

Military Planes Join FAA Control System

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) is bringing all military aircraft on interceptor missions under its Air Traffic Control (ATC) System.

The move is designed to reduce the possibility of collisions between fast-flying fighters and private planes. The FAA has tried out the concept in the Indianapolis, Detroit and Chicago Air Traffic Control Center areas with "very successful" results.

This major air safety action was revealed in the FAA's monthly publication "Aviation News," which contained a digest of a report of the agency's top ATC official, David Thomas.

Thomas said nearly half of the 2,500 near-collisions reported to the FAA in the past five years involved military aircraft. Several near-misses between fighters and airliners have occurred this year.

Changeover Soon
Thomas said as soon as expanded equipment and personnel requirements are met, all intercept activities will be under ATC guidance except for the actual intercept portion of a mission.

He said the FAA also is providing personnel to assist the Air Defense Command in setting up a training program for all personnel in fighter-intercept operations. The civilian agency also is encouraging the military to conduct as many flights as possible under the FAA's ATC system—such as filing instrument flight plans which enables ATC to keep better track of military aircraft.

Thomas said the FAA's study of 2,500 near-collision reports since 1958 showed that:
—About 20 collisions involving civil aircraft occur each year. This rate has been fairly consistent since the immediate post World War II days.

Luck Not Skill
—Sixty to 100 incidents annually were so close that collision avoidance was pure luck rather than resulting from evasive action by pilots.
—Most "near-misses" occur in

daylight, in clear weather and in the en route portion of the flight (contrary to a common belief that the congested airspace near airports is the main breeding ground for incidents).

—Filing an IFR (instrument flight rules) plan offers no full protection if the "other guy" is flying VFR (visual flight rule); in 1962 alone, there were 156 near collisions between planes operating IFR presumably in protected airspace, and aircraft flying VFR.

—For no apparent reason, Thursday is the "most prevalent day for near-accidents."

Thomas said there are four main causes of near collisions: trying to fly without guidance from the federal ATC system, too much reliance on radar without understanding its limitations, lack of pilot vigilance, and controller error.

The FAA official said the agency is striving to reduce control instructions to a minimum to prevent overburdening of already busy pilots.



Demos Delay Vote To Fill Party Post

SALEM (UPI)—The Democratic State Central Committee Sunday postponed election of a new Democratic national committeeman for Oregon for want of a voting quorum.

The election of a successor to C. Girard Davidson was postponed to Oct. 27.
But at Sunday's meeting the Democratic group voted unanimously to censure the Republican State Central Committee for its failure to take a stand on the tax increase measure.

The Democrats also voted to hold their 1964 pre-primary platform convention at Corvallis on Feb. 29-March 1. This will mark the first time the meeting has not been held in Salem. More than 700 delegates are expected to attend the convention.

The Republican State Central Committee met Saturday in Portland, but refused to take a stand on the Oct. 15 tax referendum.

"Dismay Expressed"
The Democrats voted unanimously for a resolution expressing "dismay at the failure of the state Republican organization to take action in support of the tax."

The Democratic group voted unanimously to support a yes vote in the Oct. 15 election.

Democrats also adopted a resolution expressing sorrow at the death Friday night in an auto accident of Rep. W. O. Kelsay, D-Roseburg.

Sunday's meeting was called to elect a successor to Davidson, who has served for seven years as national committeeman.

Nineteen delegates were needed for the vote. Seventeen accredited delegates, plus several with proxy authority were on hand, but the committee decided against honoring the proxy votes.

The committee also decided not to accept Davidson's resignation until after the Oct. 27 meeting which will be held at 1 p.m. at Harris Hall on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene.

In a lengthy resignation speech Davidson said he was opposed to selection of national committeeman by popular vote.

"The party organization is in the best position to make a suitable choice," he said.

"Through a party convention we can be more assured of getting the best qualified candidate and also the most deserving one."

SERVICES HELD — Funeral services were held today for Dr. Roy Leland Dunn, well-known chiropractic physician of Roseburg. He died Friday at his home following a long illness. He had practiced in Roseburg for the last 34 years. He was also a former minister of the Pine Grove Community Church.

