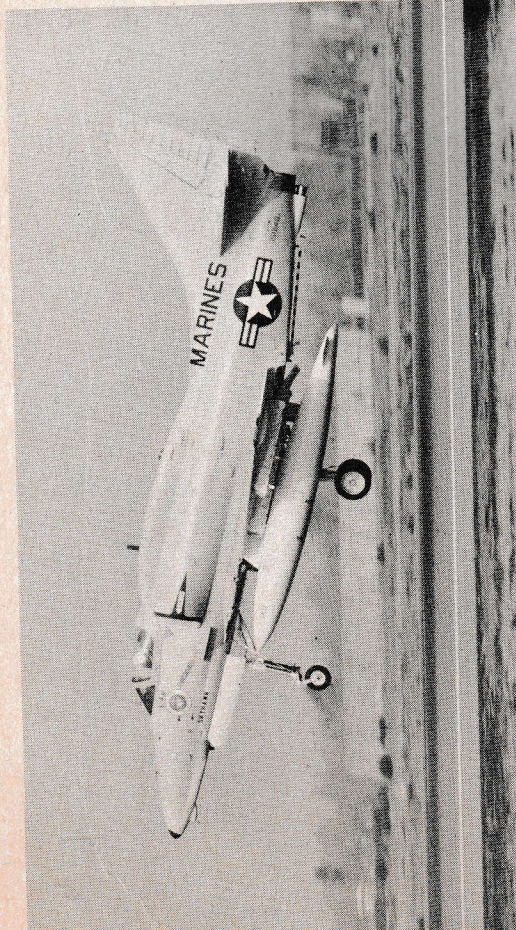




First production A-4M U.S. Marines' initial A-4M attack aircraft, newest and most powerful version of the McDonnell Douglas Skyhawk series, lifts off runway at Long Beach Airport after delivery ceremony. Participants in ceremony are (from left) Brigadier General L. Brown, USMC, assistant wing commander of the Third Marine Aircraft Wing

Skyhawk for Marines

First A-4M delivered

Long Beach
The United States Navy took delivery today of the first production A-4M light attack aircraft, built for the Marine Corps the McDonnell Douglas Corporation. Newest and most powerful model of the Skyhawk line of jet bombers, the A-4M is produced at the Douglas Aircraft Company division under contract to the Naval Air Systems Command.

At a brief ceremony on the company flight ramp here, Wellwood E. Beall, executive vice president of Douglas, presented

the first A-4M log books to Captain K. B. Mattson, Naval plant representative at Douglas.

Looking on were Brigadier General L. E. Brown, USMC, assistant wing commander of the Third Marine Aircraft Wing at El Toro, California; Howell L. Walker, Douglas vice president-military systems division, and Robert F. Canaday, Douglas vice president-military systems marketing.

After the presentation, Marine Lieutenant Colonel Gene Russell from the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Maryland, taxied the sleek jet onto the adjacent Long Beach Municipal Airport for takeoff.

The A-4M was flown to the Patuxent

Clubs will hear



at El Toro, California; Howell L. Walker, Douglas vice president-military systems division; Marine Lieutenant Colonel Gene Russell, who is accepting first A-4M log books from Captain K. B. Mattson, Naval Plant Representative Officer at Douglas; Robert F. Canaday, Douglas vice president-military systems marketing, and Wellwood E. Beall, Douglas executive vice president.

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Mr. Mac elected

S. N. McDonnell and Douglas Jr.

Los Angeles
The History of McDonnell" and "The history of Douglas" are the subjects of talks to be presented to Management Club members at the Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Boulevard, next Wednesday.



MCDONNELL

Appropriately, a president-administration, MDC. It will be Mr. McDonnell's first appearance before members of MDC management clubs on the West Coast.

The special anniversary program will be co-hosted by the Douglas Aircraft Management Club, Long Beach, and the Huntington Beach, Santa Monica and Vandenberg chapters of the MDAC Management Association. Theme of the event will be "50 Years of Excellence."

