

EVENING TRAIN TO SAN FRANCISCO IS EARLY OBJECTIVE

Baggage-Mail Car, Day Coach, Standard Pullman, Diner-Lounge in Train.

Southern Pacific today announced plans for restoration of through passenger service between San Francisco and Grants Pass, Oregon, via the Siskiyou Lines, to be put into effect as soon as ODT restrictions are lifted on the use of sleeping cars in runs of 450 miles or less.

All stations between Dunsuir and Grants Pass, including Ashland and Medford, will be served, according to the announcement.

The San Francisco-Grants Pass through service was discontinued January 12, 1942, the Southern Pacific announcing the action in discontinuing 27 passenger trains over its system was taken to make equipment and crews available for pressing war needs. Bus service was substituted on the run between Grants Pass and Dunsuir.

First Restoration

"Although Southern Pacific is still hard pressed for passenger cars and locomotives because of the heavy homecoming troop traffic, we are arranging to re-establish Southern Oregon service at the earliest possible date," said Claude E. Peterson, vice-president in charge of system passenger traffic. "This is our first move to restore passenger service curtailed by the war."

Re-establishment of through passenger service between San Francisco and Grants Pass will be accomplished, Peterson said, by putting back trains No. 7 and No. 8, the "Shasta," on the run between Dunsuir and Grants Pass. The cars for these trains will be handled from San Francisco to Dunsuir in the "Oregonian," and from Dunsuir to San Francisco in the "Klamath."

Tentative Schedule

Equipment will consist of a baggage-mail car, day coach, standard pullman sleeper and diner-lounge car, it was stated.

As tentatively set up, the northbound schedule calls for departure from San Francisco at 6:40 p. m., and arrival in Grants Pass at 11:30 a. m. Southbound, the departure from Grants Pass will be at 4:30 p. m., with arrival in San Francisco at 10:50 a. m.

Although the time of arrival and departure has not yet been fixed for Medford, local railroad men pointed out that running time between here and Grants Pass is approximately one hour.

The Jackson county Chamber of Commerce and other civic groups and individuals in the southern Oregon and northern California area affected have long been working for resumption of the service. It has been particularly stressed that handling of soldiers in and out of Camp White and patients and staff of the Navy hospital at the camp require more adequate facilities.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for National and American baseball teams and their records.

Beast of Belsen Identified As One Who Picked Victims For Gas Room

Lueneburg, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Josef Kramer, the "Beast of Belsen," was identified in court today as one of the nazis who picked out victims for the gas chambers at Oswiecim, where he formerly was a guard.

A grim game of identification was played in the Lueneburg courtroom where Kramer and 44 other nazi men and women are on trial charged with the atrocities at the Belsen and Oswiecim concentration camps.

Hona Sein, a Hungarian girl who was at Oswiecim, identified eight of the defendants by sight, thwarting a defense effort to mix them up in the prisoners' dock and confuse the witness. Identification numbers were removed from the breasts of the defendants.

Miss Stein pointed out eight, some of whom she said she saw selecting victims for the execution chambers at Oswiecim. Among them were Kramer and Stanislaw Staroska, one of the defendants who had changed places before the witness entered.

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Weather

FORECAST: Clear tonight and Thursday. Slightly warmer. Highest Yesterday, 79. Lowest this Morning, 44.

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Dash for Freedom Foiled at Portland Jail



Five of 17 prisoners who escaped from Multnomah County Jail atop seven-story Portland, Ore., courthouse through ventilating shaft were caught before they were able to leave building. Shown (left to right) are lifer Robert Brockman, 32, who engineered the daring escape by tunneling from cell block into shaft with knife and razor blade; Charles Camp, Joseph Dekosta, Martin Benson and George Lechner.

Browder Defends 1939 German-Russian Pact As Move Which Saved From Nazi Conquest

Washington, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Earl Browder, deposed leader of the American communist party, today denied that the communists want to destroy the American system and defended the 1939 German-Russian non-aggression pact as a move which saved Russia and the United States from Nazi conquest.

He gave these views as the house committee on un-American activities began its exploration of the class war philosophy of American communists. Browder, who identified himself as now "unemployed," put the committee on notice that he would not answer questions about his political opinions.

Browder's testimony opened with committee counsel Ernie Adamson questioning him about documents relating to dissolution of the American communist party in May, 1944, and its reconstruction last July, when Browder was ousted as party head.

Asked if the new party was the same as the one dissolved, Browder replied: "That's the record."

Browder also observed that it might be better if no one were called to testify about those activities "unless this is an investigation of merit and not a smear campaign."

