

Grant Ratzlaff Permit for Bus Line to Coast

Direct Service Salem to Newport to Be in Operation by June

By STEPHEN A. STONE

John Ratzlaff of Albany, doing business as the Pacific Coast Lines, was today granted authority to operate a line of stages between Salem and Newport.

Ratzlaff, in Albany, told the Capital Journal by telephone that he expects to have the lines in operation before the first of June, with stops at all points en route between the two terminal cities.

Sells Santiam Lines
At the same time Ratzlaff announced that he received Thursday from the interstate commerce commission approval of his application to sell the Santiam Lines to Mt. Hood Stages, doing business as Pacific Trailways.

Until the transaction is completed Ratzlaff will continue to operate the lines which run between Albany and Bend via Lebanon and Sweet Home.

"For the new operation between Salem and Newport," Ratzlaff said, "we will get the equipment within the next two weeks and be running the schedules before the first of June."

To Use New Vehicles
The vehicles will be one new and one used bus, each of 29-passenger capacity.

Ratzlaff buses will make two round trips daily between Salem and Newport. Run No. 1 will leave Salem at 9:15 a.m., arrive at Valley Junction at 10:21 a.m., at Taft at 11:09 a.m., and terminate in Newport at 11:48 a.m.

Run No. 4 will leave Salem at 3 p.m., arrive at Valley Junction at 4:06 p.m., at Taft at 4:54 p.m., and Newport at 5:33 p.m.

Run No. 3 will leave Newport at 7 a.m., arrive at Taft at 7:39 a.m., at Valley Junction at 8:27 a.m., and at Salem at 9:35 a.m.

Tariff of Fares
Run No. 2 will leave Newport at 3 p.m., arrive at Taft at 3:39 p.m., at Valley Junction at 4:27 p.m., and at Salem at 5:35 p.m.

The total elapsed time on the schedule is two hours and 33 minutes.

The tariff of rates and fares are identical with the fares assessed by Oregon Motor Stages and Pacific Greyhound Lines at common fare points. At other points that will be on a base of 2½ cents per passenger mile.

The Salem terminal of the lines will be the Continental Trailways station at 520 North High street. Arrangements have been made to use Oregon Motor Stages stations at Rickreall and Dallas.

The order permits the lines to operate as common carrier of passengers and their baggage, and express, mail and newspapers.

Ratzlaff was able to show at the hearing that his service will be more convenient than any other now existing between Salem and Newport.

The order shows that on a day's trip from Newport to Salem the passenger would have five hours and 25 minutes time in Salem.

The Pacific Coast Lines will not give local service between Salem and Dallas, since this is taken care of by Oregon Motor Stages and Valley Stages.

Tunnel Forces Traffic Detour

At 7 o'clock Monday morning the detour of traffic, made necessary by the digging of a tunnel trench across Court street between the new State Office building and the State House, will be made effective.

Signs to give motorists clear directions will be posted at that time. City Engineer J. H. Davis said today the detour will be necessary for about 60 days.

Southbound traffic on Highway 99E will turn west from Capitol into Marion instead of going on to Court. On Marion it will go clear through to Commercial, and then south on Commercial to the highway.

Northbound traffic will use Court as usual as far as Summer street west, between the Sunken Gardens and the state library. Then it will move north to Chemekeeta, on Chemekeeta east to Capitol and back into the highway flow.

Pedestrian traffic on the north side of Court between Summer and Capitol will be closed, but will be open at all times as usual on the south side.

In the detour arrangement there will be no one-way streets.

The detour plan does not apply to through truck traffic. This will, as usual, move from Capitol to South 12th, and to the highway at the 12th street junction.

Liquor Sales in Oregon Continue To Diminish

By JAMES D. OLSON

Liquor sales by the Oregon Liquor Control commission continue to decrease according to a commission report of March 31.

During the period from July 1, 1948, to March 31, 1949 total net sales by the commission were \$30,698,449.19 as compared with \$31,996,244.78 or a drop in receipts of \$1,297,795.59 during the same period in 1947 and 1948.

Fewer liquor permits are being purchased, the report showing that during the last eight months 292,092 permits were issued as against 306,040 during the same period a year ago.

Although the commission reduced its operating expenses by \$312,638.98, total revenues in all divisions were in the red to the tune of \$1,596,221.02.

