golden telegraph key in Palm Beach.

The same key was used by President Taft on June 1 1909, to begin the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle.

Before tapping the historic key to open the fair, the President told the crowd at the fairgrounds by telephone: "I am confident that as the sound of space was used to open the fair, the fair will open the doors to greater gains . . . and may we open an era of peace and understanding among all mankind." As he pressed the key, he "Let the fair begin!"

THOUSANDS OF FIRST-DAY VISITORS began filling the 74-acre fairgrounds as the time neared for the grandopening ceremony in the Memorial Stadium. Commerce Secretary Hodges, ambassadors, fair leaders and others were assembled on a bunting-draped platform in the east end of the Stadium for the President's

Then Seattle stepped into the 21st Century. Seven years of effort climaxed in a crescendo of color Ahead are six months of fun and thrills as the first World's Fair in America in 22 years unfolds.

Two of America's space stations—one on a standby basis-were ready to execute the President's dramatic role in the fair opening.

THE PRIMARY STATION was at Andover, Me. But a blizzard earlier this week threatened to cease operations at Andover. Senator Magnuson arranged through the Navy last night for the second station-the Maryland Point Observatory 30 miles south of Washington, D. C .- to backstop An-

dover, just in case. But the Andover station was operating on time. The President pressed the telegraph key in Florida. The key started the Andover antenna on its search into space for a star signal nearing planet earth. The antenna reached up and intercepted the signal as

neatly as a shortstop stopping a line drive. The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. relayed the 10,000-year-old-impulse from the star to Seattle on schedule. It was a triple play in space for the space-age fair. Lineups at the gates early this morning were lighter than expected. Fair officials said dull weather may have been a factor.

THE FAIRGROUNDS was patrolled by 150 security officers and 49 Seattle policemen for the opening-day program. In addition, a special "flying squad" of city police was called to the outskirts of the fair for extra safety and crowd control.

Fair officials and construction crews worked all night to bring the exposition to a real state of readiness for opening day.

(See Page 2 for photograph and details.) Two minor electrical fires—one in the Food Circus, the other in the arena-were reported during the night. Ribbons of colored light danced across the gayway during the night. The tip of the space needle flickered with flame, like a patio torch on high. Searchlights criss-crossed from the roof of the Memorial Stadium And Seattle saluted the eve of the World's Fair with "lights on" all over the city.

Canadians, Early for Fair, Welcomed in Westlake Mall

(See Page B for photograph.) loaded already with lots of By ROBERT HEILMAN visitors headed for the an unusually early throb this said. "We took the next one. morning, rolled over, sud- though, and drove right on denly remembered what day down to Seattle. Then we it was and leaped out of bed had nothing to do from 3:30 with a thump. The early throb was a so we looked around the hum of traffic carrying vis- fairgrounds."

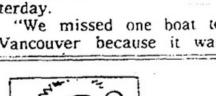
itors here at daybreak and earlier. OPENING DAY of the World's Fair was Hands Across the Border Day in the Westlake Mall. At the Monorail turnstiles

Canadian and American students greeted each other in a fair beachhead at 6 o'clock in the morning. Jim Edwards and Wayne Hamilton, both of Victoria. found their arrival time 3:30 o'clock this morning-

too early for gate time at the World's Fair and too late to go to bed. MANY CANADIANS took advantage of the four - day holiday from Good Friday to Easter Monday, inclusive. to pop in on Seattle for the fair's opening.

printer on the Victoria Press, and Hamilton, a bottling-works employe, left Victoria around noon yes. crowded, so we got up early come to your fair." terday. "We missed one boat to Vancouver because it was gates. Page 8.)

Edwards, an apprentice





PARTLY SUNNY Weather Bureau forecast: Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow with early-morning fog patches. High, 60 to 66: low tonight, 40 to 46. East

winds, 5 to 17. High yesterday, 54;

low overnight, 50. (Complete report,

-before breakfast."

until the first Monorail trip,

"IT WAS GREAT," Ham-

ilton enthused. "Then we

Three Seattle youths soon

headed for the Monorail.

Now we're ready to go right

showed up to keep them

company: Dave O'Brien and

Robert Potter of Rainier

Beach High School, and Ray

Adams, Asa Mercer Junior

In no time the Seattleites

were outnumbered by Cana-

dians, as three youths from

Calgary appeared: Roy

science pupils. They will re-

ter, 18.

to Calgary.

back to the fairgrounds."

