

Year-End Report At Airport Shows Decline In Flying

Private flying activities at the Medford municipal airport continued to decline during 1949, following a general trend throughout the United States. The local decline is reflected in figures for the past three years shown in a report compiled by Airport Manager John Applegate.

He revealed that there were 29,300 civil landings at the airport in 1949 contrasted to 47,359 in 1948 and 76,095 in 1947.

Air force and air carrier landings last year were greater than in 1947 but less than in 1948. The air force totals were 1,250 in 1947; 7,576 in 1948, and 4,366 in 1949. Air carrier figures showed 6,750 in 1947; 7,898 in 1948, and 7,825 in 1949. Navy landings were 1,289 in 1947; 1,591 in 1948, and 1,047 in 1949.

Totals Given
Operations and traffic showed a grand total of 85,844 landings for 1947 compared to 42,598 last year. There were 64,424 during 1948. Of last year's operations 18,694 were transient and 23,904 local.

December traffic was the lowest for one month since record keeping was inaugurated in January 1947. Traffic was 1,991 compared to 2,111 in November, previous low.

Air carriers noted an increase in outgoing passengers, express and freight during 1949 and decrease in mail dispatched. Incoming totals were not complete because figures from Southwest Airways were not available.

Air Lines Loadings
In 1949 United Air Lines boarded 11,127 passengers, Southwest 4,915 and West Coast Airlines 4,992, or 21,034 altogether (20,031 in 1948). During last year 11,050 persons embarked from United planes and 4,778 from West Coast.

Pounds air mail dispatched last year were: United 40,527; Southwest 13,039, and West Coast 7,406 for 60,972 a combined total (68,402 in 1948). United unloaded 33,605 pounds and West Coast 7,063.

United's outgoing express in 1949 was 6,283 pounds; Southwest's 7,677 and West Coast's 7,712, a 21,253 total (18,342 in 1948). United brought in 20,071 and West Coast 10,101.

Freight sent from Medford's airport was, United 20,525 pounds and Southwest 58,337, or 78,862 in all (35,188 in 1948). United unloaded 43,727.

Revenue Total
Airport revenue during 1949 was \$14,895.53 of which \$5,379.73 was from the airlines. The total includes land, building and office rentals \$3,036.12; hangar rent \$2,380.76; landing fees \$1,082.23; fixed base operator's fees \$280.58; gasoline and oil concessions \$1,100; miscellaneous concessions \$191.53; heat and janitor service \$825; tie-downs \$890.09 and buildings and other items sold \$2,419.12.

A private hangar subdivision was planned and developed during the year. Leases on this area were granted to Paul Smith and to Medford Air service for hangar and shop buildings. Two lots in a block later were leased to C. B. Collins, Chester A. Hubbard and R. A. Skinner for construction of a three-place "T" type hangar, which has been completed.

Installation of elevated, medium intensity light on the main runway was completed in August. Proposed projects including a new administration building and high intensity runway lights in conjunction with an instrument landing system were continued into 1950.

Greatest single event of 1949 at the airport was the aviation fair on September 18.

Pacific Fleet May Be Strengthened Further

Washington, Jan. 11 — (U.P.) — Adm. Forrest P. Sherman indicated today that the Pacific fleet may be strengthened further.

He said at a defense department news conference on the military budget that some changes have been made in plans for distribution of the navy's 238 operational warships between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Sherman would not say what shifts are planned. However, he said, the size of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets "will be readjusted to meet the strategic situation, if necessary."

Not Even Conservative Victory Expected To Return Britain to Ways of Pre-War Days After Five-Year Laborite Change

(Editor's Note: Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee announced last night that a general election will be held in Great Britain on Feb. 23, in that election, British socialism will be on trial. In the following dispatch, a member of the United Press cables staff who was assigned to London during most of the labor government's five years in power tells how Attlee and his colleagues have changed the whole British way of life.)

By Homer Jenks
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London, Jan. 11.—Britain has had five years of socialism, and never again will be the same.

Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee and his labor government have changed irrevocably the British way of life. Not even a conservative victory in this year's general election will bring back the pre-war Britain.

It has been a five-year revolution, albeit a peaceful one. Probably in no similar period in British history has the whole basis of the nation's life been altered so completely.

The socialists have brought the individual Briton unparalleled security from womb to tomb. But they have made him pay for it with the heaviest taxes in the western world and hemmed him in with restrictions hitherto unknown in these enlightened days outside totalitarian countries.

Mothers Get Grant
The benevolent government interests itself in the citizen even before birth. If a prospective mother works to help balance the family budget, she gets \$5 a week for 13 weeks—including before and after the birth. She gets an additional \$11.20 as a special birth grant.

A non-working housewife also gets a grant of \$11.20, plus \$2.80 a week for four weeks.