Inventory Reduced
The huge inventory that was built up by previous commissions has been materially reduced by a reduction in purchases. On July 1, 1948 the inventory of liquor on hand was valued on the books at \$13,520,608. On March 31, 1949 this inventory had been reduced to \$7,418,077.

Purchases of liquor stocks by the commission during the eight months ending March 31 totaled \$16,995,931 as compared to purchases totaling \$22,503,799 made during the same eight months period a year ago.

The license division and the privilege tax department both showed profits. In the license division the receipts of \$336,441 were \$66,030 in excess of receipts for that division in the previous period. In addition expenses of this division were reduced by \$58,914.

The total earnings of the commission during the quarter ending March 31, 1949 is shown in the report at \$1,937,033.24 or \$680,114 less than earnings during the previous quarter.

License Division Gains
The license division and the privilege tax department both showed profits. In the license division the receipts of \$336,441 were \$66,030 in excess of receipts for that division in the previous period. In addition expenses of this division were reduced by \$58,914.

The total earnings of the commission during the quarter ending March 31, 1949 is shown in the report at \$1,937,033.24 or \$680,114 less than earnings during the previous quarter.

The total elapsed time on the schedule is two hours and 33 minutes.

The tariff of rates and fares are identical with the fares assessed by Oregon Motor Stages and Pacific Greyhound Lines at common fare points. At other points that will be on a base of 2½ cents per passenger mile.

The Salem terminal of the lines will be the Continental Trailways station at 520 North High street. Arrangements have been made to use Oregon Motor Stages stations at Rickreall and Dallas.

The order permits the lines to operate as common carrier of passengers and their baggage, and express, mail and newspapers.

Ratzlaff was able to show at the hearing that his service will be more convenient than any other now existing between Salem and Newport.

The order shows that on a day's trip from Newport to Salem the passenger would have five hours and 25 minutes time in Salem.

The Pacific Coast Lines will not give local service between Salem and Dallas, since this is taken care of by Oregon Motor Stages and Valley Stages.

Signs to give motorists clear directions will be posted at that time. City Engineer J. H. Davis said today the detour will be necessary for about 60 days.

Southbound traffic on Highway 99E will turn west from Capitol into Marion instead of going on to Court. On Marion it will go clear through to Commercial, and then south on Commercial to the highway.

Northbound traffic will use Court as usual as far as Summer street west, between the Sunken Gardens and the state library. Then it will move north to Chemekeeta, on Chemekeeta east to Capitol and back into the highway flow.

Pedestrian traffic on the north side of Court between Summer and Capitol will be closed, but will be open at all times as usual on the south side.

In the detour arrangement there will be no one-way streets.

The detour plan does not apply to through truck traffic. This will, as usual, move from Capitol to South 12th, and to the highway at the 12th street junction.

House Defeats Simple Repeal T-H Labor Law

Washington, April 29 (AP)—The house refused emphatically today simply to repeal the Taft-Hartley law and go back to the original Wagner labor relations act.

The proposal was made by Rep. Marcantonio (AL, N.Y.), but was voted down.

The roll call count against it was 275 to 37.

The house got around to its first votes after four days of debate on a new labor law.

Still ahead was the big test—whether a substitute offered by Rep. Wood (D., Ga.) would be taken instead of the administration's bill.

Truman Angers Many
Off the floor, there was continued rumbling over President Truman's broad hint that Democrats who do not support the administration on this issue need not look for any political plums.

One house leader said privately that the president "lost votes" for the administration's bill by tying it in with political patronage. But he still predicted the administration's measure would be passed.

Marcantonio's move put three principal choices before the house: (1) The administration bill to repeal the Taft-Hartley act and reinstate the Wagner act with several revisions; (2) a substitute offered by Rep. Wood (D., Ga.) which would keep a large part of the Taft-Hartley law, and (3) Marcantonio's bill.

Wood Bill Amendments
The parliamentary situation shaped up so that votes on amendments to the Wood bill were first in order, to be followed by a vote on Marcantonio's proposal. Rejection of Marcantonio's plan would bring in order a vote on substituting Wood's bill for the administration measure, sponsored by Rep. Lesinski (D., Mich.).

In the first voting test the house approved a republican-sponsored amendment to the Wood bill.

The vote, taken without a roll-call, was 202 to 158 with about 40 southern Democrats joining an almost solid republican front to make the change.

