

GOERING COULDN'T SEE IDEA

Soviets Have Jet Plane Plans Fumbled by Nazis, Heinkel Says

Stuttgart, Germany (AP)—Ten years ago Ernest Heinkel, one of Germany's top plane builders, flew the world's first jet plane and invited Air Marshal Hermann Goering to watch the test flight.

Goering, then busily building up Nazi air power for war, was unimpressed.

He told Heinkel to forget about jets because they would never be successful in combat.

Today the man whose plant turned out the first experimental jet plane which was the prototype of the aircraft that would revolutionize air travel, lives here in retirement, with most of his aircraft factories moved to Russia.

Heinkel thinks Goering and other Nazi air force officials were misled because they had not been informed of the years of research and construction that the Heinkel works put in on the jet engine before the first test flight on Aug. 27, 1938.

It was not until two years later, when the German government received reports that both Britain and the U.S. were experimenting with jet engines, that the Nazi air ministry remembered Heinkel's successful test flight and ordered him to get on with the construction of a jet fighter plane.

Heinkel first got the idea for jet propulsion in planes when he heard of experiments made by a young assistant professor at Göttingen University, Dr. Hans Pabst von Ohain. He called von Ohain to the Heinkel plant at Rostock, now in the Soviet zone, and put him to work with a staff of 30 engineers.

In less than two years von Ohain produced the first jet usable in a plane. In another year Heinkel had installed it in a plane about the size of the "Spirit of St. Louis," in which Charles Lindbergh flew the Atlantic.

Heinkel named it the HE 178. His test pilots flew it a few times and then Heinkel called the air ministry in Berlin to send observers to watch the "test flight of a new plane." Goering had no advance notice that it would be a revolutionary new type.

Goering and his assistants watched the HE 178 fly better than 500 miles an hour and then told Heinkel to forget about it. They said its production costs were too high, that it would not stay in the air long enough and could not carry a heavy enough weapon load.

Despite the air ministry's cold shoulder, Heinkel's engineers continued to experiment. When the German secret service picked up news that the U.S. and Britain were working along similar lines, his sprawling aircraft plants were able quickly to put into the air the HE 280, with two jet motors and three guns. It could fly 500 miles an hour.

Other German plane manufacturers—BMN, Junkers and Messerschmidt—starting working on jets and four jet planes were introduced into the German air force in 1943-44.

Heinkel, who now lives in retirement here since most of his plants and technicians were carted off to Russia, says it will not be German know-how that will make perfect jets possible. "Even if the Allies would permit the production of airplanes in Germany, I do not believe Germany ever again could start production," he said.

"In the years since the end of the war the U.S., thanks to vast funds made available for the development of air technique, has achieved such progress that it cannot be reached again by other countries, least of all by impoverished Germany."

"There are only two countries in the world which can afford modern development of air power, the U.S. and the USSR."

The technique that Heinkel developed is at work on both sides.

Ninety-five per cent of his plants, located in the Russian zone, have been dismantled and replanted in the Soviet Union, he said, adding "and they have my best engineers and technicians, too."

But the original inventor of the jet, von Ohain, went to the U.S. after the war and Heinkel said he is continuing his work on jet planes.



Cutthroat Trout Doubles in Size

Seattle, Oct. 27 (AP)—A cutthroat trout caught three and one-half months after its liberation doubled its size after hitting salt water, the state game department reported today.

The speed with which a cutthroat trout can grow in salt water was emphasized by the recent migration and catch of the trout.

The fish was planted in Forks Creek, tributary of the Willapa river near Raymond. It was 7 1/2 inches long when freed. It migrated rapidly down the Willapa river and out into the ocean, hence southward across the Columbia past Seaside, Ore.

When caught in the Alsea river it had grown to 15 1/2 inches.

Tire Prices Advance

Akron, O., Oct. 27 (AP)—Firestone Tire & Rubber company announced today that effective immediately it has raised prices 3 1/2 per cent on all tires and tubes because of increased costs.

The increase follows similar action taken yesterday by Goodrich Tire & Rubber company.

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Taber Ticked—J. E. Taber, Lebanon sweet potato grower, is highly pleased with this 17-inch specimen which he says proves his contentions.

Taber's Tubers Tallest 'Taters

Lebanon, Oct. 27 — J. E. Taber has for the past eight years experimented with the raising of sweet potatoes in the black clay soil of his upland farm in Golden valley.

Maintaining that the soil and climate of the South Santiam valley is perfectly adapted to this crop, he has tried in vain to interest neighbors who farm the lighter river bottom land. Judging from the success he has had on less friendly soil, Taber believes 300 bushels of sweet potatoes to the acre could be harvested in the loam districts.

Largest potato harvested this fall measures 17 inches in length and Taber points out that all potatoes, including even the largest, have exceptionally fine flavor and are entirely free of fiber.

Each year Taber has been receiving his plants from Texas but this fall he is making preparations to propagate his own starts.

Magruder Book Wins Defense

Astoria, Ore., Oct. 27 (AP)—The civics textbook, "American Government," banned by Houston public schools, "only states facts," a member of the Oregon textbook commission said today.

James H. Burgess, local school superintendent and member of the textbook board that selected the controversial book by Dr. Frank Magruder of Corvallis, Ore., said it "only states facts—unpleasant ones—and it should be supplemented with a course studying Communism. The way to abolish Communism fastest would be to put a course in high school teaching it."

The Houston objection was to a paragraph identifying public free education and old age assistance as "examples of Communism."

Astoria schools use the 1947 edition complete with reference to Communism, Burgess said. Later editions do not have it. He added that the textbook commission could not possibly read all books it recommends. He said commission members scan the books and judge them largely by the "known philosophies" of the authors. The loyalty and integrity of Magruder are "unquestioned and unquestionable," Burgess said.

Rally Is Discussed

Pedee—The Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Jack Wells. Mrs. J. W. McCormack gave the stewardship lesson in the morning. After a potluck lunch, Mrs. R. J. Smith had charge of the business meeting. Plans were made to attend the Missionary rally at Salem. The prayer circle was led by Mrs. Smith. Twenty-one members and two visitors were present.

Potato Harvest Over

Unionvale — Potato harvest at the U. S. Alderman plantings in the Grand Island and Newberg area was completed Wednesday.

Natural Gas Pipeline Company Incorporates

Ottawa, Oct. 27 (CP)—The Canadian senate transportation committee today approved a bill which would incorporate the Prairie Transmission Lines, Limited.

Previously proposed as the Prairie Pipeline company, the company seek to build a pipeline to convey natural gas from Alberta to Vancouver and northwestern United States points. The change of name was made because the original name conflicted with that of another company.

The route favored by the company is similar to one proposed by Alberta Natural Gas com-

Fishing Excellent—An indignant blue goose takes a peck at Don Hovey (left) of Des Moines, Ia., after Hovey and his companion, Leonard Wagner, (right) caught the goose on a plug while fishing on Clear Lake, near Des Moines. The 4 1/2 pound bird intercepted a cast Hovey made when his boat drifted near a flock of geese, catching the goose in the wing. (AP Wirephoto)

pany, which has its bill of incorporation before the House of Commons. The latter bill has already passed the Senate.

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