

Pilotless Planes Slated To Guard Nation's Shores

Washington — (U.P.) — The Air Force may next turn to pilotless planes to guard the nation's shores against enemy bombers.

The Air Force, it was learned, is considering production of two supersonic pilotless interceptor planes and a supersonic jet bomber.

A spokesman said the Air Force could not "confirm or deny" this information, although he conceded there were development contracts for the interceptor models.

Pilots Unnecessary

The proposed use of pilotless interceptors reflects the view of aeronautical scientists that pilots are becoming "unnecessary features" for air defense flying. In the modern interceptor, the pilots go along as mon-

itors of the electronic equipment that automatically seeks out the invading planes, "locks onto" it by means of radar and fires the guns and rockets.

The pilotless planes would be guided by radar and radio, similarly to the guided missiles now under development by the armed forces.

First Supersonic Bomber

The supersonic jet bomber now under discussion would be the nation's first with a speed greater than that of sound and is regarded as the logical next step after the Boeing B-52 jet bomber, presently the ace in the Air Force's bombing fleet. Production, however, has just started on the 600-mile-an-hour B-52 and they will probably not be in combat units for another two years.

Nine Die in Utah's Worst Car Accident in History

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Salt Lake City — (U.P.) — Nine Japanese-Americans died here Saturday when their new passenger car was smashed by a 13-ton gravel truck as they were driving toward a mountain picnic grounds.

Eight of the victims were killed instantly. The ninth, an eight-year-old boy, succumbed about six hours later. The truck driver was uninjured.

It was the worst passenger car accident in Utah highway history. All the victims lived in Salt Lake City or the suburban community of West Jordan.

The car was driven by Mrs. John Imada, 32. She died instantly with two of her three sons, Ronny, 12, and Allen, 6. The third, Gene, 8, died at 4:40 p.m. MST.

The other victims were: Mrs. Shizuki Imada, 69; Arthur Imada, 10; David Ikoma, 6; Ben S. Watanada, 67, and his wife, Sue, 57.

Mrs. Shizuki Imada was the grandmother of three of the young victims. Arthur Imada was the son of Robert Imada.

The truck, weighing three tons itself and loaded with 10 tons of gravel, was driven by Charles E. Briggs, 36.

Investigating officers said that the passenger car was proceeding easterly on a country lane about 10 miles south of Salt Lake City, carrying the group toward an outing at the Spruces, high in Big Cottonwood canyon in the Wasatch mountains.

Officers said that Mrs. Imada ignored a flashing red light and a stop sign and drove her new Pontiac onto a boulevard squarely in the path of the truck.

The light vehicle was crumpled and rolled more than 120 feet. Eight of the occupants were dead upon arrival at Salt Lake General hospital.



EUGENE THORNDIKE
New Bank Vice President



ELWOOD HEDBERG
Promoted to Manager



RAY SORENSON
New Assistant Manager

Three Officers Named To Top First National Bank Jobs Here

Three promotions on the staff of the Medford branch of the First National Bank of Portland were announced Saturday by F. N. Belgrano Jr., Portland, president of the bank.

Eugene D. Thorndike, branch manager here since 1936, has been promoted to be a vice president of the state-wide banking system, Belgrano said. Elwood Hedberg, assistant manager since 1945, will succeed Thorndike, and Ray Sorenson, with the Medford branch for the past three years, will be the new assistant manager.

Advancement 'Well-Earned'

Belgrano termed Thorndike's promotion "an advancement well-earned through many years of excellent service to the families, businessmen and farmers of the Medford area. Thorndike holds a position of high esteem and confidence not only with his fellow officers and staff members in the bank, but also with the people of the community he serves. Thorndike is an outstanding officer doing an outstanding job," Belgrano said.

The new vice president has had more than 42 years of banking experience, and has been in the field in Medford since 1924, when he joined what was then the First National Bank of Medford. In 1935 the bank was succeeded by the First National of Portland, and Thorndike was named assistant manager. He became manager the following year.

Thorndike has been active in many civic movements. He is a former president of the Community Chest for several years; served for 17 years on the school board of District 49; is now a member of the Medford Water

commission, is chairman of the Jackson County Board of Health, and has been a director of the chamber of commerce for 20 years, also serving as president. He has been treasurer of the Boy Scouts here and the Salvation Army for 18 years, and has been active in other organizations.

Began in Ashland

Hedberg began his banking

No Foul Play Seen In Disappearance

Liverpool, England — (U.P.) — Police ruled out Saturday the possibility of foul play in the disappearance of a honeymooning Canadian bride from a British-bound liner in the Atlantic.

They said the case of Mrs. Benita King, 22, who vanished from the Ascania Wednesday night, was closed.

Her husband, Robert King, an Edmonton, Alberta, electrician said he would fly back to Edmonton next week.

King said he last saw his wife, whom he had married only two weeks earlier, when she returned to their cabin Wednesday night to change her dress because wine had spilled on it during a dance.

Crew members later found Mrs. King's handbag, scarf and evening wrap in a forward scupper. In the handbag were her engagement and wedding rings.

Another passenger, Mrs. Ellen Reid, told police she had noticed Mrs. King looking very depressed.

career with the First National at the Ashland branch in 1937, transferring to Medford in 1942, and becoming assistant manager in 1945.

Hedberg is president of the Rogue Valley chapter of the American Institute of Banking, and is a member in the class in analysis of financial statements. He has taken an active part in civic affairs, just completing terms as program chairman for the Medford Lions club, and as treasurer and chairman of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director.

Other memberships include the Medford Lodge 103, A.F. and AM, and he is a past exalted ruler of Ashland Lodge 944, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. For the past six years he has been treasurer of the Jackson County chapter of the Red Cross, and has belonged to the American Legion for more than 35 years. He recently was appointed to membership on the Medford Library board.

From Portland

Sorenson's banking service dates from 1937, when he became a teller in the main bank office in Portland. He came to Medford in 1949.

He is a member of the chamber of commerce, serving on the new industries committee. He has been active in fund-raising work for the Community Chest, and is active in the Rogue Valley Country club. Sorenson attended the University of Minnesota, and was associated with the First National Bank of Albert Lea, Minn., before coming to Oregon. He managed the southeast Portland branch before coming to Medford.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

Left Hand is Right, Woman Tells Judge

Baltimore, Md. — (U.P.) — "Raise your right hand," the judge told Mrs. Helen McNair, 42, as she prepared to testify in her own defense on a drinking charge.

Mrs. McNair promptly raised her left hand. You'll have to raise your right hand," the judge said. "This is my right hand," she said. "I'm left handed."

NOW HE KNOWS

Hull, Que. — (U.P.) — Elie Lefebvre, a truck driver, wasn't sure whether the puddle under his vehicle was water or gasoline. He flicked on his cigarette lighter to see. Fire damage to the truck totalled \$500.

GETS APPOINTMENT

Salem — (U.P.) — Carl E. Green of Portland has been re-appointed as a member of the State Air Pollution Authority for a four-year term, Gov. Douglas McKay's office said Saturday.

BRIDGE AT FAULT

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Ethyle G. Wilson, 38, was fined \$5 Friday for trespassing during an abortive suicide attempt off the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge. "Next time I'll use the Golden Gate bridge," she said.

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