

## CAB Opens Hearings on Coast Airlines Merger

Washington, Nov. 13 (AP)—The civil aeronautics board was told today that a proposed merger of West Coast Air Lines and Southwest Airways would increase operating efficiency and improve service in California, Oregon and Washington.

John H. Connally of San Francisco, president of Southwest, expressed this view at the start of a hearing on the application of the two air lines for CAB approval of the consolidation.

Southwest and West Coast Airlines operated feeder routes in the three states. The application is opposed by United Airlines and Western Airlines.

D. P. Renda of Los Angeles, attorney for Western, and John T. Lorch, attorney for United, described the hearing as "premature."

They asked that a decision be held up pending rulings in two other cases involving renewal of operating permits on routes of Southwest and West Coast.

Hearing examiner Edward T. Stodola said he will ask the board to rule on the objections.

Renda questioned Connally about an agreement to give Nick Bez of Seattle, president of West Coast Airlines, an option to buy \$50,000 worth of stock in Southwest Airways at \$1.50 a share in exchange for Bez' becoming a director of the company.

Connally said the option price exceeds the book value of the company's stock. He said he wanted Bez in the company because of his wide experience in the Northwest.

Asked if he would oppose the merger if the CAB fails to approve the stock option as part of the agreement, Connally said he would stand back of his deal with Bez and urge his board of directors to support his position.

Connally predicted that the merger would speed up Southwest's trend toward self-sufficiency. Under normal conditions, he said, the company would no longer have to rely on government mail pay within five years.

## Farmers Union Leaders Meet

Main speaker at a leaders' meeting of the Oregon Farmers Union that started here today is Stanley (Bud) Vogt of Denver, assistant director of education for the National Farmers Union.

Monday morning Vogt spoke on the broad objectives of the organization, stressing comment on family type of farming which he said was in danger. Eighteen per cent of the people, namely the farmers, he said, get only 10 per cent of the national income. He traced farm legislation since 1862 when the first farm act was passed, and said the family type of farming is in greater jeopardy than ever before in spite of all efforts to save it. A million farm families have been lost, he said, since 1935.

Howard Morgan spoke on the CVA and criticized Senator Wayne Morse, who, he said, was full of praise for the TVA for 10 years, but came out against the CVA.

At the afternoon session a panel discussion was held on the Holy report on Oregon schools and another on the matter of adding to the effectiveness of the Farmers Union.

At the Tuesday meeting Vogt will be heard again, also Arnold Alperstein, of Puyallup, Wash., field man for the National Farmers union, and Al Lamb, area manager, also from Puyallup. He was formerly with the Blue Lake cannery in Salem.

## Wallace Advises Peace by Defense

New York, Nov. 13 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace said last night that he no longer believes peace can be obtained by meeting Russia "half-way."

The former vice-president and progressive party leader said the United States must build its armed strength as quickly as possible until Russia and communist China give "concrete evidence" that they are interested in peace.

Addressing a forum of the community church, he said: "When Russia permitted the North Koreans to attack, and when Chinese troops entered North Korea and Tibet, it became clear to me that Russia is eager to use other people to heat up the cold war."

## Canadian Woman Raised to Sainthood

Vatican City, Nov. 13 (AP)—In the final beatification ceremony of the holy year, Pope Pius XII yesterday raised Mother Marguerite Bourgeois to the blessed of the Roman Catholic church.

Born in France in 1620, she founded the Order of the Sisters of Our Lady in the Canadian wilderness 300 years ago.

More than 1,200 Canadian pilgrims and 40 archbishops and bishops were among the thousands of spectators at the ceremony in the basilica of St. Peter.



Watching a Dream Walking—Four-year-old Diana Hunter stands enthralled as she watches a group of dolls walk along Chicago's State Street. The dolls can walk 10 feet unassisted and swing arms and heads realistically as they toddle along.

## Taft Explains Victory of GOP

Washington, Nov. 13 (AP)—Senator Taft (R., Ohio) said today that lack of public confidence in President Truman's foreign policy helped Republicans in last Tuesday's congressional elections.

Taft told more than 125 reporters at a news conference that the major problems of the next congress will be to decide how big a military program is needed for the country, "where we will get the money and how we shall prevent inflation."

Calling for a congressional review of proposed military aid to western Europe, the Ohio senator said he believes such aid must be given but wants congress to assess the situation before it acts.

The senator, who classes himself as available—but not a candidate—for the 1952 republican presidential nomination, returned from his own victory at the polls amid signs that some GOP reorganization may be in order. He is expected to confer with party leaders during a brief stay in the capital.

Taft took occasion to criticize those he said accused him of holding isolationist views. "Isolationist is simply a name," he said. "Anybody is an idiot who calls anybody else an isolationist. We can't be isolationist under present conditions."

Taft said that in his successful campaign for reelection in Ohio he had charged that the administration's foreign policies "by errors, to say the least, had built up Chinese communists and brought about the Korean war." He added there had been no democratic answer to this in the Ohio campaign.

Taft said he read into the election results of last Tuesday repudiation of President Truman's "Fair Deal program." The Ohioan mentioned specifically in this category what he called "socialized free medicine" and the Brahman farm subsidy plan.

## Williams Back in Lead in Michigan

Detroit, Nov. 13 (AP)—Gov. G. Mennen Williams jumped back

into the lead in the hectic race for governor today on the basis of New Macomb county totals.

With the correction, Williams took a 807 vote edge over former Gov. Harry F. Kelly.

