

Purchasing Stamps, Obtaining Trunk, Said Long and Difficult Process in Vienna

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles written for The Mail Tribune by a well-known Medford woman, now spending several months in Vienna.)

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Vienna, Austria — Some things are complicated here, especially so is stamp buying. You find a Tabak Traffik place, or even a small post office, and you tell the clerk what you want — a stamp. He leaves the desk, goes over to a folder, opens it slowly, picks up the sheet of stamps, and quite carefully takes one out. If it is an airmail stamp you desire, that is quite another thing. Then the clerk first takes your thin little letter, and after adjusting the delicate scales, he weighs it, adding or taking off the little weights, and you purchase two, or three stamps as the case may be. Then he puts his book back, as though that were the business of the day, and by the time you have the stamps on your letter, and he says "Auf Wiedersehen," and you say "Auf Wiedersehen," and the project is about ended — not quite — for there is the matter of finding some place to mail your letter. You hunt for that. Some times it is on the same street, but often you go around some corner.

From then on it is out of your hands — the Russians do the next bit. All mail goes through the censorship. At the end of the war the Allies censored letters, but the necessity has long since ceased.

However, the Russians, wishing to know how much their satellites are enjoying life, insist that it be continued, and so hundreds of employees wade through all letters leaving or entering Austria. That is why I do not write more to my friends as it costs so much, it takes so long, and I never have the feeling that a letter may get where it is sent. However, friends of mine let me mail things now from the Embassy, which is sent by American mail, and any mail sent to me may be sent to the Embassy, or to A.P.O. 777.

Trunks More Difficult — Only one matter is more difficult than buying a stamp — that is getting a trunk out of storage. I am somehow surprised whenever something is accomplished; I am never sure it is going to be, because these people operate so differently. You can not hurry them; but I discovered they seldom make a mistake.

It is really interesting. The day we arranged (and it was an official arrangement between the American Express and me, and called for several visits previous to the day, the actual day, I was to go to the office to go to

the station to fetch the trunk) I arrived early, on time. I had to wait until the American Express clerk arrived. Then I took a chair while he telephoned to the Bahnhof to see if the custom officials had arrived. They had not, so I waited some more. But finally after calling several times, we were on our way. We went in the tram, and it took about half an hour. From then on, getting my trunk would have made a movie — back and forth we went — into one building after another, missing the right person, giving passport, papers, and paying money, opening and examining the trunk, hunting transfer men, and finally, with myself on the truck at the suggestion of the American Express boy, who thought we should go "mit dem koffer," we were on the way. The transfer man carried the heavy trunk on his back up three flights of stone stairs, and into the apartment. And that is typical. You just can't be in a hurry.

Exciting Day

One recent Sunday was an exciting day. Mr. Acheson was coming, and the Ekerns asked me to go out with them to the airport to see him. The Ekerns had planned to have demonstrations, and all over the road and highway leading to the Tulln Air Base were chalk signs "Acheson go home—Ami (their name for Americans) go home."

It is about 30 miles to the Tulln Air Base, through the Russian zone, and about every 200 feet the gendarmes were stationed, and truck loads of Austrian police at every village along the way. It was a beautiful trip along the Danube through the peaceful lovely country side, where people were walking and there were many little Kajaks on the water, and people were sunning on the banks. It made it incongruous. No one was allowed at the airport without special permission. The band from Wiesbaden played and the few airmen stood at attention as the plane — the President's "Independence," landed. Mr. Acheson was much taller than I had known, and was as aloof as he is reputed to be.

Looks Like Diplomat

He was very dignified and handsome, and looked as one likes to think of our diplomats as looking. Then Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly and Colonel and Mrs. Guillet (the commander of the air base) went with him in the ambassador's special train, back to Vienna. We stayed while the young people swam in the officer's pool. This air base was for Hitler's Luftwaffe, and the club was his officers' club—done over in the American way. I feel certain nostalgia about

the Tulln Airport, for Heinie Fluhrer—I think this is right—designed the station when the Americans took it over. Because it is used only for the Pan American landings and on special occasions such as Sunday, it is, with the exception of perhaps new flooring and wall board, just as it was four years ago—probably as it was originally.

The Ekerns were invited to a special command performance of the Marriage of Figaro, given at St. Joseph's Palace, in honor of Mr. Acheson and his party, and yesterday assisted Mrs. Donnelly at a large reception for them.

President Approves Five-State Compact

Washington—(U.P.)—President Truman Thursday signed into law a bill giving congressional consent to negotiation of a compact by five northwestern states for apportionment of the waters of the Columbia river.

The states are Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

Another bill signed by the president opens the way for construction of irrigation works at Chief Joseph dam on the Columbia, Interior Secretary Oscar L. Chapman was authorized to study means for irrigating the land in the surrounding area and report back to Congress.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

PGE Ready To Fight Pelton Dam Order

Portland — (U.P.) — Officials of the Portland General Electric company said Thursday they were preparing to fight an order of the Oregon Hydroelectric commission denying PGE permission to construct the Pelton dam on the Deschutes river.

