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'Express' or 'Local' Service for Salem?

West Coast Airlines has expressed a confidence in its ability to serve Salem solely by the feeder-line's own system.

This "show of strength" came at a meeting of top officials of the airline and representatives of the city of Salem here Thursday evening. What prompted West Coast's sales talk, of course, was the Civil Aeronautics Board's announced intention to substitute the feeder-line for the established United Air Lines service here. There was also an admitted desire of many years standing on the part of West Coast to operate out of Salem.

West Coast did not point out that it could do the job as a feeder-line. But no one in Salem had much questioned that point at any time.

When the West Coast "demonstration" was over, Salem representatives still held the same opinion which has stood up under close study since the city's air transportation was first threatened months ago by the CAB show-cause order.

Oregon's capital needs to keep its position on United Air Lines' transcontinental system to insure minimum air ties with other important cities of the country. These ties are for passengers, airmail, air express and air freight connections on a transcontinental system.

West Coast could give Salem a good state-wide supplemental air service. For anything beyond that, city users of air facilities would be forced to figure a system of transfers in order to make connections outside the state. The difference between the Mainliner service of United and a feeder-line service like West Coast is the same as between an express train and a local train. Both are necessary and important, but to be served only by a "local" is to get "local" service.

Why should Salem be cut off from an "express" service as given by United and handed instead only a "local" service as offered by West Coast? This question is more incredible in light of United's expressed desire to continue to serve Salem.

The CAB show-cause order would indicate that the ruling authority for the aviation of the nation has decided in its own mind that such a shift in types of service would be beneficial financially to the airlines. Thus government airmail subsidies might be reduced. The per-mile subsidy given West Coast is higher than that given United. Has Salem no rights in this matter that so vitally affects the city? Aren't the needs of Oregon's second city to be given prior consideration?

It seems strange that Salem, which is on the direct main, coastal route of United, should be singled out by the CAB to have this theoretical sign posted: "United planes may fly over this city three times a day each way, but those planes may not land here. By order of the CAB."

'The Secret Boss of California'

Colliers has printed an expose of Arthur H. Samish, "The Secret Boss of California" by Lester Velie, which depicts the career of the 300-pound lobbyist who registers himself simply as the "legislative representative of the California State Brewers' Institute."

What Samish describes "as an endless chain of political strength," whose strongest links are the "little fellows of the industries that hire him, the 44,000 license holders who sell wine, liquor and beer, the growers of barley and hops; the truckers who haul the stuff, the culinary workers, musicians and other employees of the many spots where liquor is served is his main source of support.

This is a nucleus of 500,000 people, welded together into what he describes as "the damndest political machine you ever saw," but among his clients are banks, labor unions, railroads, motor buses, cigarets, building and loan companies, race-tracks, chemicals and big business interests of all kinds, and he backs it up with what he describes as "the damndest Gestapo you ever saw," utilized on legislators. He also controls the board of equalization, key state agency controlling taxation. The article states:

"The man who 'controls the state of California' falls into no easy identifying niche. He is neither labor boss, oil king, press lord, financial nabob, nor rabble rouser of the Huey Long type. You can't even neatly tag him as the Boss Pendergast or Crump or Hague of California."

Samish controls the legislators through financing and assisting the election of candidates and Governor Warren admits that he has more power in it than he does. At least part of the blame is the California law abolishing political parties to the extent of letting anyone vote any ticket wanted, thereby destroying party responsibility.

It is a sad commentary on the intelligence of the electorate of California. How easily people are duped is revealed in the successful strategy Samish used to put over a successful referendum that saves the motor bus companies millions of dollars in taxes yearly and defeated what the voters were clamoring for, Velie says:

"Samish plastered the state's billboards, which he has the use of during elections, with pictures of a giant hog with the hog went the slogan:

"Drive the hog from the road. Vote Yes, on proposition No. 2 (the buses' tax proposal)."

"Neither the hog nor the slogan had nothin' to do with the tax measure," Artie told this writer. "But nobody likes a road hog. So, of course, the people voted Yes to drive him off the road. Yes, for my tax proposition."

