



BRUCE ELLIOTT, left, is being presented a Boy Scout statuette for outstanding service in Douglas district by Walter R. Smith, Douglas district executive. The presentation was made recently at a Lions Club meeting. While serving as district chairman in 1950, Elliott increased the membership from 1,000 to 1,500 boys, and was instrumental in inaugurating three new units. He is also the holder of the Silver Beaver award, the highest recognition accorded volunteer Scout leaders. (Staff Picture)

Adenauer Tells Of Soviet Threat

BONN, Germany (AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer warned the West German people Friday that a cast Russian military machine is pressed against the Elbe and can march against West Europe "within 24 hours" if the Kremlin gives the signal.

Interrupting debate on his proposal to raise 12 German divisions for the European army, Adenauer said the first shock of a Russian attack would have to be borne by American, British and French forces in West Germany but the Germans could not expect the Allied troops to do everything for them.

German soldiers, he declared, are essential to counter-balance the Soviet power.

His warning came amid sharp criticism of his policy, particularly from the bitterly anti-rearmament Socialists. The Chancellor was having trouble within his own fold as well. The second largest faction in his coalition government, the Free Democratic party, said Thursday night it would agree to arming West Germany only if the Bonn Republic gets membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and if "all still imprisoned former German soldiers" are released.

Convict Frustrated In 4th Break Attempt

WALLA WALLA (AP)—Arthur St. Peter, the state prison's most notorious and persistent escape artist, was foiled in his fourth break for freedom Thursday night.

Penitentiary tower guards shot a makeshift 25-foot ladder out from under him.

With St. Peter were two other inmates. Warden John Cranor said the two men have not been identified definitely as they dashed back to their cells before officers could check the building.

January Flight Record Reported By West Coast

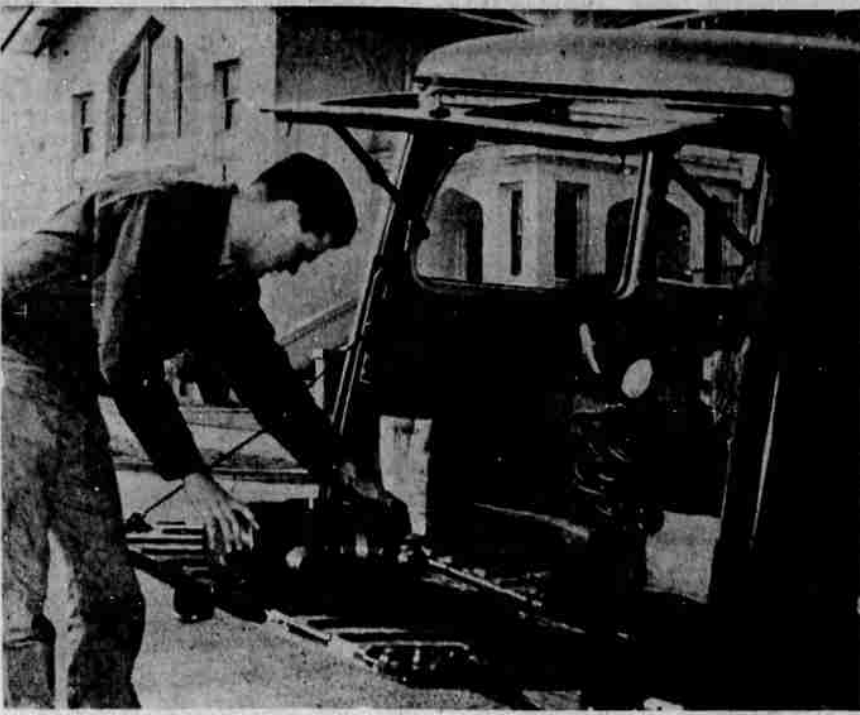
West Coast Airlines was able to complete 81 percent of its flights from the Roseburg Municipal Airport during January, Norman Hunt, local manager, reports.

The percentage was down to 66 percent during December and was 70 percent during November, the first month of operations. The morning flights have been most affected because of early morning fog, which has cleared during the day. With clearing weather, the company hopes to step up the flight percentage to 87 to 90, said Hunt.

The following report of operations for the first three months was announced as follows: For November, 192 outgoing passengers and 138 incoming passengers were recorded; 1066 pounds of air mail, 668 pounds of air express and 1,054 pounds of air freight were handled.

December showed 156 outgoing and 101 incoming passengers; 1205 pounds of mail, 616 pounds air express and 1927 pounds air freight handled. In January there were 153 outgoing and 134 incoming passengers, 1158 pounds air mail, 798 pounds air express and 1890 pounds air freight.