Chairman John S. Wood, D. Ga., rapped the gavel and said the committee would permit no "insinuations."

Adamson asked Browder about his past connection with the party and his attendance at the communist international convention at Moscow in 1935.

When Browder said the convention dealt with the threat of Nazism and another world war, Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, R., N.J., asked if American communists had not first called World War II an "imperialist" war and supported the German-Russian non-aggression pact of 1939.

Browder replied that he did not think judgment could be passed on "that very important period in such an off-hand manner." Many American leaders, he said, had revised their opinions about that pact.

Browder said the pact was in the interest of the United States. Mitchell, a democrat, who served in the cabinet of former President Herbert Hoover, accepted the job without a decision on what his fee will be.

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because it enabled Russia to prepare for war. Without that respite, he said, "Hitler might have conquered the Soviet union, which would have quarantined his conquering America."

Rep. Gerald W. Landis, R., Ind., asked if the United States did not have the highest standard of living in the world. Browder agreed. Landis then asked why the communist wanted to destroy the American system. Browder replied "We do not want to."

WM. D. MITCHELL NAMED COUNSEL IN PEARL PROBE

Washington, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The Congressional Pearl Harbor Investigating committee today chose William Dewitt Mitchell, 71, New York, former attorney general, as chief counsel for its inquiry into the Japanese attack of Dec. 7, 1941.

The selection was made during a closed meeting between Mitchell and the committee. Mitchell, a democrat, who served in the cabinet of former President Herbert Hoover, accepted the job without a decision on what his fee will be.

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NIPPON WEAPONS TO BE SCRAPPED

Tokyo, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today ordered virtually all Japanese weapons reduced to scrap for use in Japanese civilian relief.

He also directed the Japanese government to turn over all army and navy food, clothing, transportation and supplies to the Japanese home ministry for civilian relief with strict accounting to his headquarters.

The first veterans of the European war to join in the occupation of Japan landed at Yokohama today. They were members of the 97th division, which fought in the German Ruhr, and will relieve Pacific veterans of the 43rd division. Men of the 43rd will return to the United States aboard the same ships which departed the 97th division.

Low-point men in the 43rd will be combed out and attached to the newly-arrived unit. Roosevelt school is closed rest of week. No school will be held at the Roosevelt school for the remainder of the week due to more extensive boiler repair needs than first expected.

E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent, announced today. Classes are to resume Monday, he said. Today's announcement was in correction of an earlier announcement that the school would be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday only.

GEN. PATTON CALLED ON CARPET; MUST EXPLAIN NAZI PREFERENCE

IKE WOULD HEAR OFFICER'S SIDE IN CONTROVERSY

Subordinate's Advocacy of Nazi Retention in Bavarian Offices Brings Call.

Frankfurt, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called Gen. George S. Patton on the carpet today to give an account of his stewardship in Bavaria, where he favored the retention of Nazis in certain minor administrative posts.

Patton was ordered to appear personally at American occupation headquarters within a week to present his side of the controversy; and to report on any Nazis who may be holding office in the Bavarian province of which he is military governor.

Washington, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—President Truman said today he had never received any official notice that any of the interested allied powers were dissatisfied with the occupation control of Japan under a single supreme commander, Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Lt. Gen. Walter B. Smith, Eisenhower's chief of staff, announced the summons to Patton at a press conference here today.

Smith said that if Patton is unable to give a satisfactory report on "his stewardship," it was not known what disciplinary action Eisenhower would take.

He asked correspondents to watch closely for the next week to see if any marked changes for the better are made to improve U. S. political control in Bavaria.

Eisenhower yesterday ordered the removal of all Nazis throughout the American occupation zone from any administrative positions, civil or industrial. The order was effective today.

Patton at a press conference at his Bavarian headquarters, advocated the use of Nazi officials in some secondary posts, at the same time insisting he was carrying out Eisenhower's directives to the letter and would continue to do so.

PERKINS GRANTED SUSPENDED TERM

Floy L. Perkins entered a plea of guilty in circuit court yesterday to a charge of uttering a false check and was sentenced to not less than three years in state prison by Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna. Sentence was suspended and Perkins was granted a parole to the district attorney, with orders to report monthly to the official.

LaBarn F. Keller, 21, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl; Eugene Bellows, 29, George Prauss, 50, and Veon Robertson, 21, all charged with uttering false checks, entered pleas of guilty to a district attorney's information and had their sentences continued, pending further investigation by authorities.

