

INVENTOR, BACKER DEFEND MOTOR



Lester J. Hendershot, left, inventor of what he describes as the fuelless motor, and D. Barr Peat, his business representative, posing especially for Central Press cameraman at the McKeesport, Pa., flying field near Pittsburgh, defend attacks upon the motor. "The last model of my motor was built at Washington under the supervision of army officers," Hendershot, who lives at West Elizabeth, Pa. says. "I merely directed the general ideas of construction. I've had to watch my step because there were people who wanted to steal my ideas and the result of my efforts." F. W. Hochstetter, of the Hochstetter Research laboratories, Pittsburgh, averred in a statement that Hendershot resorted to trickery to make his "magnetic-energy motor" run. Hendershot said he faked a model constructed under the eyes of Hochstetter as a trap for persons who had been tampering with his work.