Social hour begins at 5:15 p.m. and dinner, featuring prime rib, at 6:15.

Attendance is limited to members only, and reservations must be made in advance through boosters of the respective clubs. Deadline is next Monday.



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River facility where it will undergo Navy Bureau of Inspection and Survey (BIS) trials. Additional A-4Ms will participate in the BIS program prior to introduction of the new Skyhawk into the Marine air arm.

The A-4M, seventh major version in the Skyhawk series, combines new technology with the Skyhawk's combat-proven aerodynamic and structural design.

Advantages of the new aircraft include a 20 per cent increase in engine thrust

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St. Louis
James S. McDonnell, chairman and chief executive officer of McDonnell Douglas Corporation, has assumed the additional duties of president of the corporation, it was announced last Friday.

The action, voted by the board of di-

darling of the crowd

Cathy Rigby wins silver medal

Ljubljana, Yugoslavia
Pert and tiny Cathy Rigby, whose mother works at Douglas' Downey facility, won a silver medal last week in the 17th World Gymnastics Championships here.

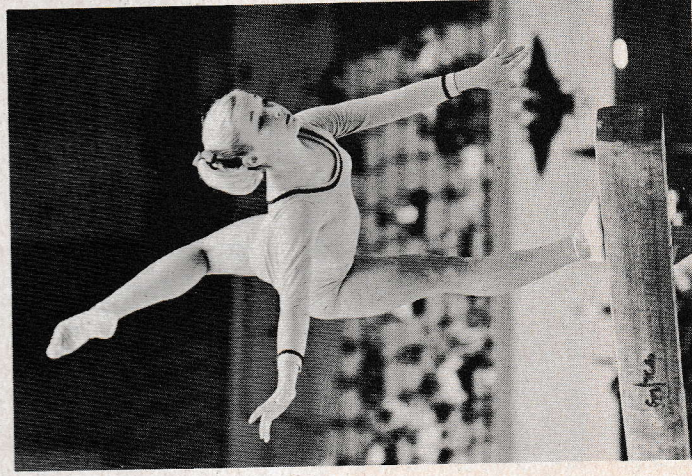
The feat made history, for it was the first medal ever gained for the United States in the event, heretofore dominated almost exclusively by East German and Russian girls.

Cathy, a 17-year-old pixie representing the Long Beach SCATS gymnastic team, won the medal by finishing second to Erika Zuchold of East Germany in the balance beam competition.

The 4-foot-11 senior at Los Alamitos High became the darling of the crowd in Ljubljana's Tivoli Hall as she moved gracefully on the small balance beam, making only one minor mistake before somersaulting off the beam to a perfect landing.

Clapping hands and cheering wildly, some 8000 fans indicated their desire that Cathy receive a high score. The judges, after deliberating more than five minutes,

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CATHY RIGBY . . . on the beam

MDC president

rectors at a regular meeting held here, follows the resignation of David S. Lewis as president on October 21 to accept the position of chairman and chief executive officer of General Dynamics Corporation.

Mr. McDonnell had previously served as both chairman and president of McDonnell Aircraft Corporation from the time he founded the company in 1939 until 1962.

In other actions affecting two divisional companies, the board of directors elected Jackson R. McGowen, president of Douglas Aircraft Company, Long Beach, as that component's chief executive officer; and Sanford N. McDonnell, president of McDonnell Aircraft Company in St. Louis, was elected its chief executive officer. James S. McDonnell will serve as chairman of both divisional companies.

Each of the divisional companies in the McDonnell Douglas corporate family has a chairman and president. Charles R. Able is chairman and chief executive officer, and Walter F. Burke is president, of McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company, with headquarters in Huntington Beach, California. William R. Orth-

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McMillan promoted

Long Beach

Directors of the McDonnell Douglas Finance Corporation last week elected James T. McMillan, president of the wholly owned subsidiary, to the additional post of chief executive officer, and James S. McDonnell was elected chairman.