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FLYOVER AFTERMATH:

Home Burns After Jet Crash



CRASH SCENE: Smoke arose from one of three houses houses were damaged. Mountlake Terrace firemen

A sleepy Seattle awoke to World's Fair," Edwards GOUGING? NOT HERE:

Writers Like Fair, Seattle Prices

By BYRON JOHNSRUD Representatives of a cross-section of the nation's press took a look at Seattle's World's Fair yesterday and found it good.

They came, they saw, and although not completely conquered by Seattle's effort, found it a winning combination to captivate the heterogeneous millions expected in the next six months. The newspapermen and

women who toured the fairgrounds yesterday all had read of "gouging" in Seattle. Hingston and Robert Mitch- They said they had found ell. both 15, and Rov Erm- prices reasonable.

THE CONSENSUS on The three were part of a gouging: group of 14-most of them "It must all be happening to your local people." main in Seattle until Mon-Other quick comments: day night, returning by bus

"Fourteen of us slept in three rooms," Hingston (Chicago man first at all to be worth coming to see.' real deal going here."

John (Bud) Hughes, columnist for The New York Daily News: "I'm going to said. "It was a wee bit advise people in the East to Polly Noves, travel editor of The San Francisco Chronicle: "It's definitely going

David B. Heyler, Sr., editor and publisher of The Hollywood Citizen - News: "It's great. You've got a Agness Underwood, city editor of The Los Angeles Herald - Examiner: "It is

I have one tiny criticism.

getting lodging through fair- international appeal boastsanctioned sources apparent- ed by San Francisco's Top

NOYES HUGHES Your entrances should be

MRS. UNDERWOOD, famous as a woman city editor of a major daily, is paying a dual visit. Her son-in-law and daughter, Lieut. Col. and Mrs.

Base and awaiting transfer to Europe. She will spend the rest of the week visit- a Bronx Park. ing them and her grandchil-Mrs. Underwood told returned to the zoo. Seattle newspapermen. 'I

hearing an alarm when I look it over." very fine. People will like it.

pleasant and surprising."

more spectacular and eve-

Just Runaway

ly does not have to worry, of the Mark. he said. "If things don't continue

this way - watch out. Hughes warned. Polly Noyes agreed with Hughes on the price situathere," said Hughes. "Prices in your Space Mrs. Underwood, in com-Needle restaurant are not a menting on the fair's en-

bit higher than in first-class San Francisco restaurants." she said. "I find this both MISS NOYES said the Space Needle was destined to achieve the same sort of

there!" she said. Slight Quake Formal 'Midget'

Shakes Cuba NEW YORK, April 21. - (A.: KEY WEST, Fla., April 21. William A. Weed, are sta-P.)—A policeman was startled—(A.P.)—The eastern tip of tioned at McChord Air Force today at seeing what at first Cuba has been shaken by a appeared to be a midget in slight earthquake, Havana Ra-You'll Find Inside: impeccable evening clothes in dio reported today. The broadcast said no one Amusements But it turned out to be Char-

ley, a Penguin absent without was injured and there was no "You're going to have a leave from the Bronx Zoo, major property damage. great time covering this," about a mile away. He was Red Maneuvers End BUDAPEST, Hungary, April Finance feel like an old fire horse Negro father of eight grateful 21.-(A.P.)-Troops and units Goren on Bridge

for bus trip paid by whites, of the united armed-forces Marine Page 3. command of the Warsaw Pact Picture Page Hughes said he had seen Five rejected by Cube are ar-countries have just concluded TV, Radio absolutely no evidence of rested by F. B. I. Page 2. maneuvers in Hungary, MTI, Emily Post price gouging here, either on Three children die, fourth rest the Hungarian news agency, Sports food or lodgings. Anybody | cued in home fire. Page 2. | reported today.

Pilot 'Chutes mes Safely to Lake Two persons were killed in the Mountlake Terrace area

shortly after noon today when a disabled F-102 Air Force jet Published Daily and Sunday and Entered as Second Class Matter at Seattle, Washington. Vol. 85, No. 111. fighter crashed into homes near 24th Avenue Northeast and Northeast 203rd Street.