The amendment, by Rep. Ford (R., Mich.) would enable a man on strike to vote in a plant election up to six months after he had been replaced in his job, instead of three months as in the Wood bill.

The Taft-Hartley act forbids replaced strikers from voting at all.

Old Road Vacation On North Santiam
Hearing by the county court Friday on the proposal to vacate parts of the old North Santiam highway between Gates and Niagara brought out quite a scattering of residents who it developed had a misunderstanding about the vacation and found it would not affect them, especially back of Niagara where a piece of road is left to serve the families interested.

The vacation will be allowed with some adjustments, notably a 24-month easement granted to Ferris Lumber company to use the road between Bad Banks creek east to the junction for hauling logs. To vacate the road completely now would put their operation out of business, it was shown.

Wallgren Still After Same Post
Washington, April 29 (AP)—Mon C. Wallgren conferred with President Truman today but said afterwards he had "no news" on his tabled nomination to be chairman of the national security resources board.

The nomination was tabled recently by the senate armed services committee. That action prevents its submission to the senate for a vote.

"It does seem like the committee would let the senate vote on it," Wallgren told White House reporters.

He said that the nomination was not the subject of his call upon President Truman.

Asked if he was being considered for some other job, the former governor of Washington state replied:

"I doubt if I would want to be considered for any other job."

He said he did not know of any move to get another vote by the committee looking to submission of the nomination to the senate.

THE WEATHER
Released by United States Weather Bureau

Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 44 degrees; highest Saturday, 45. Conditions will be mostly favorable for farm work Saturday. Maximum yesterday 61. Minimum today 45. Mean temperature yesterday 54 which was 1 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today 12 of an inch. Total precipitation for the month, 25 of an inch which is 1.71 inches below normal. Willamette river height at Salem Friday morning, 3 feet.



Oregon Youth Legislators Register—Young men and women of Oregon, selected by their own groups, register at the capitol for a two day session offering experience in legislative procedure. James Cooke, Salem high school boy, is serving as governor.

Boys State Government Takes Over at Capitol

James Cooke, Hi-Y governor-elect of the state of Oregon spoke to some 150 students participating in the annual youth and government legislature at a joint session of the house and senate prior to the opening of the legislature.

Governor Douglas McKay welcomed the students with a short talk which was followed by the main address by Governor-elect Cooke.

State Senator Dean Walker, of Independence, commented on parliamentary procedure prior to the separate meetings of both the senate and house of representatives.

Cooke's address pointed out the need for youth to recognize the problems of the state. His speech closed with the challenge "build at home, build with youth, and build for the future."

Preceding the joint session the house and senate held short meetings to enable them to organize before settling down to affairs of the state. Thursday evening the youths attended an advisory board committee meeting with Dr. U. G. Duback, chairman of the state-wide youth and government, and professor of political science at Lewis and Clark college, presiding.

Senator Howard Bellon, Canby, explained various procedures at the meeting which was preceded by a dinner. The dinner and meeting were held at Nohlgren's cafe. Present were James Cooke, Hi-Y governor of Oregon; Rod French, president of the senate, La Grande; Dan Boyd, speaker of the house; Portland; Carol Winslow, clerk of the senate, West Linn; Barlon Adams, clerk of the house, Klamath Falls; Bill Brady, chaplain of the senate, Roseburg; Phil Ringle, chaplain of the house, Salem.

Committees appointed for the various bills at the meeting last night are agriculture, education, building and institutions, elections, fish and wild life, labor, medicine, resolutions, revision of laws and roads and highways.

Salem high school delegates participating in the sessions are James Cooke, Hi-Y governor; Richard Wyatt, representative; Tom Angle, senator; Rollin Cocking, senator; Tom Paulus, representative; Gordon Sloan, representative and news reporter for the house of representatives.

The legislature sessions are scheduled to continue until Saturday at 4 o'clock.

Alesea School House Destroyed by Fire
Corvallis, April 29 (AP)—Fire of undetermined origin last night completely destroyed the combined high school and grade school building at Alesea.

Unofficially the loss was estimated at between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

One hundred and eighty students were left without school facilities but the district board planned to meet today to see what could be done about re-opening classes.

The fire had a big start before it was discovered. Limited fire fighting equipment at Alesea broke down and by the time and engine arrived from Philomath, about 20 miles away, the entire structure was in flames.

