

Teamsters Union Finances Said In Bad Straits

CHICAGO (AP)—The president of the Chicago Federation of Labor says the Teamsters Union international is short of cash and in financial straits.

William Lee, CFL chief often mentioned as a likely successor to Dave Beck, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, said the information came to him from John English of Washington, secretary-treasurer of the brotherhood.

Lee spoke Tuesday to the Teamsters Joint Council 25 of the Chicago Federation. The council's 300 delegates represent about 10 per cent of the membership of the Teamsters Union.

The picture which Lee said English gave him of the Teamsters financial circumstances was this:

The Teamsters have been engaged in a long strike against Railway Express Co. in several cities. This has been costing the international about \$60,000 a week in benefits for striking members.

At the same time negotiations have been going on between the International and Montgomery Ward & Co., a large employer of Teamsters. If a strike against Ward's should result, 20,000 more members would start drawing benefits, draining the treasury further.

To improve the union's cash position English is trying to sell a million dollars worth of securities immediately. The sale might result in a 10 per cent loss on the deal.

The Chicago Sun-Times said the union's financial troubles were the result of Beck's handling of union funds but Lee could not be reached for comment on the aspect.

The Joint Council 25 unanimously demanded the resignation of Beck and endorsed John T. O'Brien, a Chicago local president, to succeed him at the head of the international. O'Brien has headed Local 107 since 1923. Lee said he favored O'Brien for the top job.



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NEW HEARING ORDERED

—The U. S. Supreme Court has ordered new California state court hearings for doomed convict - author Caryl Chessman (above). Chessman, who is in the death house at San Quentin Prison, claims the court record of his trial was fraudulently prepared.

Pulp Workers Vote On Offer

PORTLAND (AP)—Some 20,000 workers in 45 Pacific Coast pulp and paper mills are voting on a new contract offer that adds a third week of vacation to a package rejected earlier.

Union and management representatives, who met here last week for five days to work out a substitute for the proposal that had been turned down in a May referendum, said Tuesday this is the new proposal:

A third week of vacation, effective next year, for employes with 10 years' service; a 3 1/2 per cent general pay increase, which ranges from 3 1/2 cents to 15 cents an hour; increased company contributions to health and welfare.

The pay proposal is the same as that rejected earlier. It would put the base rate for men at \$2.01 an hour and for women at \$1.70. Journeyman mechanics' pay would be \$2.72 1/2 an hour.

Results of the voting will be announced June 24 by officials of the two unions involved, the Inter-Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, and the United Papermakers and Paperworkers.

Ships To Attempt Arctic Passage With Icebreakers

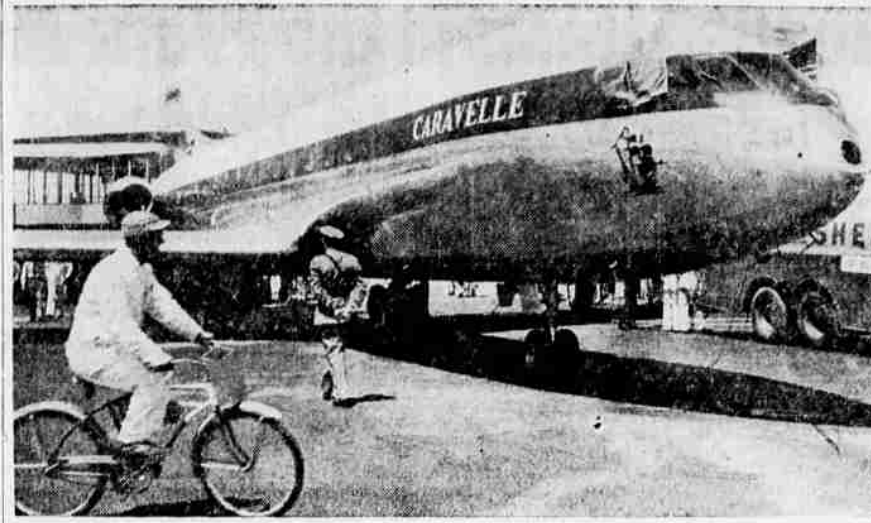
SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—U.S. Navy cargo ships will attempt to make an Arctic passage from the Pacific to Atlantic this summer behind icebreakers, a supply force commander said Tuesday.

The only vessel ever to make the passage from west to east is the Royal Canadian Mounted Police vessel, St. Roch, now a nautical shrine at Vancouver, B.C.

Rear Adm. Frederick S. Stetter, who will command the Pacific division of the annual resupply expedition to radar posts in the Arctic, said the attempted breakthrough would be led by the Canadian icebreaker Labrador and U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker Storrs, Spar and Bramble.

Some of the cargo ships will attempt to follow the icebreakers through a navigable channel of Bellot Strait discovered during the 1956 resupply mission, Stetter said.

He will command the Pacific division of 44 ships from the amphibious force command ship Eldorado, scheduled to leave here the first week in July.



JET AIRLINER SETS RECORD—A curious crowd inspects the tail section of France's jet airliner, Caravelle, at San Francisco International Airport after the sleek ship set an unofficial record hop from Los Angeles in one hour and 11 minutes, despite a 70-mile-per-hour head wind. It was the first commercial jet airplane to land in San Francisco. Note the engine pod mounted on the main fuselage near the tail section. The twin jets are mounted on each side at the rear to keep engine noise from the passengers inside. Mechanic Clint McEntyre is a striking contrast in transportation as he cycles to his job past the latest in aircraft.

U. S. Tells Russia Threats Are Cause Of Defense Efforts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States told Russia Wednesday Soviet threats and subversion are the cause for joint defensive measures in the Middle East.

By way of contrast this government said in a formal note that opposition to the use of force in settling international disputes has long been a "cardinal element" of U.S. policy and is embodied in the United Nations charter.

On that basis the United States rejected as "unnecessary" a Kremlin call for a Big Four declaration condemning the use of force in settling Middle East disputes.

The State Department in making public the note delivered in Moscow Tuesday, said Britain and France are making similar replies to a Soviet proposal made last April 19.

The U. S. note suggested that Russia, rather than repeating declarations to which it is already a party, should put into force the U.N. charter's principles.

In this connection, the note chided Russia about its use of force in Hungary and its "campaign of threat and intimidation" through messages to members of the Atlantic Alliance.

"Public attacks upon governments of these states, together with subversive intervention in their domestic affairs, give them

good cause to seek the strengthening of their security, as certain states in the Middle East are now doing in concert with each other," the U.S. note said.

The United States suggested that if Russia "sincerely desires" pacifying the Middle East it could do so by working "constructively within the United Nations" to solve such fundamental problems as the Arab-Israeli dispute.

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