Yea, Chief, Barbara's O.K.

Kankakee, Ill., Aug. 19 (AP)—Police Chief Harry Stutz raced out on an emergency call that 13-year-old Barbara Duncan had been knocked unconscious when she touched a live wire.

At an intersection not far from the police station, he struck a car driven by Gordon Wynne, 23.

Wynne's auto was knocked into another car.

Stutz' car careened into a bus, bounced into a tree, scraped a building, hit a no-parking sign, snapped a utility pole guy wire, and ploughed into a parked car owned by Policeman Mac Abrams, 39.

Stutz, Wynne, and Patrolman Romeo Marcotte, 45, who was riding with the chief, were taken to St. Mary's hospital for treatment of injuries.

There, Stutz learned that Barbara had recovered consciousness by herself and suffered no after effects from the electric shock.

BY BECK

A Dog's Life



SIPS FOR SUPPER

Dam and the Courthouse

By DON UPJOHN

Looking at the elevations of the proposed new courthouse in sketches submitted to the courthouse commission yesterday, and by coincidence happening shortly afterwards to note a picture of the proposed new Detroit dam caused us to hope, at least, that the courthouse plans contemplate some manner of expansion in the not too far distant future. A glimpse of the Detroit dam with a thought of the potential power to be generated inevitably raises the thought of industries and growth which in due course are to swell the population in these parts and put to crucial test the size of any and all public buildings in the area. The proposed courthouse structure has about three times the space of the one now in use. But even then, the interior plans reveal that it just about contemplates taking care of what is on hand now in the way of public business and not much more, if any, for what new sorts of ventures the legislatures will be cooking for the counties in the next few years, and if the past can be used as a yardstick, there'll be plenty. As a matter of fact there are some county activities for which there is no space allotted in the new



Don Upjohn

courthouse as it stands. So whatever the present plans allow, they should also have chance for plenty of expansion in mind—it's coming, and not too far away, either.

Complimenting Who?

Newspapers are just like women—they both have forms, back numbers are not in demand, they always have the last word, they are well worth looking over, they have a good deal of influence, you can't believe all they say, there's small demand for the bold faced type, and every man should have one of his own and not borrow his neighbor's.—Contributed by A. D. Brandt via John M. Henry.

The 5 percent hearings at the national capitol seem to be revolving pretty much around the activities of a perfume company. But certain odors are emanating which can't be classed exactly as perfume.

Case Proven

Seattle (AP)—John Armeau sent Traffic Judge Roy DeGrief a letter containing a parking ticket, a dental appointment notation and a badly worn tooth. Judge DeGrief tore up the ticket and returned the tooth.

Tot Walks at 3 Weeks

Murray, Utah, Aug. 18 (AP)—Little Kathryn Benson has set what is believed to be a record for walking at a very early age. Her physician said today.

The doctor said it was "very unusual," and advised the tot's mother, Mrs. Laverl Benson, not to let her try it too much.

Kathryn is only three weeks old.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Move to Put 'Good' Label On Germany Gaining

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

The move to make Germany an early member of the council of Europe—the new brotherhood of old world democracies—is gaining remarkable momentum.

Washington—Churchill Wednesday again advocated the addition of the defeated country to the 12-nation council which its sponsors hope will develop into a parliament comprising all the European democracies.

Britain's famous war-time prime minister, who led his people in the life and death struggle against German aggression, was speaking before the consultative assembly of the council in the ancient French city of Strasbourg whose streets not so long ago echoed to the crash of Hitlerian hob-nailed boots.

Simultaneously, in Washington American Secretary of State Dean Acheson expressed himself as favoring the acceptance of the new west German republic in the council for Europe. He said the United States believes this would be a constructive step in the integration of a peaceful, freedom loving Germany into the community of western Europe.

At the same time the secretary warned the western Germans against abusing the freedom permitted them by the western occupation powers.

Why should the western democracies be anxious to include in their new European parliament a Germany which has sinned so greatly and so often against its neighbors?

At first blush this seems a strange development, and yet it is logical.

There are two prime reasons for this move.