The new state totals with only seven counties still to report official canvasses gave: Kelly 934,583; Williams 935,190.

The corrected totals in Macomb county gave Williams 23,577 votes to 18,347 for Kelly. Previously the announced vote was 18,730 for Kelly and 23,079 for Williams.

The shift took 383 votes from Kelly and added 498 votes for Williams.

## Four Perish in Plane Crash

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 13 (AP)—An air force C-82 transport plane crashed into the side of a mountain late Saturday night, carrying four men aboard to a fiery death.

Deputy Sheriff Waddy Brezale of nearby Pickens county said "if it had flown 150 feet higher it would have gotten over" the peak.

An investigation of the crash is underway. First report of the crash came from a hunter who thought he had spotted a forest fire. A forest ranger discovered the smoldering wreckage early Sunday.

The plane was being transferred from Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., to the Greenville air base.

The victims were three crewmen from a Pittsburgh, Pa., reserve wing called to active duty last month and attached to the base here, and a passenger from Maxwell field.

The crewmen were Capt. John Miles Struckrath, pilot; First Lt. Robert B. Schmitt, co-pilot, and Staff Sgt. John Davis Bloomer, all from Pittsburgh. The passenger was Staff Sgt. Walter O. Lott of Pensacola, Fla.

## British Reject Soviet Plan

London, Nov. 13 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Bevin said today a Russian plan to end the armed occupation of Germany is "unacceptable." Bevin hinted strongly that Britain will therefore reject a Russian bid for a big four meeting to discuss the removal of troops.

## Mrs. Elfstrom Talks on Ethiopia

A capacity audience of Chamber of Commerce luncheon guests were transported to the middle of Ethiopia Monday noon by Mrs. Robert L. Elfstrom, who visited that little known portion of the "dark continent" last winter.

Mrs. Elfstrom's word picture of the squalor, the filth and to an American, almost unbelievable conditions, was a vivid one and her discourse held her audience in close attention throughout.

A visit to her sister was the reason for Mrs. Elfstrom's air flight to Ethiopia. Life in that country is crude and the natives have little knowledge of the balance of the world, said the speaker. There are no water systems, no sewage disposal plants and no "Chic Sales." The latter fact doesn't inhibit the natives and the visitor soon becomes accustomed to the strange occurrences.

To the foreigners who are living in Ethiopia the visit of an outsider is a high light in their lives. They are cut off almost entirely from the outside world, since there are no newspapers, little or no radio communication and the magazines are old when received.

Mrs. Elfstrom reported the natives as being "fanatically religious"; the flies as the most bothersome pests in the country and commented that the "dogs sleep all day in order that they may bark all night."

## Urges Prosecution of Newsprint Trust

Washington, Nov. 13 (AP)—Rep. Celler (D., N.Y.) urged the justice department yesterday to start court action "to restore competition in the newsprint industry."

As chairman of the house judiciary committee, Celler recently conducted an inquiry into the American and Canadian newsprint industry. He wrote Attorney General McGrath that a score or more of newsprint mills

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## Phone Strikers Claim 'Lockout'

New York, Nov. 13 (AP)—Long distance telephone operators in New York City charged today they were "locked out" when they reported for work after striking equipment workers removed picket lines.

The American Telephone & Telegraph Co., said that the charge of "lockout is absurd." In Pittsburgh, mounted police dispersed a crowd of pickets who surrounded a small Bell truck halted in traffic. There were no injuries.

The New York operators reported at the A.T.&T. long lines center in three shifts. Large numbers of them—estimated at 1,300—left the building within a short time. They charged they had been told by chief operators to leave after they said they would continue to respect picket lines. They said the company told them they had other workers for the jobs.

The company, in a typewritten statement, said "we are glad to have our employees back if they sincerely wish to help us do the job."

"Dallas Junior High Slates Open House" Dallas—As a feature of American Education week, the Dallas Junior high school will have open house on Thursday November 16, at 8 p.m., J. Marion O'Brien, principal, announces. Purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for parents to become more thoroughly acquainted with school objectives and with the personnel. All parents and friends are invited.

have made uniform price boosts recently. "I believe that here is clear evidence of violation of the anti-trust laws of this country," he wrote. "The evidence of uniform pricing practices, historic in the industry, shows that competition no longer determines newsprint prices."

## Change in Draft Age Considered

Chicago, Nov. 13 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, the nation's selective service director, says America's manpower must serve both the economy and the armed forces.

He said the draft may have to be extended to 18-year-olds and to men older than 25. Hershey spoke at a North-western University radio panel broadcast yesterday by the Mutual Broadcasting system.

Although there are an estimated 8,000,000 men in the 18-26 age group, Hershey said, some 1,000,000 have dependents, another 3,000,000 are veterans and a large proportion of those remaining do not meet physical or mental requirements.

In the older group there are many men who would be of greater value in the economy than in the military forces, he said.

He said men taken from the higher age bracket should be

## Editors Attend Atom Seminar

Huntsville, Ala. Nov. 13 (AP)—Southern editors, reporters and scientists today opened a two-day seminar on atomic energy.

About 100 delegates from 10 states are taking part in the session. It is designed to help the newspapermen prepare informative stories on atomic energy.

Coleman A. Harwell, vice president and editor of the Nashville Tennessean, scheduled a keynote address at an opening luncheon. Dr. Sumner Pike, member of the atomic energy commission, is to address a banquet tonight. Leading scientists will speak during the seminar.

The gathering is sponsored by the AEC, National University Extension association, and the Southern University Council on atomic energy.

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