

Johnson Orders Big Cut In Nation's Limousines

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Budget Bureau said it was a status-conscious bureaucrats it was more of an amputation—their cherished limousines had to go.

The bureau, as part of President Johnson's economy drive, issued an order Thursday that would eventually eliminate 75 per cent of the limousines and other "prestige" cars now being operated by civilian and military agencies around the world.

Prison Gates Open Today For R. Honeck

MENARD, Ill. (UPI)—When Richard Honeck walks through the gates of Menard State Prison today he will become a free man for the first time in this century.

Honeck, 84, will leave behind 34 years served as a "lifer" and "the loneliest person in the country." For many years no one cared enough to even drop him a Christmas card.

Several months ago the story of Honeck's long and lonely prison life appeared in print. As a result he received 2,000 letters—the first he had received in over 50 years. Among them was a note from a widowed niece, Mrs. Clara Orth, 62, San Leandro, Calif.

She said she would be glad to care for him and the machinery was put in motion to seek the release of prisoner number 12742 if California would agree.

Thursday night California state parole officials agreed to permit Honeck to live with his niece and her son, William, a disabled war veteran.

About 10 o'clock Warden Ross Randolph went to Honeck's cell to tell him.

"He smiled, but there were no tears," Randolph said. "He learned to control his emotions years ago."

A reporter will take Honeck by car to St. Louis, where they will board a Trans-World Airlines flight for San Francisco tonight.

Randolph said Honeck had assured him he would not be afraid to travel by air. Honeck will take with him \$12.38 persons have set to him, \$50 from the state, and \$13 or \$14, the equivalent to bus fare from Menard to Chicago where he was sentenced so long ago.

In November, 1899, Honeck pleaded guilty to stabbing a former school teacher and was sentenced to hard labor for the rest of his life.

Navy Reservists Get Active Duty

Eight members of the Naval Reserve Electronic Division, Facility 13-7 will leave Saturday, six of them for San Diego for two weeks of recruit training with the Navy over the Christmas holidays and two of them for Portland to board a ship for a two-weeks' cruise.

The six will enplane at 9:23 a.m. Saturday and fly to Medford and thence south. They include James L. Blevins Jr., Myrtle Creek; Jesse L. Chaney, Myrtle Creek; Michael R. Latham, Yoncalla; William H. Layfield and Ralph L. Sallee, both Roseburg.

The other two are Wilbur J. Behrens, Myrtle Creek, and Roger P. Church, Riddle. They will go to Portland to board the U.S.S. McGinty, a destroyer escort. The period of recruit training and cruise is Dec. 22 through Jan. 4.

"The whole effect of this is to get these status symbols off the street," one official said. The number of limousines and what the government calls "heavy sedans" in the capital is scheduled to shrink from the present total of 131 to 20.

The total now in use around the world is 491. Under the new ruling this will be reduced to about 136. The order has no effect on limousines provided by Congress, which is quite generous with them, nor those in use by the White House.

But otherwise the cutbacks appeared to cut across the board. Under the new system, the brass-studded Defense Department will be allowed ten limousines, the State Department will have two, and the other cabinet departments will be limited to one apiece.

A Budget Bureau spokesman said the Pentagon cars are for the secretary of defense and his deputy, the secretaries of the three armed services, and the chairman and four members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The directive dooms the "heavy sedan" in Washington. This refers to the cars below the limousine level—Lincoln Continentals, Chrysler Imperials and Cadillacs without the glass partition that distinguishes a limousine.

Federal agencies will be required to replace them with medium or light sedans in 12 months or less, if the replacement price does not exceed the resale price of the car now in use. The same rule will apply to limousines beyond the new maximum of 20.

The directive also forbids renewal of leases on limousines and heavy sedans if they are not justified under the new standards. More than 15 per cent of these cars are rented.

Overseas, the Budget Bureau said, ambassadors or chiefs of major missions will be allowed a limousine if their responsibilities require a car of that class. Otherwise, a heavy sedan will be permitted. Consular posts and Agency for International Development (AID) missions will be entitled to a heavy sedan and other diplomatic or military posts abroad will be limited to a medium sedan unless they can specifically justify the need for a prestige car.

Translating government jargon, a medium sedan is a medium priced car and a light sedan is a cheap car.

Hospital News

Visiting Hours
2 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.

Douglas Community Hospital Admitted

Medical: Mrs. William Burkhardt, Loyd Bradley, Mrs. Edward Henderson, Mrs. Walter Reid, all of Roseburg; Debra Seavers, Oakland; Morris Thrush, Winston; Mrs. Richard Spear, Glide; Daniel Franklin, Drain; Mrs. William Chalmers, Winchester; Mrs. Frank Souders, Riddle.

Surgery: John Griffin, Richard Hink, both of Sutherlin.

Discharged

Mrs. Leonard Frizzell, Deborah Noland, Wayne Kincaid, Mrs. Wain Lease, all of Roseburg; Mrs. David Staeb and daughter, Mrs. Tonya Ann, Mrs. Ernest Blankenship and son Michael Frederick, all of Myrtle Creek; John Griffin, Reuben Gartner, Yo Han Kim, all of Sutherlin; Richard Diedrich, Oakland; John Van Doren, Beaver Creek.

Mercy Hospital Admitted

Medical: Nicholas Doffing, Roseburg; Mrs. Arthur Barclay, Myrtle Creek; Brian Black, Coquille.

Surgery: William Hampton, Roseburg.

Discharged

Fred Hoffstetter, Kenneth Casteel, Ivan Pickens, Mrs. William Watson and daughter Theresa Elaine, Vincent Allen Elfert, all of Roseburg; Belinda Crouch, Dillard.



LIVING Christmas tree of green-capped Fir Grove School fifth and sixth graders singing Christmas carols was a highlight of the school's annual Christmas program held Thursday night. A standing-room-only crowd witnessed the presentation which was staged by students of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades and directed by Jean Treman. "An Old Fashioned Christmas" was the theme. The chorus pictured gave up lunch and play time for the past six weeks to practice for the event and polished up its performance to such a peak that it has been in much demand for performances around the city. Some of its numbers have been taped for radio presentation on Christmas day. (News-Review photo by Chris)

Sinatra Opens At Lake Tahoe

STATELINE, Calif. (UPI)—Frank Sinatra Jr. resumed his singing engagement at a Lake Tahoe gambling casino Thursday night under almost the identical circumstances which existed when he was forced to "postpone" it 10 days ago.

But when the 19-year-old singer stepped onto the stage at Harrah's Club, he was no longer a comparative unknown following in the footsteps of his famous father. He was a young man whose sensational kidnapping had put his name before people throughout the world.

A few gamblers left their tables for a quick look at the youth, whose famous father had paid \$240,000 for his release, but they returned to their gambling almost immediately.

The young singer returned to Stateline from Southern California by chartered plane Thursday.

In Los Angeles, the three men suspected of the Dec. 8 kidnaping remained behind bars at the County Jail. They are John William Irwin, 42, Joseph Clyde Amsler, 23, and Barry Worthington Keenan, 23.

The three suspects were arrested by the FBI in Southern California last Friday, two days after the ransom was paid and young Sinatra was released. All but a small amount of the ransom money was recovered.

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