

Ike Intervenes In Airline Dispute

Washington — (U.P.)—President Eisenhower intervened yesterday to forestall a major airline strike threatened for Friday.

The president announced he would create a three-man emergency board to investigate the dispute. His action, under the railway labor act, postpones for at least 60 days the strike ordered by the AFL-Machinists Union against Capital, National, Northwest, Trans World, United and Eastern airlines.

Under the labor act the board has 30 days to make its findings. No strike is permitted for another 30 days after it reports to the president.

The machinists' union had scheduled a strike of 20,000 ground crewmen and mechanics to start Friday at major airports in this country, Alaska and Hawaii.

The dispute involves a union demand for uniform wage rates on all the airlines, five per cent higher than current wages, plus "fringe" benefits. The airlines have demanded rules changes which the union contends would reduce wages.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

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Is That So?

To help clear up a few of the popular misconceptions about animals here's another serving of Fact vs. Fancy.

Fallacy: Birds, like the swallows at Capistrano, Calif., migrate the same day each year.

Fact: A few birds are fairly accurate—but none depart or arrive always on the same day, year in and year out.

Despite a tremendous amount of publicity about the cliff swallows at Capistrano, Calif., migrate the same day each year.



lows at the San Juan Capistrano mission—they are supposed to arrive each March 19 and leave each October 23—it just isn't so. They vary from year to year.

Surely if they did observe the exact date leap year would throw them for a day's loss. But even so, it is remarkable how close to the same day birds will migrate, weather notwithstanding. Experts say that it has to do with the length of day, and the amount of ultra-violet.

Fallacy: The hippopotamus has been called a "bloodsweating behemoth" because it sweats blood.

Fact: In the hot sun, the hippo exudes a thick, brownish fluid which in the bright sunlight may take on a reddish cast, giving the appearance of blood. As for that oily outpouring, it protects the animal's sensitive skin and keeps it moist and pliable.

Fallacy: When monkeys are pawing through their own hair or another monkey's, they are searching for parasites.

Fact: Certainly monkeys do eat parasites—but whether they have parasites or not, they still seek just as diligently, and keep putting something in their mouths.

Actually, they are searching for pieces of dried skin and particles of salt given off by the skin, which they relish. Other mammals get a certain amount

of mineral matter by licking their hides.

Fallacy: An elephant is deathly afraid of mice, presumably because it is afraid that the little fellow might enter the trunk and suffocate it.

Fact: It is not at all uncommon to see a mouse scurrying about in an elephant's cage looking for food and as for the elephant, it seems to care not at all, even when the mouse comes near the trunk. For that matter, if a mouse were to enter the sensitive passageway unobserved, the chances are the elephant would give a tremendous blast through its trunk before it had gone but a few inches and plaster it against the wall.

Fallacy: When human beings touch fawns, the doe will abandon them.

Fact: Despite this persistent notion—and now long will tourists persist in bringing in "abandoned fawns" to National Park headquarters?—the doe will not abandon her youngster.

Certainly upon returning to the area where she had hidden her young and finding a strong human scent, she may become suspicious and avoid it for the time being. That's natural. But when the danger appears past, her strong maternal feeling—together with the pressure of the milk building up in her udder—prompts her to return to the spot to reclaim her offspring.

Actually, were a doe to remain near her fawn constantly, which cannot run fast during the first weeks, she herself would attract predators to it.

Fallacy: Snakes cannot bite under water.

Fact: It snakes were not able to bite under water a large number would go hungry as many teed on fish and frogs. However to poisonous snakes which usually lunge out to strike when they bite, the water offers a certain interference with their striking—but it does not eliminate it.

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STUDENT DIES

Longview, Wash. — (U.P.)—Robert W. Grant, 17-year-old Longview high school student, died yesterday at a Tacoma hospital of injuries received in a traffic accident June 26.

Patterson Points To Need for Better Highway Systems

Portland — (U.P.)—Gov. Paul L. Patterson predicts a crippling blow to the national economy unless the United States either builds up its highway systems or replaces them with "something not now on the horizon."

The governor spoke yesterday to the joint convention of the League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Finance Officers' association.

Economy, Vehicles Related

He estimated that 40 per cent of the nation's economy is related to the operation of vehicles on streets and highways. But, he said, traffic congestion is so great in some eastern cities that motorists are refusing to replace worn-out automobiles.

Gov. Patterson said the next congress would be asked to approve a \$25,000,000,000 outlay for a 10-year highway program in order to meet the problem, and state, county and city governments will be asked to increase highway and street appropriations.

Walter T. Thompson of Bend was elected president of the Oregon Finance Officers during yesterday's session, succeeding Richard E. Singleton of St. Hel-

ens. Raymond O. Williams, La Grande, was elected first vice-president and Earl T. Simonsen, Grants Pass, second vice-president.

Cooperation Effective

Chief James A. Pryde of the Washington State Patrol, and Portland Police Chief James W. Purcell, both of whom have been noted for successful traffic safety programs, told of the effectiveness of public cooperation in accident prevention.

Both also stressed the importance of communications media in their safety program. The police chiefs said the real traffic problem was the "rapid and safe movement of people and commodities, of which the accident problem is only a part."

Grand Larceny Charge Dismissed by Order

An order was signed by Judge Rawles Moore yesterday which dismissed a charge of grand larceny made against Joseph Dexter Atchley, 30, of 520 South Central ave., in October, according to district court records. Motion for dismissal was made

Wednesday, November 17, 1954

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

'Friendship Fund' Contributions Up

Ashland — Contributions to the Jean Thompson Friendship fund yesterday totaled \$847.80, which left only \$195.45 needed to pay the nursing and hospital costs incurred by Miss Thompson at the Ashland General hospital. The ill woman, who was dismissed from the hospital last week, is said to be gaining strength daily and soon will be able to return to her home in England.

She had been in the valley only two weeks when she was taken unexpectedly ill. Miss Thompson is convalescing at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harold Ross, Hartley lane.

She will make the trip home by air and her steamer fare is being exchanged for an air coach ticket from New York to London, but the exchange will not equal the cost of the air coach fare across the ocean. She is going by air because it is essential that she return as early as possible to England where it is expected she will undergo further treatment.

by District Attorney Walter Nunley. Grounds cited were that witnesses have moved away, among others.

GRACE LINE MANAGER
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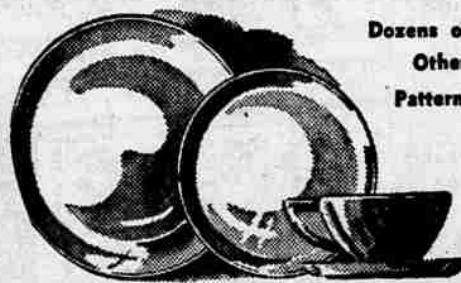
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