Thomas W. Delzell, chairman of PGE's board of directors, said the commission's decision was "disappointing but not fatal."

"We plan to work energetically toward the Pelton dam's ultimate construction," Delzell said.

He said PGE also would explore the "legal avenues" for getting permission to construct another larger dam eight miles upstream at the Round Butte site.

"The commission by its action does particular violence to the hopes and aspirations of central Oregon, which for many years has looked upon the Deschutes river as an important potential power source," he said.

PGE asserts that Pelton and Round Butte together would add about \$70,000,000 to the taxable wealth of Oregon and would provide more than 1,000,000,000 kilowatt hours of electric energy yearly.

SO HE SAYS

Alliance, Neb. — (U.P.) — Maybe there's room for the backseat driver after all. An Alliance man claims he was so used to following his wife's instructions that when she developed a case of laryngitis he was nearly helpless behind the wheel.

Douglas Reaffirms Kefauver Backing

Chicago—(U.P.)—Sen Paul H. Douglas of Illinois says he will support Sen. Estes Kefauver for the Democratic presidential nomination even if Illinois Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson becomes a candidate.

Douglas also has said flatly that "I would not accept the vice-presidential nomination."

Douglas appeared on the NBC-TV program "Youth wants to Know."

Douglas predicted that no more than 10 ballots would be needed to select a candidate.

Asked if he would accept a "draft" himself in case of a deadlocked convention, the Illinoisian said "I don't think we'll have a deadlock—I think we'll nominate Kefauver."

The Grange

Eagle Point Grange

A civil defense program was presented at Eagle Point Grange, July 15. Interesting talks were given by Col. Charles Stafford, County Commissioner L. G. Morthland and Captain Winkler, also movies on civil defense were shown.

Ways and Means committee announced a square dance to be held July 19 at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments for this dance to be furnished by the committee.

H.E.C. Chairman Kay Kettlewell told of an ice cream social to be held the evening of July 30 on Ruby Stowell's lawn. Ice cream and cake will be served, the cake will be furnished by ladies

Stevenson's Aides Believe He Would Run If Nominated

Springfield, Ill. — (U.P.) — Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson's lieutenant and aides are positive their boss would accept a presidential draft, but they were just as sure that he doesn't want the job.

The governor's assistants feel that Stevenson could not reject the presidential nomination if the Democratic National Convention handed it to him next week.

Sincere in Denials

But they say privately that the Illinois governor was sincere in his frequent, and patient, denials that he is a candidate for the nomination.

None of Stevenson's official family would permit himself to be quoted by name. They are intensely determined not to embarrass their boss.

In private conversations, they put it this way:

Wants Governorship Again

Stevenson is not interested in the White House in 1952 and wants to win another term as

governor of Illinois.

But his high respect for the presidency would make it impossible for him to refuse if the convention overrode his wishes not even then.

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Rosa Smith, asked that all members of the third and fourth drill team be at the August 5 Grange meeting prepared to put on degree work. It was thought that it would not be necessary to practice for this.

It was announced that Pomona Grange would meet in an evening meeting July 26 at Butte Falls. Saturday, July 19, is clean-up day and all members who can are asked to help clean up the grounds around the Grange hall.



Korean 'GI Bill' Benefits Signed Into Law by HST

Washington — (U.P.) — President Truman Thursday signed a bill giving a "GI Bill of Rights," similar to that which covered veterans of World War II, to veterans of the Korean fighting. A summary of the principal benefits provided in the new bills includes:

Education — School credit will be granted at a rate of 1½ days of school for each day of service after June 27, 1950, with a maximum of 36 months except for veterans who also served in World War II.

Monthly payments — The veteran in full-time training will get \$110 monthly, if single, \$135 with one dependent, and \$160 if he has two or more dependents. From this he would pay tuition, books and living expenses.

On the job and farm training — These provide a lower scale of allowances subject to reduction as training progresses. On-farm training will be limited to persons who own or control their own land, the benefits in such cases amounting to \$95, \$110 with one dependent and \$130 with two or more dependents.

World War II veterans — They will not be eligible for additional schooling benefits if they have used up all the benefits given them under the World

War II bill. However, such veterans who did not exhaust their previous benefits could get schooling benefits raised to 48 school months by serving since June 27, 1950.

Cut-off date for education and training — These must be started by August 20, 1954, or within two years after release from active duty — whichever is later. The period of the payments will be limited to seven years after discharge or seven years after the end of the current emergency — whichever is later.

Loan guarantees — The government will guarantee loans on homes up to \$7,500, on other real estate up to \$4,000 and on other loans up to \$2,000.

Mustering-out pay — The bill provides payment of \$100 for service less than 60 days; \$200 for more than 60 days stateside, and \$300 for more than 60 days served overseas or in Alaska. This applies to all servicemen honorably discharged up to the rank of captain in the Army and Air Force and lieutenant senior grade in the Navy. Payment would be staggered.

Unemployment compensation — Veterans could get up to \$26 a week for up to 26 weeks. This provision dies five years after the end of the emergency.



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