Keller is alleged to have brought a 15-year old girl here from Eugene ten days ago. Tomorrow morning at 9 a. m., all dairy breeds will be judged by Walter Leth, county agent from Polk Co. Beef, hogs and sheep are being judged by Harry Lindgren, livestock fieldman of the Oregon Extension service.

Special awards in all classes will be presented before the auction sale at 1 p. m. Thursday. PAY EXPLOSION DAMAGE Washington, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal revealed today that \$463,000 has already been paid out in damages resulting from explosion of two ammunition ships at Port Chicago, Calif., July 17, 1944, and asked congress to pay an additional \$1,405,000.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—President Truman said today he probably would be unable to keep dates for two public appearances next month—a cotton picking contest at Blytheville, Ark., on Oct. 5 and an American Legion fair at Carruthersville, Mo., the next day.

BRITAIN, CHINA BACK U.S. STAND ON JAP CONTROL

Russian Proposal for Commission to Rule Japan Meets Big Five Opposition

London, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Britain and China were reported today to have joined the United States in opposing consideration at the current Big Five conference of a Soviet proposal for establishment of an Allied control commission for Japan.

A Soviet source confirmed that Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov had presented a memorandum to the Foreign Ministers' conference urging establishment of the Pacific council on grounds that the time had arrived for a "joint effort to secure the peace."

Molotov appeared inclined to criticize American handling of the occupation of Japan and desirous of gaining a voice in the matter. He suggested that Britain and China also join the proposed control council.

U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes refused to discuss the Soviet memorandum on grounds that Pacific affairs were not on the agenda for the present Big Five meeting.

He said the procedure for the occupation of Japan already had been established by the terms of the Potsdam declaration and of Japan's surrender. Therefore, he said, the United States had not come to London prepared to discuss Japan.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Shih-Chieh subsequently supported the American position, informants said.

Due Next Meeting Though the United States appeared to have headed off consideration of Japan at the present meeting, informed sources said it was logical to assume that the next meeting of the Foreign Ministers' council would be devoted to the Pacific enemy.

United States was considered a likely site for the next meeting. The Soviet memorandum generally was regarded as a unilateral Russian move perhaps aimed at strengthening Russia's diplomatic bargaining position in the Pacific.

Though Australia also has been anxious to force consideration of Japan at the present meeting, a source close to Australian Foreign Minister Herbert Evatt said he had no advance knowledge of the Soviet move.

GIRLS WALK OFF WITH PRIZES AT 4-H CLUB FAIR

Marilyn Bohnert, Central Point, won grand champion and champion award with her Hereford baby beef, and Carol Lee Wright, Antelope, won champion and reserve champion with her Angus baby beef at the Jackson County 4-H Club fair being held at the fairgrounds. These champions will be offered in the auction sale to be held Thursday, starting at 1:30 p. m. It was erroneously stated yesterday that the sale would be on Friday.

Following are the prize winners in each class of baby beef: Hereford (heavy) 1st—Allene Owens, Valleyview. 2nd—Clara Mae Bigham, Antelope. 3rd—Elva Carlton, Upper Rogue. 4th—Beth McCurley, Westside. 5th—Henry Padgham, Roxy Ann. 6th—Pete Flury, Antelope.

Angus Baby Beef 1st—Carol Lee Wyatt, Antelope (champion and reserve champion). 2nd—Jan Freeman, Antelope. 3rd—Walter Cahail, Antelope. 4th—Walter Byrd, Bellview. 5th—Robert Byrd, Bellview.

Hereford (heavy light) 1st—Fay Ash, Upper Rogue. 2nd—Louise Thames, Roxy Ann. 3rd—Tom Carlton, Upper Rogue. 4th—Lorena Millard, Reese Creek. 5th—Betty Bradshaw, Lake Creek. 6th—Charles Ashpole, Roxy Ann.

Church Women Will Meet to Organize Community Program

To plan a combined leadership institute and world community day program, members of the education and projects committees of the Medford Council of Church Women will meet Friday at 1:45 p. m. in the ladies' parlors of the Presbyterian church. The institute and community day program will be held in the near future.

Mrs. Edith Baker heads the projects committee, and other members are the Mesdames D. W. Bower, J. W. Watkins, Guy Cox, Arthur Newton, Arnold Korasrad and John Larwood. Head of the education committee is Mrs. Bert R. Elliott and other members of the committee are the Mesdames Paul Ryming, W. M. Votaw, C. W. Monia, Margaret Fabricic and Clarence A. Meeker. Mrs. L. C. Kirby is president of the council.

