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Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Calif., Sept. 15—A beautiful day here after a couple of days of rain—everything washed clean including the President liner "President Cleveland," where greatly to their surprise—and ours—we saw the Leonard Carpenters off to the Orient.

The Carpenters, formerly of Veritas Orchards east of Medford, (now of Carmel, California) have always been great travelers but this will be their first trip west of Honolulu. Their first stop will be Japan where they expect to stay for two or three weeks, then on to China and Thailand—before the war known as Siam. They expect to fly back stopping for a week in Hawaii where they will visit their old friends the Bill Aldriches, who are now stationed there. The Aldriches lived in Medford for a few years, Bill making a study of pear culture for the government, with particular reference to horticultural pathology. He is now doing much the same for the Hawaii pineapple industry.

Only a short time before leaving Medford we discovered the Carpenters were sailing today, and as the Daylight gets into SF after eleven and it is usually around 1 a.m. before one can be settled in a hotel, we doubted if we could see the President Cleveland depart at noon. But we made it with time to spare and had a fine visit with our long-time friends, including a tour of the ship, one of the finest and newest in the Far East service, including elevators, sunshine restaurants, presidential suites, ball rooms, etc., etc.

Thought this quite adventurous and zippy on the part of the "Carp," who (along with a few others) are not as young as they used to be—who is?—but they claimed no special credit, merely eager to see a part of the world that promises to be more and more important as time goes on, and they had never seen. More and more of the older boys and girls should follow their example, unless their credit at the bank has disappeared, for as G.T. would no doubt agree foreign travel takes money.

The taxi-man up from the ferry gave us some bad news—taxi drivers are always full of it—though he thought this news was good for he happens to be a Yankee Fan. The Yankees won and Cleveland lost, putting the latter only a game ahead of the many time champs—too many for this department. But while there is life there is hope.

If betting were not wicked (!) and hadn't been given up many years ago we would put our money on the New Yorkers to win the title and go on to beat Brooklyn! We don't know what it is exactly, but whatever it is, those "damned Yankees" always seem to play their best when the pressure is greatest—and that is the "sine qua non" of all true champions in every sport.

As usual we had to give the taxi man a lecture on Medford and Southern Oregon. When he mentioned the two days rain here he passed out the inevitable—"but you folks are used to that, coming from Oregon!" We told him the average rainfall in Medford is only about half what it is here on the Golden Gate. He expressed surprise, and it was quite obvious from the way he said it, he didn't believe a word of what we said—R.W.R.

San Francisco, Sept. 16—Perhaps there have been periods when San Francisco has not been host to some convention, but we certainly were not present. The state doctors and lawyers are meeting in convention here now, and next week there will be something else. The smog at L.A. may have something to do with this. At least we can imagine one wishing to assemble in Los Angeles if such an ordeal could be avoided. The golden gate area in contrast has no smog and an invigorating all-around climate, this time of year, that is hard to beat. Conventions are just dandy for local hotels and business houses but we doubt if anyone else, outside of the delegates themselves enjoy them. (Imagine what it will be like when the Republicans hold their presidential convention here next year!)

Another reason for the local congestion, particularly in the hotels, is the opening of the Grand Opera season. It is not only traditional here in S.F. to give a dinner or dine-out before the opera, it is still fashionable—the opera that is. The Chronicle this morning for example devoted four pages to names of opera goers in the upper social-brackets, with descriptions of the gals' gowns in detail and many artistic photographs. We noted the wives of four prominent S.F. merchants were given top billing. We don't wish to imply there was ANY direct connection, but of course this action should not HURT advertising!

Among those present—and pictured—was Miss Dolly Fritz who is not only a \$9,000,000 heiress but is young, svelte and attractive. She was snapped with her favorite "boy friend" Philip Stevenson. We don't know a thing about young Stevenson but imagine from his picture he isn't descended from the Robert Louis branch of the family—once residents of Monterey. (No goatee, no mustache, no long hair, no Windsor tie!)

The old and excellent Palace hotel is now sporting a hyphenated name the "Sheraton-Palace." We trust the oysters Rockefeller are unchanged as well as the Palm Court salad. Last night the visiting lawyers held a banquet there for themselves and the local bar. Lewis W. Douglas, former Ambassador to Great Britain, gave the principal address, and while he recently lost the sight of one eye, he has apparently lost none of his vision intellectually or politically for this was his opening statement, quote:

"Co-existence is better than no-existence and two worlds are better than none."

