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GROWTH OF AVIATION

Charles V. Stanton

West Coast Airlines is to be congratulated on its seventh consecutive award for safe air transportation. WCA shares the honor with 39 other U. S. scheduled airlines, of which number 14 are local services, or feeder, lines.

Since it was inaugurated seven years ago, West Coast Airlines and Empire Air Lines, with which WCA recently was merged, have carried 875,000 passengers 137,704,000 passenger miles without a fatality.

Another interesting news item carried on the wires recently was that more people now are employed in building airplanes than are used in the manufacture of automobiles. We are inclined to pass over such statistics without giving them much thought, but if we will examine these reports we can begin to get some idea of the amazing growth of the aviation industry.

Contributing still more to comprehension of aviation's growth is the fact that executive flying has exceeded airline flying in passenger miles in late years. In other words, planes owned and operated by business and industrial concerns have carried more officers and employees on business trips, mile for mile, than the combined passenger miles of all scheduled airlines.

Safety Is Objective

One reason for the purchase and use of planes by business and industrial firms is found in the tax structure, which permits deductions for planes and operating personnel. Thus the large percentage of cost applied as tax reduction permits those companies to enjoy the speed, convenience and flexibility of air transportation at a minimum of expense.

We still meet many people who are afraid of airplanes, just as their parents were afraid of automobiles. But the fellow who prefers to do his flying with one foot on the ground is becoming more of a rarity as the public becomes acquainted with air travel.

The aviation industry, particularly in passenger transportation, has made safety its principal objective. All regularly scheduled lines have exceedingly strict regulations concerning equipment, service, repairs, and flight operation. Flight officers are carefully selected.

West Coast Has Fine Record

West Coast Airlines, which is the only airline operating out of Roseburg, serves perhaps the most rugged territory of any local service line in the country. Its operation in western Oregon and western Washington is almost entirely over mountainous terrain. Much more favorable topography exists on its Inland Empire route. It is, therefore, a great tribute to WCA that it consistently has maintained top listing among local service lines under such severe handicaps.

We had occasion recently, in attending the convention of Oregon newspaper publishers at Baker, Oregon, to use West Coast's service on a round trip over its "Great Circle" route. To reach Baker from Roseburg we went by way of North Bend, Eugene, Albany-Corvallis, Portland, Yakima, Pasco-Kennecook-Richland, Walla Walla, Pendleton and La Grande, returning in reverse order.

Despite the fact that the long trip took only a few hours, and that we rode in comfort, with a view of gorgeous scenery, we did considerable grousing because of the roundabout route.

It was amusing, however, to think back to what that trip would have meant in time and discomfort a half-century ago. And how, only a century ago, our ancestors were inching their way over the very land above which we sailed on sturdy wings. And how we, in less than a quarter of a century devoted to the development of passenger air travel, had evolved such consciousness of speed that we could complain because a comfortable ride took a couple more hours than would have been required for a direct flight.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—It isn't true that to be a Hollywood star you have to own three swimming pools — labeled "His," "Hers," and "Theirs."

"We don't have even one," said Van Johnson, who has made 50 pictures since 1941.

Johnson, now hitting the peak of his career, is a cheerful relief from the breast-beating type of actor who predicts the West Coast film colony will become a ghost town.

"I've never felt more excitement in Hollywood," he said. "They have a new feeling out there. They are concentrating on quality pictures, and they are turning out better pictures all the time."

Van hit a new top himself recently as Lt. Steve Maryk in "The Caine Mutiny," a role that may make him a candidate for an Academy award.

"Gee, that would be something, wouldn't it?" he remarked. "In this business you generally wind up with nothing but a scrap book and some 8 by 10s."

"But if I ever should win an Oscar my wife, Evie, would probably make a lamp out of it."

Van has had to surmount three handicaps to gain serious recognition as a film actor: (1) red hair, (2) freckles, and (3) a "face like the boy next door."

"In my first picture, a crime short," he recalled, "they insisted I dye my hair black and covering my freckles. Then it started raining, and the dye ran all over my face — and darn near washed me right out of Hollywood."

"I was ready to leave town, but Lucille Ball and Desi Arnez talked me out of it, and helped me get another chance."

Haunted



Reader Opinions

Sales Tax Considered School Budget Solution

ROSEBURG — We liked especially your editorial of the 23rd titled "Tax Revolution." We heartily join you in your implied hope that voters' desire for economy at the local level be extended to the national level, where there is undoubtedly much waste and unnecessary spending.