Complete Shutdown of All Production Looms; Householders Fear Fuel Shortage

Los Angeles, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The lumber strike in Klamath Falls, Ore., may result in halt of California's record crop being lost because of lack of boxes, Arthur Clarke, manager of Independent Citrus Growers and Shippers Association, warned today.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Complete shutdown of all the lumber production in the Pacific northwest hinged today on a meeting of the International

Two more sawmills in Jackson county were listed today as closed because of the AFI west coast lumber strike demanding an increase in wages. The two operations added to the list are Seggesman Lumber company at Shady Cove and the G. S. Elder mill at Trail.

Eight mills in the county are now reported closed as a direct result of the strike. Others are Rogue River Lumber company, Rogue River; Southern Oregon Planing mill and Southern Oregon Sugar Pine, both of Central Point; and Medford Corporation, McMurray and Martin Planing mill and Tiller Mill and Lumber company, all of Medford.

Negotiating committee of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO). The union committee met to act on ballots filed by local, overwhelmingly authorizing leaders to call a strike if demands for a 25 cent an hour wage increase were not met.

With 60,000 AFL members already on strike, a similar walkout by the CIO would idle another 40,000 sawmill, logging and timber workers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and northern California.

Fear Fuel Shortage Throughout the strike area, home-owners made frantic calls to fuel dealers, hoping to stock up before the advent of one of the worst wood fuel shortages in recent years.

All signs pointed to an extension of the lumber crisis to the entire Pacific coast area, as organizations promised sympathy measures to aid AFL lumbermen, striking in support of demands for industry-wide minimum wage of \$1.10 an hour.

A declaration by Dave Beck, international vice-president of the AFL teamsters union that his men would ignore picket lines of striking sawmill workers was answered today by Phil Brady, president of the Oregon joint council of drivers and of the Portland central council who declared the teamsters would not pass the picket lines.

American canneries report that two of the latest products are canned sandwiches, meat between two slices of bread, and combination meat and fruit, such as pork and applesauce.

6 BURN TO DEATH IN HOTEL BLAZE AT FORT BRAGG

Fort Bragg, Cal., Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Six persons were burned to death and eight injured critically today when a fire destroyed the two-story, wooden-frame Oaks hotel.

One of the hotel's 32 occupants was unaccounted for as firemen battled to put out the last of the flames still burning in some sections of the building. The known dead included a child, two women, and three men who were trapped on the second floor and burned beyond recognition. The victims were identified tentatively as:

Ben Daveto, Fort Bragg fishing industry employe. Mrs. Chester Sargent, 49, Eureka, and her 16-year-old daughter, Wanda. Lester Marsh, San Francisco telephone company lineman. Mr. and Mrs. Brighton, Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Sargent and her daughter had been visiting her husband, an employe at a redwood tree plant. Marsh and a crew of three men were working on Fort Bragg telephone lines. There was no information on the Brightons other than that they were an elderly couple who planned to buy a home in the Fort Bragg area.

The fire was believed to have started in the east end of the hotel lobby or in the adjoining bar. Cause of the blaze and extent of damages have not been determined.

CHORINES PROTEST

Mexico City, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—A group of American actresses protested to the American embassy today that a Mexico theater owner was trying to force them to play at a disreputable night club.

SIDE GLANCES

Tom Williams wondering if the Archduke Felix could be coaxed into helping harvest his pear crop. Ruth Meeker promising an extra star for the reportorial "crown" in return for some needed publicity. Carlos Morris gazing after a woman pushing an empty wheel chair and wondering if she anticipated an accident.

KLAMATH TO GET FEDERAL COURT

Washington, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—The House Judiciary committee yesterday approved an amended bill to fix a term of the U. S. district court at Klamath Falls, Ore.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Lowell Stockman, R., Ore., was amended to provide that district court shall be held at Klamath Falls if no additional courtroom facilities are provided by the government. Stockman said a county courtroom could be used.

The measure, now ready for consideration of the full house, provided that the court be held in Klamath Falls the first Tuesday in June. Another amendment specified that the deputy court clerk from Medford would serve during the new term. A deputy marshal would be stationed at Klamath Falls.

Paul Hanlin, deputy marshal here, will serve as deputy court clerk for the Klamath Falls federal court. The deputy marshal to be stationed at Klamath Falls will serve under the Medford marshal's office, Hanlin said.

DOUBLE TROUBLE Los Angeles, Sept. 26—(U.P.)—Two persons were killed and seven injured today when a car driven by Mrs. Bernice Wilson, 30, crashed into a crowd of 30 people drawn to the scene of a previous traffic accident.