No mother, and indeed no Briton, need worry about doctor or hospital bills. Under the controversial national health plan, all medical care at home or in the hospital is free. Mothers also get free orange juice from the government for their babies.

For each child after her first, a mother gets an extra 70 cents a week until the child becomes of age.

Britons Insured
The government also insures all Britons for unemployment, injury, sickness and retirement. Every widow gets a pension for up to 13 weeks if she is under 50 years of age; if older, she gets it for the rest of her life. If she has children, an augmented life pension begins at once.

If any Briton needs false teeth, spectacles, a toupee or even a hot water bottle, he gets them free under the national health plan.

And at death, the government contributes \$56 toward his burial expenses.

To support this gigantic welfare program, the government taxes all incomes over \$378 a year at a basic rate of 40 per cent and a sliding scale of surtaxes.

Special Deduction
A married man with two children earning \$2,800 a year pays an annual tax of \$504. If he earned \$28,000, he would pay \$17,717. A single man earning the same salaries would pay \$743 and \$17,957 respectively.

Then there are special payroll deductions of up to 70 cents a week for every worker to help pay the cost of the national health, insurance and assistance plans, sales taxes ranging from 33 1/3 to 100 per cent, inheritance taxes ranging from 1 to 75 per cent, and assorted taxes on beer, liquor and entertainment.

This high taxation, along with the welfare state program and the war-time boost in the lower-bracket wages have carried Britain a long way toward the socialist goal of equality.

The number of Britons with net income above \$420 a year has more than doubled since 1939. Those earning \$14 to \$28 a week have nearly trebled. But persons with an income after taxes of \$2,800 or more has dropped 25 per cent. Fewer than 900 persons now earn more than \$11,000 a year after taxes, and

there are only 45 who earn more than \$17,000.

Job Dictated

For the first time in any democratic country, the government also has assumed the power to tell workers what jobs they must take. The unemployed or those wishing to change their jobs must go to government employment exchanges. If they refuse to take one of the several jobs offered them, the government can fine them and send them to jail.

The government took this power under the direction of employment order in an attempt to channel workers into essential industries in the nation's economic crisis.

Alabama Court Upholds Taylor's Fine, Sentence

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—The Alabama court of appeals today upheld Sen. Glen Taylor's \$50 fine and 180-day jail sentence imposed by a Jefferson (Birmingham) county circuit court jury for disorderly conduct.

Taylor (D. Ida.) was convicted last April after being arrested while he was campaigning as Henry Wallace's running mate on the progressive party ticket.

Entered Wrong Door
He was prevented by policemen from entering a Birmingham church through a doorway marked for Negroes only. He was given a \$50 fine and a suspended 180-day sentence. However, upon his appeal a circuit court jury gave him a \$50 fine and 180 days in jail, not suspended.

At that time, Taylor vowed he would carry the case all the way to the U.S. supreme court on the grounds that he was arrested actually for violating Birmingham's segregation laws, which he said were unconstitutional.

Court of appeals' officials said his next step would be to apply for a rehearing in this court. If the rehearing is denied he could appeal to the Alabama supreme court.

JESSUP IN KOREA
Seoul, Korea, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—Philip Jessup, United States ambassador-at-large, arrived in Korea by air from Tokyo today for conferences with American and South Korean government officials.

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'Mercy Death' Trial Set For February 20

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—The "mercy death" murder trial of Dr. Hermann N. Sander, 41, will open in superior court here February 20, it was announced today.

Clerk of Courts Arthur S. Healy said the date had been set by Superior Judge Harold E. Westcott.

Healy said "presumably" Westcott would preside since he is the presiding justice at the current term of Hillsborough county superior court.

Sander, who cannot practice pending trial, would face a maximum penalty of death on the gallows if convicted of first-degree murder.

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Comfortable Hogs Lack In Production

Washington, Jan. 11.—(U.P.)—The farmer who can make life "comfortable" for his hogs will cut his pork production costs, the agriculture department reported today.

The department said tests at its Davis, Calif., experiment station show there is a particular temperature at which hogs are most "comfortable." It said they gain weight faster on less grain.

The tests indicated the most favorable temperature for hogs of 166 to 260 pounds is about 60 degrees. Hogs weighing 70 to 144 pounds gained most when the mercury stood at 75.

New Chemical Makes Grass Grow Slower

Portland, Ore., Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—An Oregon State college agronomist had good news for persons who dread summer-time task of mowing their lawns.

Virgil Freed, agronomist at the Oregon State college experiment station, yesterday told the Oregon Weed Growers League convention here that last summer he treated his lawn with a new chemical that retarded growth of grass, keeping it green and about two inches high all summer.

Freed said the chemical was IPC—or isopropyl N-phenyl carbamate.

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