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PASSENGER TRAIN PRIMER

Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg missed a great chance for a holiday Friday. It was most unfortunate that we missed the opportunity, for it would have been exceedingly educational, particularly for our young people.

The "Friendly" Southern Pacific's "Shasta Daylight" came through Roseburg — and in the daytime.

The "Shasta Daylight," children, is a passenger train. A passenger train, my dears, is a means of transportation. It consists of coaches hauled by a locomotive. The train runs on railroad tracks.

Nearly all communities in the United States have passenger trains. Nearly all of our larger cities have passenger trains which may be seen in the daytime.

We know that many of you young people have not seen passenger trains because the "Friendly" Southern Pacific doesn't operate them here in Southern Oregon in daylight hours. It does have one train in each direction in Southern Oregon, but it sneaks them through at night, and, to say the least, they are hardly representative of modern railroad trains. If, however, you should be up late some night and will go to the depot around midnight, you'll see the kind of a railroad train your grandfather used to ride in.

The "Shasta Daylight," children, is a different kind of train. It has very beautifully furnished coaches with modern, comfortable seats; big clean windows, so you can see the wonderful scenery along the way; elegant diner and club car where you can enjoy meals and entertainment. And it travels very fast. The "Nightcrawler" which serves Southern Oregon takes eight and one-half hours to travel 200 miles, whereas the "Shasta Daylight" will go the same distance in about three hours.

Train of Future Described

Did you ask, children, why the Southern "Friendly" Pacific doesn't have a train like the "Shasta Daylight" in Southern Oregon?

We can't answer your question. We have asked that question ourselves many times. We get all kinds of replies from officials of the "Friendly" Southern Pacific, but none of them will hold water. It seems that the Southern "Friendly" Pacific only wants to haul our freight and doesn't care about giving service to the communities from which it is receiving the major part of its freight business.

Did you again ask why? Well, the only answer we can give you is as unsatisfactory as the one the "Friendly" Southern Pacific gives us — "because."

Although you children may never have seen a passenger train in daylight, — perhaps you, as well as your parents, may be interested in the description of a new kind of train which may be making its appearance in a few years in places that have decent passenger service.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company which still is interested, apparently, in developing better passenger service, relates in the current issue of its magazine "Tracks," experiments now in progress.

It is experimenting with a type of coach built on the principle of a house trailer. The coach will have wheels only on one end, although it will have a retractable dolly at the other end for use when standing on sidetracks.

When these trailer-type cars are hooked together with automatic coupling gear, they become an articulated unit.

These new type cars would be only a little more than one-third as long as the average coach now in use, would be four inches wider but, most important, would be three feet lower and two and one-half feet closer to the rails. With a lower center of gravity they could be operated at higher speeds and with greater comfort to passengers.

Lightness Would Be Feature

These coaches would be one-fourth lighter than the average coach. Heating, cooling and electric service, now built into coaches, would be provided by head-end equipment, except for an emergency unit of light weight.

Sleeping cars, diners, etc., could be picked up as needed. Special "entrance" cars would be provided at intervals along the length of the train.

Operation of one of these trains, it is stated, is expected to reduce costs as much as 50 per cent over the conventional train now in use.

One of the unsatisfactory answers the "Friendly" Southern Pacific gives us concerning the lack of service its heavy trains and that passenger patronage does not justify the expense. Maybe if the "Friendly" Southern Pacific could cut its operational costs in half it could afford to give us a decent passenger service; that is, if it is interested.



MENDING BASKET

"From time immemorial the custom of the country (Japan) had required that each citizen settle his debts before the beginning of the New Year. . . This obligation was not only legally binding but constituted a moral duty which weighed so heavily upon the citizens that drastic consequences often followed cases of failure to pay one's debts."

I thought, as I read the above in "A Strand of Pearls from Old Japan" by Bernice Bassett Wyman (Christopher Co. 1952) it would be a wonderful thing in this country if the end of the year was considered the time to get out of debt instead of going further into it. I would lighten the burden of many a careworn bread-winner! So many things could be so easily omitted, don't you think so? There seems to be a growing pressure to commercialize Christmas! It is in the mid-West that has set out to "put the Christ back into Christmas," a town-wide campaign!

I suppose Japan, after exposure to American Occupation and the irresistible influence of Occidental time-savers and ways of dress, is not — except in the further areas where country ways still prevail — exactly like Miss Wyman found it some years ago. She describes the earthquake of 1923, a chapter read with interest by one who has experienced an earthquake here in 1933, in fact I enjoyed "A Strand of Pearls" very much!