However, we can't quite agree with your final conclusion that our local taxpayers' expressed demand for lower taxes indicates penury. We believe quite the contrary. Talking things out with a number of people convinces us that the taxpayer is not opposed to liberal spending for the essentials of good education. It is simply at the end of his rope, and has to consider saving his home from the tax collector.

As many have pointed out, if taxes on real estate go much higher, and any definite recession in our economy should occur, many home owners would be unable to pay their taxes, and certainly neither the city nor the school district could operate at present rates with thousands of dollars of delinquent taxes.

To this writer, the implication is that homeowners are asking for a re-alignment in where the necessary funds are to come from. Evidently, the homeowner can't do much further, even if he wished. Nor is it just that the extra burden of educating everybody's children should fall on one segment of our population.

Education is everybody's business. So why can't everybody pounce up the cost. This philosophy seems to the writer to sum up the reasoning behind the defeat of the second school budget.

About the only tax that hits everybody reasonably equally is a sales tax. Many states have sales taxes, if not at state level, at least at the national level, as for instance, the cigarette and gasoline tax. No great objection has come against these two taxes. Even a big hike in liquor taxes, with the consequent increased cost of the schnapps, causes much less furor than a cent a quart hike in the price we pay the farmer for a quart of milk.

We believe that a sales tax is the only answer to the demand of home owners for relief from excessive school taxes. (It must be remembered that in Douglas County, many home owners' school tax is over 80 per cent of the total tax levy.) If a sales tax can be levied for school purposes only, we believe there can be no reasonable nor legitimate objection. Objection there will be, without doubt, but we believe it will be only from a desire to leave the home-owner stuck with the big end of the cost of educating everybody's children, regardless of whether or not they have children of their own benefiting from their hard-earned tax dollars.

GLEN WELLMAN
Roseburg, Ore.

Newcomer Asks What's Wrong With Roseburg

ROSEBURG — What is wrong with Roseburg? This question, in my opinion, is of prime importance to the residents of this town.

Certainly there are many things right about Roseburg. Few cities in the United States can boast of such a beautiful natural setting, great potential and actual prosperity exists in and around the town. Beautiful homes abound, and the climate is one of the best in the Northwest.

But I ask, in all sincerity, what is wrong with a city of 11,000 that refuses to provide for its greatest resource and asset—its children? We are comparative newcomers to the city. We chose it because

Convertiplane Considered Answer For Short Hauls

By VERN HAUGLAND

WASHINGTON (AP)—A design for a convertiplane—half helicopter, half airplane—which inventors predict will revolutionize the short-haul, medium-haul airline business was unveiled at the American Helicopter Society meeting here Saturday.

E. Burke Wilford of Merion, Pa., long active in helicopter and convertiplane development, said the craft—still in the test-model stage—would have a top speed of 250 miles an hour but could land at only 45 miles an hour with its overhead propeller free-wheeling. With rotor power on, the plane could go straight up and down.

Wilford said the craft would have a range of 500 miles carrying a 10,000-pound load, and on shorter flights could carry up to 19,000 pounds of cargo for a plane-plus-cargo weight of 50,000 pounds.

We felt a city this size a good place to raise children, to make friends, to enjoy the fishing, hunting and outdoor life of the area, and to become useful members of the community. My doubts about the wisdom of our carefully thought-out choice increase every day.

It is utterly incomprehensible to me that a town as prosperous as Roseburg would twice deny the relatively small increase in taxes to benefit the children of the community. They preach conservation of natural resources at every opportunity, and yet, by defunding school and city expansion, they are wasting and crushing their greatest resource—the youth of the community.

Because the city budget was defeated, there will be no Pee-wee baseball, no summer recreation program, no new tennis courts, a drastic cut in funds for library maintenance. And yet how often have I heard, "Why all the juvenile delinquency?" It doesn't take an Einstein to figure that one out!

If the school budget is again defeated, the small outlying schools will be closed, as well as other economy cuts enforced, as listed by the superintendent of schools.

These same people who vote against any increase in taxes overlook the fact that all living costs have risen sharply, but seem to think the cost of schooling and city management should remain at 1940 levels. They say, "We must start cutting down somewhere!" But I ask this, why "cut" the most valuable asset any community has? What have we to offer to the future if our young people are simply taught and ill-prepared?