Portland Election June 7
Portland, April 29 (AP)—Multnomah county voters will go to the polls June 7 to ballot on \$4,520,000 in tax levies.

Oregon Postmaster Appointees Listed
Washington, Apr. 29 (AP)—President Truman's nominations of 27 Oregon postmasters were in a senate committee today. Some nominations were holdovers from last year when republicans refused to confirm them. The list included:

Fern Miles, Scotts Mills; John J. Clark, St. Benedict, (Mt. Angel); Leonard A. Flecker, Mt. Angel; Harriet A. Fleischauer, Aurora; Rose Mable Haskell, Gates and E. Cleone Blaisdell, Valseit. Among the larger cities were Leon L. McFarlane, Oregon City; Ethan L. Newman, Eugene and Melvin J. Tufford, Newberg. The list was referred to the senate civil service and post office committee.

Crew Members Safe
Nanaimo, B.C., April 29 (AP)—All seven crew members of the tug Strath narrowly escaped drowning yesterday when their vessel broke up on rocks in a howling gale near here. The wreck scene was near Texada island, 20 miles north of Nanaimo.

\$54,200 Listed For Hospitals

With new larger gift subscription announced today, the total now subscribed to the Salem Hospital Development Program is \$54,200.

This amount is in 23 subscriptions averaging \$2356.52 each. A comment by Ford E. Watkins, general chairman of the program, was that "the average size of the subscriptions is excellent. They will be coming in faster from now on."

Additional subscriptions announced were:

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McKay, \$7500; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar D. Olson, \$1000; a friend \$6000; A. A. Krueger, \$500; Capital City Transfer, \$600; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Vandemeyne, \$500; the Heltzel family, \$600; Orval's Used Cars, \$1000; Judson's Heating and Plumbing, \$1500; Salem Title company, \$1500.

Eola Acres added \$400 to the \$600 previously reported and took the flower room on the maternity floor in the new hospital building.

The Olsons selected the men's lounge on the first floor, and Orval's Used Cars took the admitting room on the first floor.

No other selections of rooms in this week's added subscriptions have been made at the present time.

The Heltzel family selected for its subscription the medical station in the obstetrical department at Salem Memorial hospital.

Osa Johnson Gets Divorce from Getts
Chicago, April 29 (AP)—Mrs. Osa Johnson Getts, who with her husband, Martin Johnson, won fame as an explorer and big game hunter, was granted an uncontested divorce yesterday from Clark H. Getts, 55, New York City booking agent.

Mrs. Getts, 55-year-old author, charged her second husband deserted her November 25, 1946, after a disagreement over management of her business. They were married secretly on April 29, 1939, she said.

Mrs. Getts was granted the use of her former name, Osa Johnson, by Judge Joseph A. Sabath.

Atlantic Pact Creating Confidence Wave in Europe
Washington, April 29 (AP)—W. Averell Harriman told senators today the North Atlantic pact is creating "a growing wave of confidence" in western Europe.

Harriman, special representative in Europe for the economic relations committee, testified before the senate foreign relations committee. He urged their own efforts to build up means to defend themselves.

The Europeans cannot develop their military defenses alone, he added. He said they must have military equipment and raw materials from the United States.

"In western Europe today," Harriman said, "there is a growing wave of confidence, confidence instilled by the concept of the North Atlantic treaty that free men will stand together in common defense of their liberty and freedom."

But, Harriman said, if the United States should "turn aside at this moment I doubt whether we can ever again recapture that spirit (of confidence)."

He said the strength of the United States alone now gives "strength and meaning to the pact. X X X The Europeans have confidence in us — have confidence in that in any war we would eventually be victorious."

Hangchow Not Shanghai Main Red Objective

Communists Seize Wuhing, Key Point West of Nanking

Shanghai, April 29 (AP)—Communist troops today seized Wuhing, a key point 40 miles north of Hangchow, the main prop for Shanghai. Wuhing is 36 miles west of Kashing, control point on the Shanghai-Hangchow railroad.

Kashing, 62 miles southwest of Shanghai, was in the path of a Red column driving south from Soochow (Wuhhsien).

A Nationalist communique said a Red drive on Shanghai appeared to be a move to protect the flank of the southbound columns.

