

Air Guard wing gets new leader

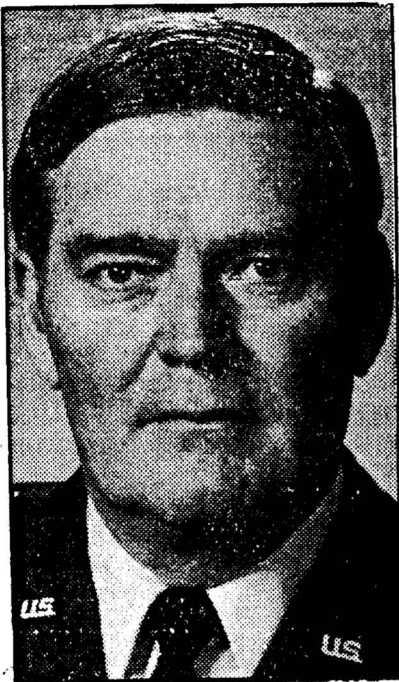
Col. William D. Neville, 49, a pilot for Pan American World Airways and part-time F-4D Phantom jet flyer, will assume interim command of the Fresno-based 144th Fighter-Interceptor Wing of the Air National Guard July 1.

California National Guard Headquarters in Sacramento announced Tuesday that Neville, wing vice commander, will step into the post vacated by Brig. Gen. Edward R. Aguiar, who will take up new duties at state headquarters.

Staff Sgt. Carolyn Hamilton, public information spokeswoman at National Guard headquarters in Sacramento, said Neville's assumption of command was normal procedure. A vice commander is expected to take over a wing in the commander's absence. Neville will retain his part-time status.

Neville, a native of Montana, now lives in Fresno. He holds an Air Guard command pilot rating.

Assuming the post of acting air commander at the Fresno base will be Col. George R. Sparks of



COL. WILLIAM D. NEVILLE
— Interim commander

Reedley, a full-time Air National Guardsman.

National Guard headquarters said both Neville and Sparks will fill their posts until permanent appointments are made.

Aguiar, a full-time Air National Guard pilot, is expected to retire Sept. 1, a date set after an extensive investigation earlier this year of allegations involving abuse of authority and minor improprieties.