



ROBERT OWEN
Inspects American-Made Glider

Bob Owen Returns From Belgium Trip

By SHIRLEY CROSBY

Proud to be the only one of five of the international exchange air-cadets to receive the C glider license in Belgium is Robert Owen, 303 Park.

Bob, one of the 144 cadets representing the United States and the four territories taking part in the exchange program, was able to keep his glider up five minutes and gain altitude in Belgium. He also received a private pilot's license.

A highlight of the trip was when Bob talked to Fred M. Alger, Jr., U. S. Ambassador to Belgium, in Brussels. After talking with Alger, the group went to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where Bob and another cadet from Wisconsin dedicated a wreath.

Next were trips to Lalouviere, coal underground mines, Bastogne, St. Hubert, Mardasson, Hans-Lesves, Templexo, Brouchechem, Milsbroeck and Rhein Main.

August 14, the group left for Belgium. Cadets were chosen from each state to go to the national headquarters at Bowling Air Force Base, Washington, where the final selection was made. Try-outs were held in March. Bob was notified on April 16 that he would be going to Belgium.

After receiving shots, getting an official government special passport and packing uniforms, Bob flew July 18 from Bowling AFB, Washington, to Frankfurt, Germany, by Military Air Transport. The five cadets flew DC-6 from Germany to Belgium. Hosts to the

a 32-hour flight, taking in Germany and the Netherlands and returned to the States. The time change is five hours. The plane entered the Westover air force base, Massachusetts, and landed at Bowling AFB, Washington.

"PEOPLE opened their arms and hearts for us," he said. Bob says that he has made many friends over there that will be there always. Bob claims that he is going back to Belgium some day even if "I have to take a slow boat by way of China."

"In Belgium I really saw what war was like. There are still some bullet holes in walls of buildings," Bob says.

Bob says that the Belgian home cooking was "wonderful." The big meal is served at noon and it took three to four hours to eat. Cold plates are usually served at night.

A dinner begins with a drink and peanuts and continues with fish, quinoa, soup, the main dish and dessert.

Unable to speak French, Bob found that many people could speak English. So he had no trouble.

"BELGIUM IS a country like the United States and most of the prices are the same," Bob reported. "I saw a lot of American cars and most of the taxis are American cars."

He stated that the people in Belgium drive like the people in New York city. Bob estimated that one out of seven families have cars in Belgium. He said that the highways were not crowded. There are no speed limits. He found that everyone is careful even though they drive at 55 mph in town.

Churches, mostly of solid trim,



DOUGLAS T. JAEGER, 1390 Washington (right), reviews vocational objectives with Jo Ann Greene as part of the new general studies college curriculum being offered this fall by the University of Detroit. The special courses in vocational aims and aids and personality and character development will be emphasized in the new college. Jaeger is a member of the U of D faculty.

are all Catholic and are old and musty. Architecture is mostly Renaissance, he said.

Bob, a June, 1954 graduate of the Birmingham high school, has a private license and flies passengers out of the Big Beaver airport. He has had 100 hours flying time in a single engine airplane. Last year Bob won a flight scholarship which covered his first ten hours of dual flight. He is presently working for a commercial pilot's license.

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