Senator McCarthy, we trust, being a member of the bar, listened in and will profit by it!

The football season opens here tomorrow with Stanford playing College of Pacific and SF State playing San Quentin. All the experts pick Stanford and SF State, but considering the requirements of the modern game and the prevailing odds, we would advise the smart-money boys to pick COP and San Quentin—especially the latter.

The Democrats had a \$100-a-plate dinner the night we arrived but we were not invited. We doubt if Thomas Jefferson would have favored a \$100 entrance fee to a party dinner. He lived very well and had two butlers (colored) but in those days we fear few of his contemporaries would have been able to round up more than \$2.50 for a single meal no matter what the partisan pressure. T.J. might have invited a couple of guests for he like George Washington was pretty well heeled for those days, but he liked a crowd, and always had an eye out for the boys and girls in the lower-brackets.—R.W.R.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

ADENAUER IN MOSCOW

There is no necessary connection between what was agreed to in Moscow and the spectacular drama of Dr. Adenauer's visit to the Kremlin. For the project of establishing diplomatic relations between Bonn and Moscow has been in the works at least since the spring, since before the Soviet government sent its public invitation to Dr. Adenauer. There were private talks, at first through unofficial channels, some months ago. And the basic decision of policy had been reached in Bonn, presumably also in Moscow, by the time West

Germany joined NATO.

Neither government came to its decision in order to do the other one a favor, and almost certainly there is no ground for the notion that the one had something valuable to sell which the other needed to buy. Bonn, having recovered sovereignty, concluded quite rightly that it ought to be represented directly in Moscow and that Moscow should be represented directly in Bonn, while the fate of Germany was being negotiated. Not to have diplomatic relations meant that the Bonn government had to depend on what was reported by the allied ambassadors in Moscow to London, Paris and Washington, and then relayed to Bonn. This indirect and awkward way of doing the business that has to be done was bound to lead not only to misunderstanding and

confusion but also to more and more secret and semi-official contact with the Soviet Union and with East Germany.

We may be sure that Moscow also had its reasons for wishing to establish direct relations with Bonn. By no means the least of these reasons must surely have been that the two embassy staffs will have unofficial official talks that are unchaperoned by the foreign office and the state department.

WHAT has now been accomplished in Moscow—at least publicly and officially—is all that was planned for or expected when these negotiations began some months ago. It was probable from the beginning that there would be a concession on the prisoners, and that the real issue would be how much prestige the Kremlin would let Dr. Adenauer get out of the concessions, how much prestige it would reserve for its satellite government in East Germany.

At the level of substance, not of politics and of public rela-

Rail Competition

Governor Paul Patterson is to receive a recommendation from his transportation advisory committee that he initiate studies into ways and means of providing rail competition into southwestern Oregon and other areas of the state where the Southern Pacific company now has a monopoly.

The committee's 8 to 4 decision to advocate rail competition is an outstanding victory against tremendous odds for Public Utilities Commissioner Charles Heltzel and his staff. The commissioner and his aides furnished the committee with such overwhelming proof of deliberate transportation discrimination against the State of Oregon, and particularly the non-competitive areas on the Southern Pacific system that the committee not only recommended official support for competitive operation, but gave the PUC a unanimous vote of confidence by confirming its findings.

SOUTHERN Pacific company officials put up a determined fight to discredit the PUC investigation, but could not overcome the weight of evidence, painstakingly obtained by PUC personnel and supported by photostatic copies of records, affidavits and other data.

Clifford W. Ferguson, state supervisor of rail transportation, who has directed much of the investigation, gave the committee point-by-point records in proof of discrimination. He proved that plants in competitive areas have been given ample supplies of cars during shortage periods, while mills in non-competitive areas were shorted.

HE ALSO gave the committee evidence that while shippers in competitive areas of Washington and California were receiving all the cars they required, many Oregon shippers were getting only a fraction of their needs.

Not only has discrimination been general in the past, but it has continued in violation of emergency orders issued last August for equal distribution, the committee was told.

