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News from The Bancroft Library

San Francisco News-Call Bulletin Newspaper Photograph Archive

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"Soaring over San Francisco Bay with Alcatraz Island just below is the gigantic new Pan American Airways "Clipper America." The city was yesterday given its first view of the huge Stratocruiser type, twin decked transport which will carry 25,000 pounds including 75 passengers and is to be put into regular service in San Francisco-Los Angeles-Hawaii run this spring. It is the first of 20 such Boeing-built ships for Pan American's fleet." *Call Bulletin Library*, 2/4/49



"San Francisco's skyline has more interest for Khrushchev

The Bancroft Library is pleased to announce completion in May 1999 of a two-year project to provide access to the photograph archive of the *San Francisco News-Call Bulletin* newspaper. Funded by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), this project produced textual descriptions and archival storage nearly 500,000 photographic negatives now held at Bancroft.

The images comprised the working photographic files, or "photo morgue," of the *San Francisco Call Bulletin* and later, the *News-Call Bulletin*. These files were created by staff photographers between approximately 1915 and September 1965.

The photo archive provides a wealth of historic imagery, particularly of events in San Francisco and the Bay Area, such as: the mobilization for World War II; the founding of the United Nations; hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities; and the civil rights movement. The files also are exceptionally rich in depictions of more mundane daily news that will provide a wealth of information for social historians and other scholars, such as: parades; social and cultural events; crime; organized labor; transportation; and the developing urban and suburban landscape.

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than a passing cable car as he
pauses during his early
morning walk. Behind
Khrushchev and security
guards are Grace Cathedral
and the Grand Lodge of
California Masons. It was
pointed out that the latter's
temple is one of the city's most
beautiful buildings." *Call
Bulletin Library*, 9/21/59



"Huge Electronic Brain, ten
tons of it, which is destined to
monitor the design,
development, and testing of jet
engines of the future, even
before they are built, left San
Francisco International Airport
today (July 6) for Indianapolis
and the Allison Division of
General Motors. A product of
the Berkeley Division of
Beckman Instruments, Inc., the
analog computer system was
loaded on an American
Airlines DC-6A Airfreighter,
grouped in 29 metal cabinets,
six feet high and spanning a
width of nearly 60 feet. It is
scheduled for arrival tomorrow
before noon." *Call Bulletin
Library*, 7/6/56

The contents listing of this collection is
now available via the World Wide Web
as part of the Online Archive of
California. *The San Francisco News-Call
Bulletin* finding aid may be found with
other Bancroft finding aides at
<http://www.oac.cdlib.org/>. Images are not
available online, but researchers may
view negatives in the Heller Reading
Room of The Bancroft Library.





"Ready for Action-- Nike guided missiles rest, poised for action, on their launchers here as the Army, for the first time yesterday, showed off some of its supersonic devices which guard the Bay Area." *Call Bulletin* Library, 9/29/55

"Picture of Atomic Reactor at UC Berkeley, Cory Hall, with students and professor on December 6, 1957 (from left to right): Leonard Maki, Andre Anctil, Dr. Nathan W. Snyder, associate professor of nuclear engineering, and Henry Lurie (operating). Photograph by B. Jones" *Call Bulletin* Library, 12/6/57

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