

# Careful With That Cigar, It May Cost You If You Toss It Out Window

The law now bans this during church services. He has been throwing away lighter material at any time of the year.

# Boss Puts Pot Down

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**PROUD MOTHER** — Mrs. Edie Fernandez of Miami, Fla., is shown as she was informed last her son, Air Force Capt. Manuel Fernandez, became the world's leading jet ace when he shot down his 13th MIG-15 over Korea on Mothers Day. In foreground is a model of the Russian-built MIG-15.

# Senior Fliers Do Good Job But Prove Headache To Air

By **RENNIE TAYLOR**  
AP Science Reporter

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Old airplane pilots don't even fade away. They just keep pushing them on through. And these pilots are becoming something of a problem to aviation.

There now are more than 1,600 civilian pilots in this country, the age of 60. Dr. Ross A. McFarland of Harvard University School of Public Health today told the world meeting of the Aero Medical Association.

But the senior fliers still are doing a good job. A study of 60 civilian air crashes shows that pilot error had nothing to do with the crashes, Dr. McFarland said.

These and other findings about increasing numbers of people who accumulate many birthdays but do not grow old brought a proposal from a Los Angeles psychiatrist that a method for determining a person's functional age might be useful to society. Under this way of reckoning, a person might be young at 60 or old at 25.

Dr. McFarland cited tests which show that older persons are less affected by high altitude than youngsters. At 10,000 feet the young ones faint more quickly than their elders, he said.

Failing eyesight, Dr. McFarland added, is more of a hazard in automobile driving than in piloting planes.

The most obvious difference in the age group, Dr. McFarland said, is that the older pilots cannot remember recent events as well as the young ones.

Of the more than 1,600 men over-60 flying civilian planes, Dr. McFarland reported, 12 are airline pilots, 16 are commercial fliers, and the others operate privately owned planes.

Because of the anomalies in the age picture, Dr. John D. Morarity, the psychiatrist, proposed that four different things be taken into consideration in determining the effective age of individuals.

First would be the person's age in years. Second, the condition of his arteries, heart, kidneys, liver and other vital organs would be rated. Then his mental level would be thrown in, and finally his emotional age. The average of these, Dr. Morarity said, might be taken as a pretty good indication of the realistic age of the individual.

The existing system for measuring mental age or IQ may have to undergo some alteration, the psychiatrist said, because it does not account for fluctuations which mark the differences between the smart youngster of 18 and the mentally alert executive of 50.

By present standards the mental age remains about constant from the chronological age of 16 on. New data indicate, he added, that the intellectual level rises between 16 and 29, stays constant for 10 or 15 years thereafter and then decreases slowly.

# Three Killed By Drone

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy announced Tuesday that three men were killed and four seriously injured when a target drone plane crashed into the aircraft carrier Wright and exploded Monday 200 miles off Key West, Fla.

The 14,500-ton aircraft carrier sustained minor damage, the announcement said.

The drone plane, which had been hit by anti-aircraft fire at 1,500 feet and again at 600 feet, went out of control and crashed into the carrier's catwalk, which extends along the sides of the flight deck.

# Depreciation Hangle On

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Internal Revenue Bureau Tuesday adopted a new policy aimed to cut down the year-after-year nagging with businessmen over their depreciation claims.

In general, it amounts to a rule that if a depreciation rate is once agreed upon for a particular property, the tax collection agency will accept it thereafter unless there is a clear indication somebody is taking advantage of the government.

The internal revenue laws permit a "reasonable" deduction in computing net income, for depreciation of property used in trade or business or held for the production of income. The "reasonableness" of a figure often is in controversy between taxpayers and agents of the Revenue Bureau, sometimes with renewals one year after another.

# Skating Troupe Free In Crash Case

BALTIMORE (AP)—A jury Tuesday found Sonja Henie and her ice show corporation were not to blame when the studs came tumbling down just before she opened an appearance here in March of 1932.

The decision came after about five hours of deliberation on two weeks of testimony in a test case.

Between 250 and 350 spectators were hurt when the temporary bleachers fell. About 400 suits asking almost six million dollars in damages are on file against the ice star and her associates.

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A message from the president of Southern Pacific to the 100,000 people in SP's family—reprinted from the Southern Pacific Bulletin, employes' magazine.

This month we observe an important anniversary in our railroad's history. It was 84 years ago, on May 10, 1869, that the Golden Spike was driven at Promontory, Utah, completing the first transcontinental railroad of which our pioneer line was the Western link.

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