

Pacific Northwest Defended By Elaborate Aerial System That Operates On Full Daily Basis

SEATTLE, Sept. 26.—(AP)—An elaborate aerial defense system, improved from World War II, was disclosed today to be operating 24 hours a day in the Pacific Northwest.

Every plane that takes off from a Pacific Northwest field or enters the area is detected by radar and identified at a secret control center.

If identification is not established immediately armed interceptor planes are sent up. It is partly practice, partly precautionary.

Operation of the defense setup was reported today by the Seattle Times, the Everett Herald and Rep. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.). Reporters for the two papers toured defense installations with Jackson and military authorities cleared their stories—with specific locations, radar ranges and number of aircraft omitted for security reasons.

The newspapers said the control center, established by the fourth air force for Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, is located "somewhere near Puget Sound." The aircraft warning system and interceptor planes of both the air force and navy have

in this area are under a single command.

The northwest's probable targets have been catalogued and plans have been made to defend them. Backbone of the system is the radar network. This electronic warning web extends west into the Pacific and north into Canada. It also probes east and south to guard against any "back-cutting" by a possible aerial invader.

"The general scheme," the Times story said, "is to try to knock down the enemy far from the targets, or at least force him to dump his bombs before he enters the target area."

Alaska, in another defense area, was not covered in the newspaper survey, nor was any information included on whether similar networks operate in other sections of the United States.

The stories said, however, that this area has been given a high priority for modern equipment because of its geographic location.

"I have known for some time that air defense facilities were being developed in the northwest," Jackson said. "But I am agreeably surprised that they have progressed so far. However, I believe we need more radar-equipped interceptor planes to defend this area."

On British Pattern

The setup here is patterned after that employed in Great Britain in the Second World war, with improvements and more modern equipment.

The Herald story said the system operates this way: Picking up planes approaching the northwest area, the radar network transmits the information to the control center. Here the coordinated detector-attack system goes into action. If the planes are found to be "unfriendly" or unidentified, the control center can have intercepter planes in the air in two to 30 minutes, depending on existing conditions.

"These missions to identify civilian planes give the control center and the interceptors plenty of opportunity to perfect the detector attack technique," the Herald added. "Light planes popping up from airfields and then landing keep a steady flow of plane markers moving on and off the graphic tables and maps at the control center."

The defense system is designed

Student Suffers Brain Concussion In Prank

SEATTLE, Sept. 27.—(AP)—A University of Washington student suffered a brain concussion early Monday morning when he fell from a ladder propped against one of the campus sorority houses.

The student, Daniel Alexander, 18, was attempting to whitewash the words "Ice House" on the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority house, his father explained. He was taken to the hospital after the accident covered with white wash.

The prank is a traditional procedure at the campus on pledge night.

IN PACIFIC OPERATION

Leroy Cherryholmes, seaman, USN, of 421 S. Pine street, Roseburg, is serving as crew member aboard the general communication ship USS Eldorado, which is participating this fall in "Operation Miki," a large-scale amphibious exercise in the Pacific.

The maneuvers, scheduled for late September, October, and November, involve nearly 40,000 soldiers, sailors and marines, and are designed to dislodge an imaginary "aggressor" force from the Hawaiian Islands.

The 25th air division (defense). It operates under command of the western air division, whose commander also has charge of the fourth air force. Col. C. D. Vincent commands the 25th. Serving under his command is the 50th aircraft control and warning group commanded by Col. James McNitt. The 325th fighter wing, commanded by Col. T. Alan Bennett, is the interceptor force of the division.

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Study Profit Sharing With Toilers, Install Pension Plan, U. S. Chamber Head Advises

SPOKANE, Sept. 27.—(AP)—The president of the United States chamber of commerce Monday urged employers to level off employment curves, consider sharing profits with workers, and install pension programs.

Herman W. Steinkraus said management "must give consideration and understanding to demands which stem from the human desire for security."

Steinkraus prepared his comments on labor relations for the American Mining Congress convention which opened here yesterday.

"The drastic ups and downs in our economy must be leveled out," he said. "Only in this way can the further demands for a guaranteed annual wage be avoided."

"Profit-sharing in some form has strong appeal as a second ingredient of security. The public seems convinced that programs embodying the principle of profit sharing are sound. Many companies have had a rich experience in this field."

Steinkraus praised company pensions but declared "the principle of joint contribution to pension funds is a sound principle."

He said the "refusal" of con-

gress to repeal the Taft-Hartley labor act "is encouraging."

Another speaker told the congress that the threat of strikes has tarnished the brightest business prospects of the year.

Strike Threats Deplored

Dr. Joseph Zimmerman, New York, editor of the Daily Metal Reporter, said general business conditions in the United States are the most encouraging they have been this year. However, the coal strike and the threat of a steel strike may offset other economic gains, he said.

Zimmerman's report on non-ferrous metals and general business conditions was prepared for the annual metal mining convention of the mining congress.

Zimmerman said that "fears of a depression have given way to hopes of resumed business activity."

However, "a protracted coal strike or a strike in the steel industry might well upset the industrial life of the nation, and the metal industry could not and would not remain immunized."

He said British devaluation of the pound was not likely to affect the domestic copper market.

Britain will try to expand into

Prague's Shock Teachers Spread Socialism Goal

PRAGUE.—(AP)—Czechoslovakia now has "Stachanovite" (super producer) teachers whose goal is to speed the triumph of Marx-Leninist socialism. How does a teacher get to be a Stachanovite or shock worker?

Prof. Zdenek Pesek gave the answers to a teachers' conference here recently. "The teachers' shock worker movement," he said, "springs from great constructive enthusiasm and firm will to overcome all difficulties which were and still are in the way of the spreading of Socialistic ideas."

"This work is based on these elements: To teach better—more ideologically. To give attention to the formation of youth groups. To pay special attention to the Socialistic attitude in work."

HIVES OF BEES STOLEN

MEHAMA.—(AP)—Mrs. Leo Wagner of Mehama says she is not malicious but she is hoping someone got stung. Thieves entered her premises and walked away with a complete hive of bees.

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foreign copper markets, he said, but the United States can meet the competition "provided our labor does not price us out of the foreign markets by increasing our production costs."

Soviet Not Sincere In A-Bomb Control Bid, Belief

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—(AP)—British Foreign Secretary Bevin made clear Monday that Britain would not agree to ban atomic weapons until adequate control machinery is set up.

Bevin told the United Nations assembly his government has consistently favored the prohibition of atomic weapons but that Russia had blocked agreement by refusing to agree to workable controls.

He said there was nothing new in the proposals made by Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky last Friday for an immediate ban on atomic bombs.

Bevin said Vishinsky's charges that the western powers were to blame for delay were stupid. The assembly's steering committee meanwhile voted to put Russia's Big Five peace pact proposals on the decision schedule. All the big powers besides Russia and many smaller ones are expected to oppose the Soviet proposals in committee debate on the ground that it lacks sincerity.

Bevin spoke after assembly President Carlos P. Romulo indicated a drive to break the deadlock on atomic energy control would be pressed in the U. N.

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