The part about the silk worm industry reminded me of the project which our boys and their school mates enjoyed one year in grade school. The enterprising teacher acquired some real silkworms, and some mulberry leaves (there MUST be mulberry leaves!) and the children and visiting parents watched the whole process. However, nobody scalded fingers in boiling water when it came time to unwind the silk, as the silkworms do, ignoring "partially cooked flesh" of their swift fingers! From 800 to 1000 yards of continuous silk is drawn from each cocoon, says Miss Wyman. I remember the noise of the silkworm munching leaves, "like whispering rain" the children said. But when thousands are munching it "sounds like heavy pelted rain" says the author.

How bewildering to the young Japanese girls who come over here as brides must be our way of doing everything! "It is a matter of common knowledge that without exception everything is topsy-turvy in Japan, but its people refer to our writing as 'crab writing' because it appears to go backwards. Who then," asks Miss Wyman, "is to decide which part of the world is in reverse?"

Dwight David and the Giant



Fulton Lewis Jr.

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WASHINGTON — Apologists for the United Nations charge that grand jury and Senate committee investigations of UN employees are responsible for one suicide and that others are teetering on the window ledge.

The accusations are the clearest demonstration yet of Communist and left-wing distortion of facts in the face of damaging disclosures that the United Nations condones and promotes the welfare of American employees who are disloyal to the United States.

Secretary-General Trygve Lie himself is quitting, under fire, but he has taken the opportunity to smear U. S. grand juries and a Senate investigative sub-committee by accusing them of "indiscriminate smears and exaggerated charges."

He labors under the delusion that Americans trust him because the Kremlin is mad at him. The Kremlin may dislike him now, just as it is sore at Communist Tito, but early in UN history the secretary-general was beloved by the politico-buro.

A. H. Feller, general counsel of the UN, jumped to his death because his wife has stated publicly, he was engrossed in the success of the UN and feared it was a failure. Senator Pat McCarran, of Nevada, chairman of the sub-committee that has been turning up Communists and Soviet agents among American employees of the UN, has stated publicly that there is "no implication of anything wrong" in the sub-committee's questioning of Feller.

Where is the smear? Where are the exaggerated charges? UN apologists refuse to consider the possibility that Feller leaped in disgust over the disclosure that some Americans were disloyal to his country — Americans he interviewed before they were employed by the UN. It could be Feller asked each one about his or her loyalty to the U.S.A. and each one in turn lied to the UN general council.

The fact is that out of 20 persons interrogated by the Senate sub-committee, 17 declined to admit any Communist affiliations; one admitted he had engaged in espionage against the U.S. another says she quietly became a citizen of the U.S.S.R., renouncing her allegiance to the U.S.

Where is the smear? Where are the exaggerated charges? A man is either a Communist or he is not one; a man is either a Soviet espionage agent or he is not one. If he is either it is imperative that the American government knows it, especially if the individual is an American citizen.

The White House and State Department has so far overlooked or ignored this basic fact. McCarran and the FBI have not. They should be applauded instead of accused of smearing. And if Lie or any other UN official disagrees, the grief in this nation over their departure will be confined to the narrow area in Washington bounded by the executive mansion on one side and Dean Acheson's bailiwick on the other.

United Nations officials behave now just as state department officials behaved when charges were first leveled at it that Communists controlled the department's policies. UN officials first denied it, then asserted they were cooperating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the State Department in ridding the organization of suspected reds and subversives. Later, Lie was touted as resisting demands that key men be fired on the grounds of what he termed "mere suspicion."

The roof fell in, however, when McCarran's probe got underway. Instead of "mere suspicion," real life reds were snatched from their swivel chairs and placed in the witness chair. UN response to this was to switch tactics. Now its apologists and paid officials insist that a fundamental question is involved: What right does the U.S. or any member nation have in influencing personnel policies of the international organization?

UN employees take the following oath of office:

"I Solemnly Undertake to Exercise in All Loyalty, Discretion and Conscience the Functions Entrusted to Me as a Member of the Staff of the U. N. to Discharge These Functions and Regulate my Conduct With the Interests of the UN Only in View, and Not Seek or Accept Instructions in Regard to the Performance of my Duties FROM ANY GOVERNMENT OR OTHER AUTHORITY EXTERNAL TO THE ORGANIZATION."

UN employees, in other words take an oath that they will work on behalf of all mankind impartially, accepting no orders from any individual government. There are 4,000 UN employees, from Communist and non-Communist countries.

If Russia wants to be represented in the UN by Communists — as she does — and if Great Britain and France desire to do so, that is their business. The U.S.A. is a non-Communist country — or will be as soon as we can change the present administration — and the U.S.A. is entitled to be represented at the UN by non-Communists.

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Paul J. Raver Believes McKay 'Best Choice'

MISSOULA, Mont. — Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville Power Administrator, told a Farmer-Labor Institute Friday night that Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon was the "best choice" for secretary of the interior.

