

Aeronautics Administration Cut Short on Funds, Records Show

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Administration had 63.3 per cent less money over the past seven years than it considered necessary to supervise safety and run the airways, inquiry revealed Wednesday.

This was expected to be emphasized by both CAA and Civil Aeronautics Board officials in prospective Senate and House investigations of recent air crashes and general safety problems.

Sen. Owen Brewster (R-Me.) assailing CAB safety figures as "misleading" and an "outrage," said he believed an investigation would begin soon. He said he has "plenty of questions" to ask CAB Chairman James M. Landis.

Flaw in Statistics

Brewster said CAB figures showing 1.2 fatalities per 100,000 passenger miles in 1946 did not cover a "ghastly" situation in contract and charter plane operations. He estimated the latter killed nearly eight times as many people as the scheduled airlines in proportion to number of passenger miles flown.

Brewster is expected to head an aviation subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee. Chairman Wallace H. White, Jr.

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(R-Me) said the subcommittee probably will be set up Thursday after CAB officials bring in "detailed figures on crashes and losses."

These figures also were being prepared for the House Commerce Committee at the request of Chairman Charles A. Wolverton (R-NJ), he introduced a resolution Tuesday proposing a thorough safety investigation.

The money question was raised in the House when Rep. Carl Hinshaw (R-Cal), commenting on Wolverton's proposed investigation, said he hoped it would include "cases where the action or inaction of executive bodies including Congress with its power of appropriation may have some bearing."

Requests for Funds

The record shows that of the money the CAA wanted for the past seven fiscal years, it received 44 per cent in 1941, 82 per cent in 1942, 28 in 1943, 14 in 1944, 18 in 1945, 41 in 1946 and 60 in the current year.

Original CAA estimates to the budget bureau were not made public. But the record shows that for the current fiscal year the Budget Bureau asked Congress for \$1,200,000 for CAA development of radio, radar and other flying aids; the appropriation was \$75,000.

For establishing air navigation facilities, the Budget Bureau asked \$23,809,000 and Congress granted \$19,622,000. The corresponding figures for airways maintenance were \$36,044,000 and \$36,544,419, an increase over budget requests but reportedly much less than CAA wanted.

For safety regulation, CAA got \$7,075,000, a 32 per cent cut in what it desired.

A third of the people in Travancore, a state in India, are Christians.



WINDY — It was any post in a storm for this gent when a 50-mile-an-hour wind hit the Kansas City business district.

Truman Calls 'Big 6' Session

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman will hold his first bi-partisan legislative conference with the new congressional "Big Six" Thursday.

The White House announced Wednesday that four Republican congressional leaders will meet with the President at the White House at 10 a.m. (EST) together with the Democratic minority leaders, Senator Barkley (Ky) and Rep. Rayburn (Tex).

Rayburn Tuesday told of the President's decision to hold periodic legislative conferences with the leaders of the Republican congressional majority as well as the Democratic chiefs.

Senator Vandenberg (Mich), the president pro tempore of the Senate; Senate Majority Leader White (Me), Speaker Martin (Mass), and House Majority Leader Halleck (Ind), of the House will sit in on the conferences.

The "Big Six" replaces the Democratic "Big Four" who conferred every Monday morning with the President during the last session when the Democrats controlled both houses.

The decision to invite the Republicans to the conferences was in line with President Truman's expressed intention to find ways to cooperate with his "political opposition on Capitol Hill."



Pipe-lover Richard Kartheiser, of Milwaukee, Wis., is proud owner of the contraption he puffs, above. Presented to him by fellow-workers, super-pipe is equipped with whistle, fire extinguisher, filter coil, ash pit door and has a drain and bucket on the bottom. The cuspidor Kartheiser holds, lower right, comes with the pipe.

Harrisburg Man Chief Of New Soil District

Randall Grimes, Rt. 1, Harrisburg, was chairman Wednesday of the board of supervisors of the Linn-Lane soil conservation district, following an organization meeting in Harrisburg this week.

Other officers elected at the meeting were Ben Christensen, Rt. 2, Harrisburg, vice-chairman; O. E. Mikesell, Linn County agent, secretary; and Reese Jarnagin, Rt. 2, Eugene, treasurer.

The supervisors voted to hold regular meetings on the third Monday of each month and to devote the February session to developing a written plan of work.

Five farmers from the district will serve on an advisory committee, along with one man chosen by each supervisor. Lane County Agent O. S. Fletcher and soil conservation officials attended the meeting.

Noti Digs Out

NOTI—This community is experiencing its first real snowstorm since January, 1943. Monday morning found about two inches of snow in the village, and on Badger Mountain it was six inches deep. Others reported from three to five inches at their homes.

Mrs. Effie Sharman came to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Montgomery, from Chema, Wis., Sunday, where she had been in the hospital with a severe case of flu. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, who have both been sick, are better.