> Price 10c The pilot, Capt. Joseph Wildt, parachuted safely into Lake Washington after trouble with the supersonic plane after two passes over the Seattle World's Fair opening ceremonies. The dead were reported to be Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith, 20201 24th Av. N. E., both in their late 60's. Smith was a retired superintendent here of the Pullman Co. The Smith home and that of

> > Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Retka, had completed a second pass 20044 24th Av. N. E. were de-lover the fairgrounds when he molished. The five member encountered difficulty with his Retka family is on vacation. F-102. He reported his trouble on the radio and then sent AT LEAST five other homes out a "May Day"-internawere damaged. They included tional distress call. Then he those of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry ejected himself from the Andrews, of 20036 24th Av. stricken delta-wing fighter. N. E., who were not injured, Mrs. John B. Jones, whose and the Robert Jinneman husband is in the Navy at family, 20211 24th Av. N. E. Sand Point Naval Air Station, All six members of the Jinne-said she ran outside after she man family escaped. heard two loud booms and

> > Another damaged home was saw "billows of black smoke." that of Mr. and Mrs. Fred She told of great congestion Haines, 20041 24th Av. N. E. in the crash area. The Haineses were unhurt. "Ambulances cannot get The pilot of the plane was through," Mrs. Jones said. picked up from Lake Wash- Larry McEown, 36, of 13190 ington by a private boat and Edgewater Lane N. E., and taken to Sand Point Naval Air his brother-in-law, Donald Station. He was reported to Baldwin, who were cruising in have only minor facial McEown's boat near the Mcscratches. Wildt later was tak- Eown home, picked Wildt out

> > en to Paine Field, near Ev-lof the water. erett, the F-102's base. "We were bringing my boat The F-102 was one of sev-home from the marina to take eral military planes that flew the family out for a cruise. over the World's Fair grounds when we saw this parachute to salute the opening of the ex- coming down," McEown related. "At first we thought it Anita Moran, 19, of 18057 was some kind of exercise.

25th Av. N. E., who had gone to the scene after hearing of "BUT WE WENT over to the crash, was admitted to where the pilot had landed in Northwest Hospital suffering the water. The pilot said: "I'm O. K. Get me out of here!" The owner of an ambulance McEown and Baldwin had firm that took the girl to the difficulty in removing Wildt

hospital, Angelo Massgnetti, from the water because he 42, of 4210 196th St. S. W., Al- was entangled in parachute derwood Manor, was being shroud lines. treated for smoke inhalation "He (Wildt) was greatly conat the hospital. cerned about where the plane The driver of the ambulance, had landed," McEown said. Joseph Horzen, said Massg-"He mentioned something netti had inhaled the smoke about 'engine flaming out.' while searching a burning "The pilot said he had athome for possible victims. tempted to dive the plane into

The crash of the supersonic the lake but was unable to fighter occurred about a block do so." and a half south of the King- McEown and Baldwin took Snohomish County line. Wildt to the McEown home. A Flames were from 35 to 40 Navy crash boat then took him to Sand Point. "Within ten minutes one

house was completely gone." SEATTLE, Lynnwood. said one observer. Mountlake Terrace and Ed-"The plane was disintegrat-monds police converged on the ed," the observer continued scene as did King and Sno-"No piece was longer than homish County sheriff's officers. The Richmond Beach. Mountlake Terrace and Alder-THE CRASH also set brush wood Manor Fire Departments

in the area afire. Power lines responded also. also were knocked down. Police advised all spectators Traffic in the area, includ- to keep away from the crash ng the Mountlake Terrace city scene. enter, was congested in a

Bob Phelan, 1225 N. E. 188th Kennedys Sef St., was one of the first to demolished in a jet-plane crash this afternoon. Three responded .- Times aerial photo by Paul V. Thomas .. reach the scene. He was visit- Mexican Visit ing his father, G. J. Phelan. 23801 54th Av. W., Mountlake PALM BEACH, April 21.-Terrace. (A.P.)-President and Mrs. "We were watching the jets Kennedy will visit Mexico from

on television." Bob Phelan June 29 to July 1, the Palm Beach White House appounced

"The plane had struck about Dates for the previously retwo blocks away. We ran down ported visit were given with a there, but the fire and smoke statement expressing cordial were so thick we couldn't even relations between the United States and Mexico. see the plane."

Hughes. Miss Noyes and | Charles A. Morse of 2517 most of the other visiting N. E. 205th St. reported "win- Argentine President heads off press representatives found dows shook and flames all armed rebellion. Page 2.

the Science Pavilion of great over the place" after the

"You could spend days | Bruce Wallace of 2516 N. E. 203rd St. said the crash "sounded like a sonic boom. "I WENT OUTSIDE, and trances, mentioned the Brussels fair entrances and the there were a bunch of jet

natter of minutes.

flags of many nations flying fighters flying over. This one sounded like it was coming "What a thrill to pick out through the house-the house your country's flag flying jumped up and down and shook." Wallace said. "By the time I got to the scene, the houses the plane hit had exploded. Nobody knows whether there was anyone in there. There was

fire all through a swamp," Wallace said. Reports indicated the pilot

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