



SAMPLING FOR SMOG—Looking almost as though it was moored to City Hall tower, Navy blimp cruises over central business district to collect fog samples. The blimp checks on smog are to continue through the rest of this month and September.

Smog-Sampling Cruises Resumed by Navy Blimp

The U.S. Naval Air Reserve, on behalf of the Air Pollution Foundation's series, yesterday began its second summer cruise in Los Angeles' sea of smog with the flight of the K-125, a Navy blimp, over the central business district to collect smog samples.

The K-125 left her mooring station in Santa Ana at 8:30 a.m. yesterday and sailed through the murky gray matter which was Los Angeles' ceiling most of the day. She collected air samples near the freeway, industry and population areas, according to Dr. Lauren B. Hitchcock, foundation president.

Sampling a Necessity
"There is an obvious necessity," said Dr. Hitchcock, "of sampling the air over this great metropolitan bowl, as well as at ground level. The Navy's flying laboratory gave us that method."
"Many people have assumed that air pollution effects generally remain fairly concentrated at or close to the ground surface. Based on the two pollutants measured last summer (ozone and nitrogen dioxide), it is quite clear that this is not the case. In addition, we were able to confirm that the top of the haze or pollution and the base of the inversion layer practically always coincided."

Cruises to Continue
Dr. Morris Neiburger, senior meteorologist of the foundation, said the cruises will continue through August and September. He said the sampling will be made at six levels.
The smog-sampling flights have been approved by

Editor Nearing 100 Still Writes Column

ROCKVILLE, Ind., Aug. 11.—Arthur A. Hargrave begins his 100th year of life Monday still writing a column for this weekly newspaper. Hargrave hasn't missed writing for a single weekly issue of his Rockville Republican since he bought the paper in 1888.

7 Named to Give Technical Advice on Smog

Appointment of a seven-man committee to supply technical advice on smog was announced yesterday by the Air Pollution Foundation. Chairman of the committee, which held its first meeting yesterday at the Air Pollution Foundation offices at 704 S. Spring St., is Dr. Francis E. Bluest, chairman of the department of chemistry at UCLA.

Present and proposed research for the foundation was reviewed at the committee's initial meeting yesterday.

Others Named
Other members of the committee are Dr. William A. Claassen of San Francisco, executive secretary of the Smoke and Fumes Committee of the American Petroleum Institute; Dr. Aris J. Haagen-Smit of Pasadena, professor of bio-organic chemistry at the California Institute of Technology; Charles M. Heinen of Detroit, Mich., vice-chairman of the Vehicle Combustion Products Subcommittee of the Automobile Manufacturers Association; Dr. Peter Kyroniemi, associate professor of mechanical engineering at Caltech; Dr. John T. Middleton, professor of plant pathology of the University of California at Riverside; and Dr. Lawrence M. Richards, scientist for the Richfield Oil Corp. and formerly director of air pollution research at the Stanford Research Institute.

L.A. in Bid for New U.S. Smog Agency

Smith Gravel, Air Pollution Control Officer, yesterday requested in a resolution submitted to the County Supervisors that the newly created Federal air pollution agency established by Congress be located in Los Angeles.

"Since the complex air pollution problem existing in the Los Angeles Basin was largely responsible for recognition of air pollution as a national problem, the basin would naturally constitute the best site for establishment of a national air pollution research organization," he explained.

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