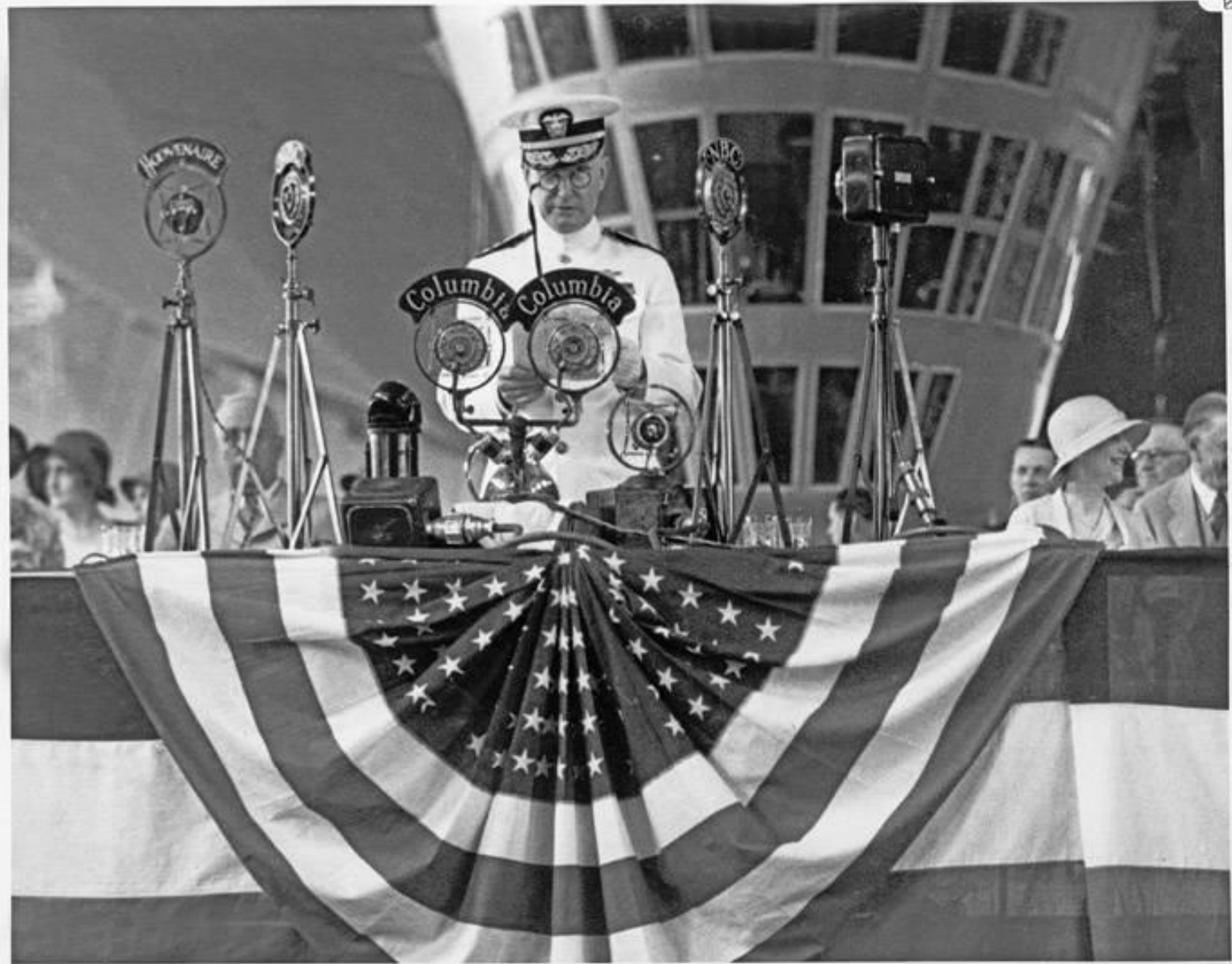


Photo # NH 42163 Paul W. Litchfield speaking at christening of USS Akron, August 1931





Rear Admiral William A. Moffett speaks during the christening ceremony of the U.S.S. Akron (ZRS-4)



First Lady Lou Hoover releases a flight of pigeons during the christening ceremony of the U.S.S. Akron (ZRS-4)



Christening Ceremony Banner and Pull Cord

This banner hung in front of the podium at the christening ceremony of the U.S.S. Akron on August 8th, 1931.

The pull-cord was used by First Lady Lou Henry Hoover to release 48 racing pigeons as she christened the airship in front of thousands at the Goodyear-Zeppelin Airdock in Akron.

Banner and Pull Cord used during the christening ceremony of the U.S.S. Akron (ZRS-4). These are displayed at the National Lighter-Than-Air Historical Center's display in the Akron History Exhibit at Lock 3 in downtown Akron, Ohio.