The first, of course, is not only that it is calculated to foster peace but economic prosperity. A healthful Germany is essential to the general well being



DeWitt McKenzie

of western Europe.

The second, and perhaps the more important reason, is that Germany lies in the heart of Europe, on the line dividing the communistic east from the democratic west. She could be, in days to come, a mighty deterrent to an armed clash between eastern and western Europe.

Should unhappily such a conflict arise, then most assuredly the western powers would want Germany in their camp. If she were isolated and forced to play the lone wolf, fate might drive her into the bolshevist camp.

Churchill considers the matter so vital that he advocates the calling of a special session of the council's consultative assembly in December or January to admit Germany to membership. He holds that this would be the "greatest and most important of all the questions that are before us."

However, there is no disposition on the part of the democracies to rush blindly into the unification of Europe.

British Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison told the Strasbourg assembly he favored immediate steps for unification but advocated caution. With this Churchill didn't differ, commenting characteristically:

"We may just as well see what a girl looks like before we marry her."

This idea of bringing a sinful Germany forthwith into the association of democracies which have been sinned against represents a striking departure from past tactics.

After the first world war Germany was labeled the bad boy of Europe and was stood in a corner to repent. Decidedly that didn't work.

The new program can't fare worse, and seems very likely to be a constructive move in the interests of peace and fraternity.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Prestige of the U. S. At Top in Middle East

(Ed. Note—While Drew Pearson is on vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round will be written by his old partner, Robert S. Allen.)

By ROBERT S. ALLEN

Washington—A high U. S. official just returned from a tour of the Middle East reports one outstanding impression. It is this:

That, amid the welter of assassination, intrigue and autocratic rule in this ancient cockpit, the prestige and power of the United States stands out like a gleaming beacon.

The official related this episode to prove his point:

Following the attempted slaying some months ago of the Shah of Iran, he imposed iron handed martial rule. The Iranian press particularly felt the weight of the Shah's fury. Seventeen liberal, non-communist newspapers were suppressed and their editors thrown into jail. He also ordered them tried on charges of subversive activities.

To support these charges, articles dating back as far as 20 years were brought into court against the editors.

Despite these extreme measures only six were convicted.

U. S. ambassador in Iran is John Wiley. An able, tough-minded career man, he has been an outstanding success in his delicate and arduous post. A firm believer in democracy and freedom of the press, Wiley, privately, was shocked by the autocratic persecution of the editors. But because it was a strictly internal affair, he meticulously kept hands off until after the six editors were sentenced.

Several days later, Wiley sent each of them a small package. It consisted of one pack of American cigarettes—with Wiley's personal card.

Nothing was written on the card. Also, there was nothing secret about Wiley's action. His chauffeur delivered the packages to the prison and turned them over to the warden to give to the editors. That was all there was to it.

The Shah, of course, was immediately informed. Also, he got the point.

The following day, the editors were pardoned.

NOTE—Because of Wiley's penetrating and forthright reports to the state department, the Iranian ambassador in Washington is very hostile toward him. The Iranian has repeatedly tried to undermine Wiley.

NO MERGER

Behind the scenes, the widely publicized merger between AMVETS and AVC has gotten nowhere. Reason is strong rank-and-file opposition in both veteran organizations.

At the bottom of this are two factors: AMVET membership is much more conservative than AVC, and a confidential memorandum sent out by AVC Commander Harold A. Keats. In this document, he stresses the financial benefits that will accrue to AMVETS by absorbing the 35,000 AVC dues-paying members.

AVC officials are aware that AMVETS headquarters is hard up and that its national officers draw \$35,000 a year in salaries and expenses.

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Postal City Zone System Confusing

Denver (AP)—Uncle Sam's postal zone system is confusing to Roman A. Vargas, Jr., or the Philippines.

In answering a Colorado state publicity department advertisement in a magazine, he filled in the blanks this way:

Name—Roman A. Vargas, Jr.
Address—St. Paul Virac, Catanduanes, Philippines.
Zone—Torrid.

