



SPEED PLANE—Triplet daughters of a Minnesota wife share incubator at the hospital in Gander, Newfoundland, after their premature arrival created a furor on a transatlantic plane. When the mother, Mrs. Gorden Keith,

a passenger, found the babies' birth was nearing, the pilot increased his airliner's speed and headed for Gander. His race was successful and the girls were born in the Gander hospital. —Associated Press Wirephoto.

Father Joins Wife After Airline Race With Triplets

GANDER (Nfld.), June 27.—(AP)—The father of triplet daughters that were nearly born over the Atlantic jumped off an airliner here last night, rushed to the hospital and embraced his wife.

Gordon Keith left Windom, Minn., as soon as he learned his wife had had the babies two months prematurely, ten hours after she was landed here from a transatlantic flight.

Mrs. Keith is resting in the hospital here for a few days before she is flown to the United States, Pepperell Air Force Base near St. Johns, Nfld., to join her babies, already moved there so better facilities could be used for looking after them.

Doctors at the base said the three girls, each weighing a little more than three pounds, were doing fine.

They said two of the girls appeared to be identical twins, while the other had different features.

Keith, 30 year old Windom newspaper publisher, was flown to Gander from New York by Capt. Bill Whitfield, an English pilot who was at the controls of a Scandinavian airlines plane Friday when Mrs. Keith announced she expected to have triplets at any time.

The plane was 1,000 miles from Prestwick, Scotland, then and 800 miles from Gander. Rather than turn back, Whit-

field said, he gunned the plane. He said the race was too close for comfort. His own wife is expecting their second child in Copenhagen.

After a visit with his wife in Gander, Keith will fly to the Pepperrell base for a look at his triplets.

The Keiths' two other children, a 3 year old girl and a 1 year old boy, were with Mrs. Keith. They greeted their father at Gander.