It asserted the force coming from the west had been checked about 37 miles west of the metropolis near Kunshan, on the Shanghai - Nanking railway. Trains to Kunshan had quit running.

Delay Shanghai Drive
The Shanghai garrison reported the capture of Wuhing now were advancing south toward Hangchow. It earlier had reported the Communist 23rd army was operating in this region.

It appears that the main Red push is aimed north at Hangchow, not Shanghai. With the capture of Hangchow, Shanghai would be sealed by land.

This could mean that an attack on Shanghai will be delayed.

Vice Admiral Oscar C. Badger, commander of the western Pacific fleet, said U. S. navy forces would be retained at Wosung as long as needed "in the safe evacuation of American nationals from Shanghai." Wosung is some 10 miles from Shanghai where the Whangpoo flows into the Yangtze.

Transportation Ready
The announcement issued through the U. S. consulate said: "Ample provisions have been provided transportation to leave Shanghai if commercial transportation is not available."

President Truman said yesterday in Washington such provisions were made.

Landing facilities used by the navy on the Whangpoo at Shanghai have been closed. Badger's announcement was taken here to mean the navy will keep units near the Yangtze mouth with perhaps one vessel at Wosung.

The Shanghai American consulate moved into the Glen Line building on the waterfront.

Air lines said evacuation had slackened. Some flights reported a few vacancies and cancellations.

Berlin Youths Clash in Riot
Berlin, April 29 (AP)—Several hundred communist and anti-communist German youths clashed in bloody street fighting this morning.

A number of Reds were hospitalized after the battle which was broken up by police. The fighting took place in the American sector, near the soviet sector border.

The communists claimed their opponents tried to break up their pre-May day meeting in the American occupied Borough of Tempelhof. The communist press charged American military police inspired the disorders.

American authorities said no allied personnel was involved. American public safety officers said the communist free German youth organization had been given permission to hold a meeting. They said that scores of those attending the meeting came from the Russian sector and this "invasion" created resentment among the anti-communists.

The ruckus stirred fears of further clashes Sunday when communist and anti-communist trade union federations plan to stage rival May day celebrations.

The Christian democratic union newspaper Der Tag said today the communists have arrested a German priest and several Roman Catholic students at Warnemunde in soviet-occupied Mecklenburg. The report was confirmed by a spokesman for the diocese of Berlin.

Berlin Barge Battle Over
Berlin, April 29 (AP)—The Russians apologized today and the brief "Battle of the Barges" appeared to be over.

Soviet headquarters notified the British that Russian soldiers who attempted yesterday to halt traffic in British sector canal locks had acted without authority.

The Soviet action opened the way for a conference of British and Soviet transportation chiefs on the question of barge traffic tomorrow.

Two Russian officers who had directed the attempt to halt the barges yesterday and Wednesday returned today and announced they had orders "not to cause any trouble" and not to interfere with British canal traffic. Barge traffic was normal this afternoon and the atmosphere much more friendly.

Five Russians carrying sidearms, who had announced their intention to remain at the canal locks to stop barges lacking Soviet registry, pulled out during the night, leaving the British in sole command until the two Soviet officers showed up this morning.

U.S. and Russian Envoys Meet on Berlin Blockade

Written Reply From Moscow on Position Expected

New York, April 29 (AP)—Ambassador Philip C. Jessup met today with Russia's Jakob A. Malik, apparently to receive a Soviet answer to American questions about lifting the Berlin blockade.

The Soviet deputy foreign minister asked Jessup by telephone this morning to come to the Soviet United Nations delegation building on Upper Park avenue at 4 p.m. (noon PST).

Western circles in the UN immediately speculated that:

1. Malik has received definite information from Moscow to answer Jessup's question about when and under what conditions the Berlin blockade will be lifted.

2. Malik will propose to Jessup that the four-power council of foreign ministers meet about May 25 in Paris for a review of the whole Berlin problem.

During a meeting of the steering committee of the UN assembly at Flushing Meadow park this morning, Malik suddenly urged that the assembly set a deadline for "1 p.m., May 18" to complete its work.

The adjournment proposal was made by the Russian just as the U.S. delegation was announcing elsewhere in the UN building that Malik had asked Jessup to meet him.

Adjournment of the assembly on the date proposed by Malik would give key delegates here a week to get to Paris for a May 25 meeting.

(Concluded on Page 5, Column 1)