TAKES WORDS OUT OF OTHER'S MOUTH

Ronald, Human Echo, Can Have Last Word on All

By PETER HAYES

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 19 (AP)—Speaking to Ronald Severson, lock and safe salesman, is a painful operation:

He talks right along with you, just like like like this.

Only faster.

Ever since he was a nipper of seven, Severson has been going around having the last word on everybody. Last by about a 50th of a second, briefly, Severson can talk, sing or yodel right along with anyone no matter what language is used—from French to Norwegian, pig-latin to tobacco auctioneer.

"I don't know how I picked it up," he says. "I guess it was just a kid trick. It didn't go over too well with my folks after the first few times."

Severson tells how it used to be great sport during high school assemblies to talk right along with the guest speaker from his seat in the audience.

"That is, it was sport until the principal decided to let me sit in the office whenever we had an assembly," he grinned.

Psychiatrists and neurologists shake their heads in bewilderment when this 33-year-old human echo "gives 'em the business," as he puts it. They offer all sorts of explanations, I. E. He has a short cut between his hearing and speaking organs, he is gifted with mental telepathy, some kind of mental quirk, etc.

"But then they say those things are impossible and they don't know how I do it," Severson says. "I think I just have extra sharp hearing."

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



Send your "Odds" questions on any subject to "The Wizard of Odds," care of the Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

How About a Handbag That Costs Only \$20,000?

By ED CREAMH

(Substituting for Columnist Hal Boyle)

New York (AP)—If you really can't decide what to get me for Christmas, there's a little doodad on display over at the Waldorf-Astoria that would suit me like chestnut dressing suits roast turkey.

Not that I'm hinting, mind you.

As a matter of fact I'm not sure what I am doing. I've just come back from that \$5,000,000 jewel show at the Waldorf and frankly, friend, I'm glitter-happy.

The American National Retail Jewelers, whose baby it is, says its biggest display of precious stones and baubles ever held. Acres of diamonds. Bushels of rubies. Pearls by the peck. In one word: Golly!

Anyhow, there I was, holding a cigarette and wishing I had a match, when a big, happy looking fellow held out a tricky little gadget, touched a button and presto! There was flame.

"Thanks," I said, lighting up. "That's quite a lighter."

"You like it?" said the man, Carl Begemann of the American Safety Razor Corp. "Well, sir, you can have this lighter—"

"Gosh, thanks. But—"

"—for \$5,000," continued Begemann, looking even happier.

I didn't say anything. I couldn't.

"Of course," Begemann said, "this tray and that little urn go with it. All 14-carat gold. There are 38 diamonds and 24 rubies in the set. Just right for a Christmas stocking, wouldn't you say?"

This last remark was not aimed at me but at another gawker who at least looked as if he might have money, so I drifted away, puffing gingerly at the cigarette which had just had a \$5,000 light. It tasted like any

other cigarette.

Then who should come along but a well-proportioned, brown-eyed blonde named Roma Paige, all decked out in a white nylon bathing suit with pearls dripping from every thread.

"Don't I look expensive?" she asked brightly. "You're supposed to guess how many pearls I'm wearing. If you guess right you win a magnum of champagne."

I guessed 2,315 but that couldn't have been right because a woman's handbag I examined a few minutes later turned out to be covered by 14,000 pearls, and Miss Paige's swim suit was much larger than the handbag.

Well, a little larger, anyway. "Actually," whispered Miss Theresa Jacobson, who was guarding the handbag, "there are only 13,999 pearls. Somebody dropped it and one pearl fell off."

"But there are 20 carats of diamonds and 30 carats of rubies and the setting is pure palladium."

"Gosh," I said. "And the—ah—price?"

Miss J. looked elaborately casual. "Twenty thousand dollars," she said. "It's the most expensive handbag in the world. We've sold three just like it—one each in Memphis, Miami and Los Angeles."

That did it.

If a woman can pay 20 perfectly good G's for a pearly old handbag that she'll probably leave behind in the movie someday, who says a \$5,000 lighter set is too good for uncle?

So as we were saying about that Christmas remembrance— But don't let me know you're ordering it, will you?

I want it to be a surprise.

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