To the Fred Price home came Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fountain of Thurston to celebrate Price's 65th birthday, Jan. 13. Mrs. Fountain is Price's sister.

Rev. Arlo Bristow preached Sunday at the Church of Christ. He has been called to hold a two week's meeting in February and early March, beginning Feb. 23. A cordial invitation to everyone in the community is extended to all services of the church. Mrs. Noble Wheeler conducts a junior church for children during the morning church services.

MOSBY CREEK H E

BAILEY HILL — The Ellen Hawkins Club met recently at the home of Mrs. Frank Ford. Reports were given on the Christmas cheer boxes that had been distributed in the district. Next meeting is at 1 p.m. Jan. 22 at the home of Mrs. Virgil Hawkins.

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Latin American Diplomatic Problems Await Gen. Marshall

By R. H. SHACKFORD

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Congressional pressure notwithstanding, Latin America experts predicted Wednesday that Secretary of State-Designate George C. Marshall would move cautiously in changing U.S. policy in the western hemisphere.

For one thing, they noted that more urgent problems are on the busy agenda awaiting Marshall when he takes over as successor to James F. Byrnes.

Will Join Big 4

The Big Four Foreign Ministers meet in Moscow in March and for probably the greater part of April and Marshall must become acquainted with issues involved in the German and Austrian peace treaties.

The entire U.S. policy toward Latin America, especially with respect to Argentina, was up for review even before Byrnes resigned. Our ambassador to Buenos Aires, George S. Messersmith, has been here since the end of the year conferring with officials.

Messersmith was scheduled to return to Buenos Aires at the end of the year.

Fugitive Found In Brush Hide-Out

PORTLAND — (AP) — Sheriff's deputies who watched a brushland sector of suburban Portland for more than a week got the break they waited for late Tuesday and arrested Louis Purnell, 38, on a charge of assault and robbery involving a taxi hold-up.

Sheriff Martin Pratt reported 20 deputies searched the area after an officer reported finding a box of clothing along the road that later disappeared. Purnell was named by Chester Lee McCoy, arrested Jan. 7, as his companion in a cab hold-up and told officers Purnell was hiding out in the brush. An earlier search was unsuccessful.

Toastmasters Slate Meeting at Corvallis

Next meeting of Toastmasters Club will be held at Corvallis as part of the district convention, members of the local group decided at their meeting Tuesday evening.

The club will attend the regular Corvallis club meeting at the Corvallis Hotel Jan. 21 at 8:15 p.m., and will meet afterwards with Salem Club No. 1, and clubs from Hollywood, outside Salem, and from Albany and Corvallis for the district meeting.

Ross Hall was toastmaster at the Tuesday meeting, and speakers for the evening were Bob Christner, Paul Shepherd and Max Simpson. Table topic chairman was Dick Crakes. Bob Christenson was general critic, and Ray Siegenthaler was diction critic.

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Jupiter to 'Hide' Behind Moon On Jan. 16, Pruett Reports

By J. HUGH PRUETT
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A rare sight awaits early morning star-gazers in our part of the world wherever the skies are clear Jan. 16. The planet Jupiter, now brilliant in the southeast, will disappear behind the moon and remain hidden for about an hour. Such a phenomenon is known as an occultation.

Whenever Jupiter, or any planet or star, appears to encounter the moon, the only thing it can do is to become hidden. It will never seem to move across the lunar face for all these objects are immensely more distant than our nearby neighbor, the moon. On Jan. 16 the moon will be a mere 250,000 miles from us, while Jupiter will be 540,000,000 miles distant, or over 2000 times farther away.

The time of the occultation will vary with the location of the observer. But it may be stated in general that for those using Pacific Standard time the disappearance of Jupiter behind the eastern rim of the moon will occur around 4 a.m.; and its reappearance on the western edge, near 5 a.m.

In the morning sky, one will be instantly attracted by the exceedingly brilliant planet Venus somewhat farther east than the moon and Jupiter.

For those who are "allergic" to the early morning air, there are numerous interesting stars in the evening heavens. Let us observe around 8 p.m. Notice first the Big Dipper standing on the end of its handle in the northern sky.

Only slightly east of overhead, yellow Capella is very bright. A little south of this overhead point the tiny dipper of the six small stars of the Pleiades look almost like a flock of little birds. High in the southeast, the fine Orion group is most conspicuous. The three stars in a short line constitute Orion's belt, while the two very bright ones, red Betelgeuse and blue-white Rigel, sparkle in his shoulder and shoe-buckle respectively.

Low in the southeast brilliant Sirius, the Dog Star, glitters gloriously. Well up almost due east, untwinkling Saturn is the only visible planet in the early evening sky. Between Saturn and Sirius, we find Procyon in the Little Dog.

Almost due northwest Deneb shines at the head of the Northern Cross, which at present is upright. Considerably north of northwest, brilliant Vega is setting. This fine star will swing eastward beneath

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