Raver added that he would be willing to stay on as head of the BPA if McKay wants him. The power administrator said further he believed cooperation of private and public agencies in river basins in development would be better than government or private industry doing the job alone.

McKay, chosen by President-elect Eisenhower for the Cabinet post, has not indicated what his attitude will be toward retaining Raver.

Eugene Mayor Elected Head Of Oregon Cities

PORTLAND — V. Edwin Johnson, Eugene mayor, is new president of the League of Oregon Cities.

He was elected Saturday as the league would up its annual meeting here. He succeeds William Bowes, Portland commissioner.

Vice president is Al Loucks, mayor of Salem. James O. Conville, Corvallis city manager, was re-elected treasurer.

Morris Temple, Pendleton mayor, and J. W. Barney, Hillsboro city manager, were added to the board of directors.

Californians Approved School Aid Measures

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Californians voted on Nov. 4 for new millions for their schools — both for building them and running them.

One ballot proposition, originated by the legislature, calls for the issuance of 135 million dollars in bonds. The money will be loaned by the state to districts needing larger or new schools. An initial 250 million dollar issue voted two years ago has been distributed.

Another proposition increases state school support money to districts from \$120 to \$180 per pupil per year. It is estimated it will cost the state anything from 70 to 160 million dollars a year. State officials say new or higher taxes will be needed. Sponsors of the proposition say they will not.

Both measures passed overwhelmingly.

One of the warmest campaigns and also one of the closest vote counts also concerned schools.

By a margin of one, about 12,000, the voters passed a proposition giving property tax exemption to private non-profit schools below the college level.

Voters passed by more than 2 to 1 a pair of anti-subversive propositions.

One prohibits the employment of benefit or any tax exemption for a person who advocates the overthrow of the government by force. The other writes into the constitution a law requiring a loyalty pledge from state, county and city employees.

Californiaans also decided to stick by the cross-filing law relating to primary elections.

Under it a candidate can run for the nomination of other parties besides his own.

A candidate who wins both major party nominations, as Sen. William F. Knowland did, has what amounts to election in the primary.

Eskimo Scouts Claimed First Line Of Defense

FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska — Eskimo Scouts of the Alaska National Guard, here from remote outposts of the territory, were described Friday by Maj. Gen. William M. Milley as Alaska's first line of defense.

Gen. Milley, commanding general of the Army in Alaska, told the 300 members of the First Scout Battalion "if anyone attacks Alaska you men are going to be the first to know it, and we are going to count heavily on the information you can give us."

His talk to the battalion was at the close of the National Guard's annual encampment here. A giant aircraft which brought the guardsmen to Fort Richardson will operate in reverse to take them home.

Gen. Milley spoke only a few sentences at a time, pausing while Lloyd Ahvakana of Point Barrow acted as interpreter for the Scouts, many of whom understand no English.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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he believes the two-party system will FLOURISH in the South under Eisenhower's leadership.

Will it? It will all depend, I'd say, on the KIND OF REPUBLICANS who get into the party in the South. Up until this year, the typical Southern Republican has been the sort of character that causes decent people to hold their noses.

If REAL FOLKS get into the Republican party down there — because they BELIEVE IN ITS PRINCIPLES and not merely for free drinks and a little petty graft come GOP convention time every four years — the South can and will have a genuine two-party system. Otherwise not.

Charles Erwin Wilson, head of gigantic General Motors Corporation, has been appointed secretary of defense of the United States. Jumped by the reporters for comment, he grins and says he's going to "give the job the darndest whirl it ever had."

There's an old saying that money makes the mare go. So let's look at dollars and cents for a moment. The general understanding is that last year Wilson's salary and bonuses from General Motors came to about \$636,500. Beginning next January 20, he'll get \$22,500, from the federal government — and NO bonus.

DOLLARWISE, that's quite a comedown.

Let's deal in idealism for a moment. Mr. Wilson, presumably, has done all right by himself. I imagine that his savings and investments are such that he can keep the wolf from his door without too much difficulty. And, from all I can hear, he has EARNED what he has got. General Motors dividends have been quite satisfactory. If men like Wilson are willing to leave their large earnings from big business and serve their country for a comparative pittance, we are on the road that leads to a GREAT future.

Let's give him every chance to serve his country well. Let's not bite him in the leg as long as he is doing all right for us.

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Denmark Quarantined With First Polio Case

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — The entire area around Godthaab, capital of Greenland, was quarantined Saturday after doctors diagnosed the first three cases of poliomyelitis to occur in the Danish Arctic colony for years.

Schools, churches and cinemas were closed. All public meetings were banned.

The last polio epidemic hit Greenland in the winter of 1932-33.

Godthaab is some 175 miles south of the U.S. Air Force base at Søndre Strømfjord, while the big American base at Thule in Northwest Greenland is more than 900 miles away.

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