A great many of the "vote-against" will spend much more this year on movies, television set auto racing, etc., etc., than they would in ten years of increased taxation to support better schools and better city management. What kind of "economy" is it to deny ourselves adequate civil defense or traffic signals or railroad crossing protection lights?

But to me, the saddest fact of all concerning the "Roseburg situation" is this: In discussion with those who consistently vote "against," we find none of them have the time nor the desire to keep close track of school board actions, or to attend budget planning sessions or to even visit the schools about which they complain so bitterly.

No doubt many of the "against" of Roseburg will read this and say, "If you don't like it, why don't you go away?" Unfortunately, that is what is happening to many of the young newcomers to the community. But as they sadly leave, they say, "It could have been a wonderful place in which to live. But what is wrong with Roseburg?"

DOROTHY H. TERRY
Roseburg, Ore.

UNCEREMONIOUS ENTRY

STANDISH, Maine (AP)—A batch of eggs discarded at the town dump hatched out 41 chicks after being left in hot sunshine, caretaker Bert Chapin reported.

Chapin said the chicks appear to be flourishing despite their unceremonious entry into the world.

Wilford is chairman of the Convertiplane Aircraft Pioneers, a scientific society interested in convertible development. "This design," he said, "represents an effort by a group of private designers and inventors to bring about the ultimate in safety, efficiency and performance, by combining the clipped wing, airplane with the jet helicopter."

The plane would be powered for forward speed by two turboprop engines—jet engines driving propellers. For takeoffs and landings, however, the compressed air from the rear of the two jet engines would be fed into 60 pounds pressure through tubes in the hollowed-out rotor, out through holes in the two ends of the rotor blade.

Wilford said this "cold-jet" action would drive the rotor blade with sufficient power to enable the convertiplane to take off or land at low speeds or go up and down like a helicopter.

He added that the rotor blade—which would be idled in forward flight—in effect would serve as a mechanical parachute for a conventional airplane, all ways ready for use when needed.

Newspaper Trial Becomes Question In Court Case

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—The question of "trial by newspaper" is involved in a case appealed to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Attorneys for Paul Epperson, 40, of Cincinnati, Friday asked a review of his case. He was sentenced to life in Ohio penitentiary for the fatal shooting last New Year's Eve of his sister-in-law, Eula Epperson.

The shooting followed an argument over who was to buy a bottle of whisky.

Epperson's attorneys had asked a mistrial after two stories appeared in the Cincinnati Post.

During the trial, the Post reported Epperson's brother, Virgil, "was prepared to testify that Paul had bought the deer rifle for the purpose of shooting city detective Walter Hart, who had arrested him for carrying weapons."

Virgil testified against Paul, but Epperson's attorneys said the judge did not poll the jurors to see if they had read the stories in dispute nor did the judge declare a mistrial.

Epperson's attorneys said: "The subject of prejudicial newspaper articles during the progress of a criminal trial has never properly been raised heretofore according to the language of the various courts of appeal in Ohio and it is important that the Supreme Court lay down a rule to be followed by inferior courts."

Russians Spurn U. S. Protest Over Cartoon

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union spurned as "unworthy" Saturday a U. S. note protesting a cartoon in the magazine Krokodil lampooning the death of James Forrestal.

The Russians took the unusual diplomatic step of returning the note physically to the U. S. Embassy, saying they did not want to keep it.

The American note delivered June 17 called "most shocking" and in indecent taste the cartoon of a man "who fought for the common cause in the last war."

Forrestal was secretary of the Navy and later secretary of defense. He served under Presidents Roosevelt and Truman until his death by suicide after a nervous breakdown in 1949.

The cartoon showed a strait-jacketed Forrestal landing on his chin in a death leap. The American note of protest was one of the sharpest worded communications which the United States has sent the Soviet government in recent times.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — It's necessary to look behind the 1000-page record of atomic scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer's security investigation by Gordon Gray's three-man board to get the full story of this still somewhat mysterious case.

A great number of rumors have grown up to explain the motives of some of the principals involved. Maj.-Gen. Kenneth D. Nichols, general manager of the Atomic Energy Commission, wrote the letter to Dr. Oppenheimer which made the 24 charges of past Communist affiliations.