Missing Adventurers Are Safe In Mexico

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico (UPI) — Fourteen Americans and three Mexicans who were feared lost in the wild canyon country of northwestern Mexico are all safe, a pilot reported from the scene said today.

Jesus Acosta Munoz, a pilot who took U.S. Vice Consul Robert Homer to the area where the men were feared lost radioed back that all were safe.

Acosta Munoz said he was able to land and talk with the explorers and said they were in good shape. Three Mexicans were with the Americans.

The semi-scientific group ran short of food when their rubber rafts got into deadly rapids, protruding boulders and had to portage their floats over jagged obstacles. Dean said some days they floated only 100 yards.

Hopes For Escape
Dean expressed hope the explorers may have scaled the brush-littered walls of Barranca de Cobre (Copper Canyon) and started walking through the mountainous country toward civilization.

Executive Board Meet Set At Scotts Valley
A meeting of the executive committee of the Scotts Valley PTA is scheduled for tonight, according to Mrs. Karl Hummel, correspondent.

Mrs. Hummel said matters for discussion will be the budget and the program for the coming year.

At this week's meeting of the PTA, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Otto Feucht, president; Vivian Furrier, vice president; Mary Tollefson, treasurer; Mrs. Bob Templeton, historian; and Otto Feucht, parliamentarian.

Training Program Set For Camp Fire Leaders
The Camp Fire Leaders Association will meet Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a special training session for all Bluebird and Camp Fire leaders. The meeting will take place in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. Baby sitters will be provided.

Two vice-consuls for the United States from Juarez, Robert O. Homme and Ralph G. Thorsland, were with the flying searchers. They carried walkie talkies and planned to drop one to the party, if it were found.

The canyon, a slender gap in the rugged terrain falling from the Continental Divide eastward, is heavily overgrown and so narrow that helicopters would face danger in descending. Updraft winds also are hazards.

A Mexican government plane was used today along with a helicopter furnished by Gonzales Herrera, secretary of the state of Chihuahua. The plane had been in the search since Dean brought back word of the dilemma.

Dean and Larry Davis of Price, Utah, were ordered by the expedition leader, John L. Cross of Orem, Utah, to leave the main party Sept. 28 and forge ahead to a copper mine where a cache of supplies was available.

They planned a one-day trip to the food, but it took four days of swimming, plunging over waterfalls, walking and scaling until two Indians found them. The two had not eaten in two days and Dean was ill.

Took Supplies Back
Davis, together with three Mexicans, battled back into the wilds with supplies for the 14.

Dean traveled by burro, truck and rail to this city for help and medical care. He was hospitalized with multiple bruises and abrasions and suffered from fatigue.

Missing adventurers, besides Davis, were Cross, 34; his son, John L. Cross Jr., 21, and daughter, Janice Cross, 19, also of Orem; M. Vern Thurber, in his 70s, of Orem; C. E. Barton of Milnada, La Canada, Calif.; E. A. Moore of Burbank, Calif.

Mary Ellen O'Reilly, 26, of Black Lick, Pa.; Dr. Willmer J. Tanner of Provo, Utah; and Dr. Fred Bischoff, 64, Al Morrison Ward J, and Bill Roylance and Leroy M. Sessions, 59, all of Salt Lake City.

The group started the trip Sept. 25, and had allowed 10 days for the journey. Dean said he believed they were the first North Americans to try the 120-mile trip.

"Our primary interest was to conquer the river," Dean said.

First Lady Leaves For Yacht Cruise

ISTANBUL, Turkey (UPI)—Jacqueline Kennedy sailed today for an unknown Mediterranean destination after a one-day visit to Istanbul, an exotic city she plans to revisit "when my husband is no longer president."

For the First Lady, recuperating from the death of her third child, it was a "dream vacation." With one of the world's most luxurious yachts at her command, she sailed the blue Mediterranean with a dozen glamorous ports to choose from.

Greek shipowner Aristotle Onassis' yacht, Christina, left Istanbul with Mrs. Kennedy and 10 guests Sunday night. The captain told Turkish military authorities the destination was "undecided."

Other officials said they had been told the Christina would return to Athens—its point of departure — with stopovers at the Greek isles of Rhodes and Crete en route.

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