Ferguson and his assistants cited as an example the Cascade Plywood plant near Lebanon, supplied by a subsidiary of northern lines, which had been given a consistent and complete supply of 50-foot, double-door box cars, while plants in Southern Pacific non-competitive areas were getting only about 40 per cent of orders. Santiam Lumber Co., for example, in the same general area, but dependent upon the Southern Pacific, had only a fraction of the cars needed.

FROM May 24 to July 1, while Southern Oregon mills were sweating for cars, the committee was told, Oregon Pulp & Paper and five other shippers in the Salem area, where the Southern Pacific has competition from Oregon Electric, received 100 per cent of their car orders. In the Klamath Falls region, from August 2 through 19, it was stated, all car orders were filled. The Great Northern railroad is a competitor at Klamath Falls. During the same period, Roseburg, Sutherlin and Grants Pass shippers were averaging from 45 to 70 per cent of their orders, according to Ferguson.

PUC investigators did not confine their inquiries to Oregon alone. The Public Utilities Commission for the State of Washington reported in late August that railroads were complaining about investigations by Oregon commission representatives. The Washington commission furnished men to accompany Oregon investigators in later inquiries.

SOUTHERN Pacific company officials denied each and every charge of discrimination, even challenging the figures of the advisory committee chairman that Oregon's car shortage averaged 30 per cent as compared with a national average of only three per cent.

Figures gathered by the PUC staff, however, were accepted by the committee as supplying indisputable evidence of continuing discrimination.

The PUC has repeatedly insisted in statements to the committee that competition is the only long range solution to the problem of discrimination. The committee, which includes a majority of very conservative members, has, by its report, accepted the PUC viewpoint.

Here in Douglas County we've been aware of the solution for a great many years. It has been hard, however to obtain recognition for our need. The facts now are out in the open. Official action may follow, although it's too early to get optimistic.

—Roseburg News-Review

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Foreign affairs stuff:
What of Germany?
Will she stay on our side? Or will she (eventually, not right away) go over to Russia?
Or—
Will she go NEUTRAL?

I WOULDN'T know.
As of now, Russia has an ace in the hole. SHE HOLDS EAST GERMANY. She can tell the Germans: "Come over on our side and we'll give East Germany back to you." Germany wants to be reunited, just as we'd want to be reunited if somebody had split our country apart.

MUCH depends on Adenauer. He's a grand old man. He has courage. He has patriotism. He has righteousness. The Germans have faith in him.

But he's OLD—nearing 80. There is so much for him to do and he has so little time left.

THE POLITICAL farmers (who farm the farmers for votes instead of farming the land for crops) are doing a lot of talking today.

Democratic Congressman Harold Cooley of North Carolina, chairman of the house agriculture committee, says: "Farm income has dropped 30 per cent in the past seven years. The situation in agriculture today is a frightening parallel to what happened in the years before the great depression of the 1930s."

He adds: "A farm recession is creeping again over our land."

LET'S take a sharp look at this "frightening parallel" he's talking about.

The drop in farm income "in the years before the great depression of the 1930s" began to BITE HARD about 1925.

That was about seven years after World War I.

The present drop in farm income began to bite about 1952. That was seven years after World War II.

THIS IS the REAL parallel: WAR, which stimulates consumption of agricultural products, results in a farm boom. During wars, agricultural production is greatly expanded. When the war ends, overproduction results in declining farm prices.

It always has been that way, and it always will be that way.

IN WORLD War I, the Democrats were in power. The Republicans followed them. So, in the 1920s, the Republicans were held responsible for the farm slump. In World War II, the Democrats were in power and again the Republicans followed them. AGAIN the Republicans are being held responsible for the farm slump.

If the Republicans had been in power in World War I and had been followed by the Democrats, they would have charged that the farm slump of the 1920s was brought on by the Democrats. It would have been the same if the GOP had been in power during World War II. The Republicans would now be charging the Democrats with responsibility for the present slump in farm prices.

THAT'S THE way political farmers work. They farm the farmer for votes instead of farming the land for crops.

Keep this in mind: When what is presently wrong with agriculture is cured, it will be cured by sound economists and able-minded dirt farmers.

level the visit did nothing, as was to be expected, about a German settlement. Yet almost certainly both governments thought that the visit was useful and that they had something to gain by it.

Dr. Adenauer was able to do away with the charge made by many of his German opponents that he is disqualified to negotiate with the Soviet Union. The Soviet government has now treated the federal republic as a European power.

Moscow, on