It was Adm. Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of AEC, who took the responsibility for reopening Dr. Oppenheimer's security clearance. And President Eisenhower himself approved the action.

President Eisenhower has expressed a high regard for Dr. Oppenheimer's services to his country.

THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN Dr. Oppenheimer and General Nichols over a number of years appear completely harmonious.

Two clashes between Admiral Strauss and Dr. Oppenheimer have been found, but they must be balanced against other factors. Admiral Strauss was a member of the original AEC, which voted unanimously to give Dr. Oppenheimer his original security clearance in 1947.

Later in 1947, the sale of radioactive isotopes to research laboratories in friendly foreign countries was approved by a four-to-one vote of AEC. Admiral Strauss cast the dissenting vote. Dr. Oppenheimer, then chairman of AEC's general advisory committee, favored it.

Two years later this decision was investigated by the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy. The congressional committee did not vote to reverse the AEC policy and ban the export of nonstrategic isotopes.

A SECOND AND BIGGER issue on which Admiral Strauss and Dr. Oppenheimer differed was the "crash program" for rapid development of the hydrogen bomb in 1949-50. Admiral Strauss was for it. Dr. Oppenheimer opposed it. The Gray board report found that Dr. Oppenheimer's opposition "did delay the initiation of concerted effort which led to the development of thermonuclear weapons."

But if opposition to the H-bomb project is to be used as an argument for denying security clearance to government officials, it would seem only fair to apply this denial across the board.

As late as July 24, 1950, Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R., N.Y.), now chairman of the congressional committee on atomic energy, declared in a speech at Elmira: "I have very grave doubts as to whether such a (hydrogen) bomb would be a very useful addition to our arsenal."

This leads naturally to a discussion of U. S. military strategy and to Dr. Oppenheimer's views on

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along with everybody else, ran to the fire. The burglars backed a truck up to the tavern, loaded in the safe, hauled it 15 miles out of town, cranked it open and took the \$1600 it contained.

In Florida — where they use convict labor to build highways — three men escaped from a road gang. They called the sheriff and the sheriff brought his bloodhound and sicked him on the trail and the long night hours passed and the bloodhound failed to come back and the sheriff was getting terribly low in his mind because down in that part of our country the loss of a hound is in the same category as the loss of a member of one's family.

Just as he was breaking down and beginning to cry pitifully, there was a rustling in the brush and one of the escapees came out leading the lost bloodhound with a rope. "Here's your dawg, Mister," he said to the sheriff, and headed for the cookhouse to get him some breakfast.

All's well that ends well.

In New York, Guatemala asks for a meeting of the United Nations security council to discuss what the Guatemalan delegate called INTENSE AIR ATTACKS ON OPEN CITIES IN GUATEMALA.

As being the seventh day of the alleged war down there and there being no sign of a major battle shaping up anywhere yet, the delegate was asked to specify where all the shooting was that he was complaining about.

He replied in effect that OH, HERE HASN'T BEEN ANY YET but that he wants to complain about it bitterly when it does start.

In London, the disarmament committee of the United Nations has been talking shop for the past several weeks.

The Russians are red hot for a ban on ALL atom weapons. Our boys offered an immediate ban on all atomic weapons EXCEPT WHEN THEY ARE USED AGAINST AGGRESSORS.

No dice, the Russians said. So our boys boomed for a freeze on total military power — especially ground troops, and their weapons, of which the Russians have vastly more divisions than all of our side put together.

No dice, the Russians said again.

It took 20 meetings to get the U. N. disarmament committee discussions to that point. There are very, very many very, very pleasant places in London to hold meetings. I sometimes wonder what would happen if we held these diplomatic sessions in a tent instead of in the luxury hotels of the world's most attractive cities.

Children Fall 3 Stories; Escape Serious Injury

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Two 18-month-old girls fell together from the third-story window of an apartment building here but neither appeared badly hurt. The children, Donna Renee Webb and Rickey Dianne Weldon, landed in a gutter about three feet wide, just missing a concrete wall. Their mothers, Mrs. Donald Webb and Mrs. Charles Weldon, said they were looking at pictures in the Webb apartment while the children were playing near a window. The mothers heard a screen fall, whirled and saw both children plunge head first from the window.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the members of the Douglas Community Hospital will be held at the Hospital, Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, June 30, 1954 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. for the election of Board of Trustees and the transaction of such general business as may properly come before the meeting.

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