From Chicago to Berlin and Back in the 'Untin' Bowler

The great circle route over which The Tribune proposes to send its giant amphibious plane, the 'Untin' Bowler, on a circle flight from Chicago to Berlin and back. Weather permitting, the start will be made today morning off the lake front at Jackson boulevard. The first stop will be at Milwaukee. Stretch a piece of string across a map of the world from Chicago to Berlin and it will give you the general course of The Tribune flight. After the short hop to Milwaukee, the 'Untin' Bowler will fly some 300 miles directly to Corfu, Ont., take gas and hop off again for Rupert House, 200 miles away. The next jump is to Cape Churchill, Labrador, 800 miles. The route from here to Mt. Evans is the only major deviation in the course. The route swoops northwestward to Cape Walingham, on Baffin Island, and from there directly to Mt. Evans, something over 600 miles. The next hop, to Reykjavik, is 1,500 miles. From here the route lies across 800 miles of water to Bergen, Norway. In case of emergency the plane will be able to land at the Faroe or Shetland Islands. From Bergen starts the last leg of the flight, about 700 miles to Berlin. This proposed route from Chicago to Berlin totals 4,780 miles. If the return flight seems feasible the Bowler will hop from Berlin to Warsaw, to Copenhagen, to Stockholm, to Bergen, and back over the original route.

The Tribune Flyers. Bob Gast and Parker D. ('Shorty') Crammer, and Robert Wood, editor of The Tribune, who will make the flight to write the travel story of the voyage. Gast and Crammer, oil and co-pilot, will alternate at the controls of the 'Untin' Bowler. Gast started flying with the Royal Flying Corps during the war. Crammer, with Bert Hassell, last year attempted to reach Stockholm from Rockford. Both are former department of commerce officials.

On the take-off. Here the 'Untin' Bowler, The Tribune flying boat, is shown sweeping down the runway while her twin Wasp motors kick up a dust storm behind. Gast and Crammer pin their faith to those motors, for if one cuts out the other will carry them to safety.

Water or land, it makes no difference to The Tribune Sikorsky amphibian. She alights on both. Here she is shown pushing through the quiet lake water off Oak street beach. In her flight to Berlin the Bowler will make use of lakes, rivers, harbors, and fiords as landing places. If necessary the plane will be able to negotiate a landing on the ice, the bottom surface of her boat acting as a sled. (Other pictures on next page.)

On top of the world. The course of The Tribune plane crosses Europe and Greenland not far from the North Pole. For a distance of some 900 miles the Bowler will fly along the Arctic Circle and over the frozen wastes of Greenland.