Staking for installation of airport lights was begun this week by Steck Electric Co. which has the contract. Cable and most of the equipment for the installation has arrived, all except the flashing beacon, which reportedly is on its way, said City Manager W. A. Gilchrist. There have been some changes in the work to be done. These involve principally moving of the tower and wind cone. Cost of the installation will be approximately \$12,000, and the work is being rushed during the present good weather, said Gilchrist.



BILL WENTWORTH, above, maintenance supervisor of the mobile chest X-ray units now operating in the County, is shown examining one of the many items he is required to have available. With one assistant, he repairs and maintains the six X-ray trucks. Wentworth and his equipment loaded truck will be found wherever the units are conducting a survey. He is employed by the federal Bureau of Public Health and his home is in Maryland. His wife and baby accompany him on his ceaseless travels. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

No Plush Chairs For Typists, Air Force Advised

WASHINGTON (AP)—Air Force typists will have to sit in the same kind of chairs as other government employees. Special super-plush seats are out.

And furthermore, the Air Force has been advised to confine its scientific research to airplanes.

A House armed services subcommittee said in a statement Tuesday that the testing of chairs should be left to the Government Services Administration whose chairs have

been "fairly well researched" and proven satisfactory.

The subcommittee said the Air Force has been testing chairs for 60 days. As a result it sought to pay more than half a million dollars for 20,156 upholstered chairs for use at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Chairs sought by the Air Force would cost \$28 apiece instead of the \$16.80 to \$18 paid for GSA-selected chairs.

"How silly does a person have to get in order to get rid of \$200,000?" commented Chairman Herbert D. La. That's how much he figured the special chairs would cost over GSA chairs.

New Yorkers often have winters more severe than those in Reykjavik, Iceland's capital. The latter is warmed by the Gulf Stream and the average temperature is 32 degrees in January.

Truman Speaks In Defense Of 2 Cabinet Aides

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman insists that neither Secretary of Agriculture Brannan nor Secretary of the Treasury Snyder can be blamed for scandals which have hit their departments.

He stoutly defended both cabinet members at his news conference Thursday.

The President disputed charges by Sen. Williams, R-Del., that Snyder has not been aggressive enough in clearing up the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Williams said in a Senate speech he knew of no evidence that Snyder had brought charges against any Bureau officials who might have been guilty of condoning corruption.

He said Snyder must shoulder responsibility for "disgraceful conditions" in the Bureau.

The President asked how much more aggressive the Senator would like Snyder to be.

He said those involved in the income tax scandals have been named and removed from office. He added that some have been indicted and one tried and convicted.

What Williams would like, the President said is to have all the Internal Revenue collectors fired so Republicans could be put into the jobs.

Before Congress now is a Presidential plan to abolish the 64 politically appointed collectors' jobs and replace them with 25 civil service posts.

Mr. Truman told newsmen that Brannan could not be blamed for the multi-million dollar shortages reported in government grain reserves.

Removals Cited
He said—without naming anyone—that these grain fellows had been doing the stealing.

The President brought up the subject himself in commenting on reports that the government may lose around five million dollars in grain diverted from commercial warehouses, mostly for speculation.

Brannan himself defended his department in a letter to Chairman

Ellender, D-La., whose Senate Agriculture Committee is investigating the grain shortages.

The Agriculture Secretary wrote he was proud that so far the investigation had not turned up even the remotest evidence that any Agriculture Department employes had acted fraudulently or been an accomplice of private businessmen in defrauding the government.

Franco Regime Of Spain Hasn't Truman's Favor

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman is not very fond of Franco Spain, he told his news conference Thursday.

The off-hand comment came in response to a question about his opinion of Gen. Eisenhower's reported opposition to Spain entering the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

President Truman said he didn't know anything about Gen. Eisenhower's statement because he had not seen it.

But, he added, he has never been very fond of Spain.

Later, this was qualified to mean that he referred to the Franco regime, not Spain itself.

The headquarters of Eisenhower quickly denied a labor leader's story that Eisenhower had told a closed meeting at his headquarters that Spain would be kept out of NATO as long as he is supreme commander in West Europe.

SHANE said Eisenhower believes any military deal with Spain at present should be on a bilateral basis between the United States and Madrid, and not through NATO.

It added the general had simply pointed out that only member governments can decide on the admission of Spain or any other new member, and that SHANE has nothing to do with NATO membership.

TOP FARM STUDENT

CORVALLIS (AP)—Norman Goetze of Corvallis, is the outstanding agriculture senior on the Oregon State College campus. He was selected by a student-faculty committee. He will be honored at a banquet Feb. 14.

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