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Alabama Bus Firm Ends Segregation On Court Order

Passengers To Choose Own Seats

Montgomery, Ala. — (U.P.) — A bus company suffering severe financial strain because of a boycott by Negro passengers today abolished segregation under the authority of a U. S. Supreme Court decision made Monday.

The Montgomery City Bus Co. announced Monday night that white and colored passengers would both be permitted to sit wherever they choose on the transit vehicles beginning today.

The bus company's decision defied an Alabama criminal law which requires that Negroes sit at the rear and whites at the front of public transportation vehicles.

It was announced a few hours after the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that passengers cannot be segregated by race on the public transportation even within the boundaries of a state. The high court previously ruled against segregation on public transportation engaged in interstate commerce.

The Rev. Martin Luther King, convicted leader of 90 Negroes arrested on charges of conspiring to wage an illegal boycott, said the Supreme Court decision and the Montgomery City Bus Co. announcement would have no effect on the boycott Negroes have practiced since last Dec. 5.

He said his followers would continue to use their car pools instead of the buses. Some quarters said the decision of the Negroes to continue the boycott might provide an effective safety factor in preventing possible racial disturbances of clashes between whites and Negroes in this city of the Deep South.

Montgomery is within an area marked by southern leaders as a danger zone in the event of any sudden enforcement of desegregation.

County Courthouse To Close Saturdays

Jackson county's courthouse will be closed every Saturday after July 1, the county court decided this morning.

The court also decided personnel will assume duties at 8 a. m. each day, though the courthouse will not be officially open to the public until 8:30 a. m. At the present time the work day for courthouse personnel begins at 8:30 a. m.

Decision to close the building Saturdays was made after 116 employees signed a petition requesting a hearing on the matter.

The half-hour is being added to the employees' day in order to maintain the 40-hour work week that is now in effect, the court explained. During the 30-minute period before the courthouse is officially open, personnel will perform administrative and clerical duties.

The jail and legal departments of the building will remain open, the court said. County extension agents will be working but their office will be closed. The resident circuit judge will be on call Saturday mornings.

County Planners To Decide on Counselor

The Jackson county planning commission last night voted to talk with various planning counselors from other areas to decide whether or not such a counselor is needed here on a day-to-day basis.

The group also discussed prospects of hiring a full-time technician to aid in county planning. John Pletsch, president of the commission, will meet soon with Medford City Manager Robert Duff to discuss possible candidates. Pletsch indicated hiring a technician would involve less expense than hiring a counselor.

The county planning commission, appointed last January by the county court, also discussed policy in procedure for starting and handling a program. An attempt will be made to coordinate the work of the group with city and school planning groups the commission decided.



MRS. F.D.R. ARRIVES — Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, widow of the late President, is shown as she arrived at the Medford airport yesterday afternoon, prior to making the address at the sixth annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner, an event which attracted some 1,400 persons last night. Meeting her are, left to right, Mrs. Edward C. Kelly, general chairman of the annual memorial event and former

Democratic party chairman here, Robert Boyer, present chairman of the Democratic party in Jackson county, last night's master of ceremonies, and Robert Holmes, Astoria, a member of the state senate and Democratic candidate for governor. Mrs. Roosevelt left by plane this morning after a press conference and a meeting with the local United Nations group. —(Brainard photo)

Soviet Changes, UN Work Are Discussed by Mrs. Roosevelt

The United States must learn to make friends with people in other countries in order to win the new economic, spiritual and cultural challenge from the Soviet Union, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt declared Monday night at the sixth annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner.

Mrs. Roosevelt, widow of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was guest speaker at the banquet, which drew a cross-party crowd of approximately 1,400, held at Hedrick Junior High school.

The speaker made reference to Soviet changes in tactics since the United Nations summit conference and pointed out, "The Soviets have always talked about wanting peace. Now they are just emphasizing it."

She explained the Soviet theory that communism will dominate the world in centuries to come. "They have felt time was on their side," she said.

She said since the summit conference it has become apparent to the Soviets that they are not gaining world influence. "Therefore, they have made some concessions on disarmament and on some other matters. But they have never said they have changed their objective. They have just changed the battle field."

Mrs. Roosevelt explained that Soviet ideology is being instilled in that country as a religion. Skilled workmen and engineers who have been thus indoctrinated have been taught languages of other countries and sent to these countries to learn their methods, she said. While there, they win friends and preach the doctrines of communism.

"There is an economic, cultural and spiritual battle to be won. It is a new battle, and we had better understand it or lose it," she emphasized. "We need to make friends in the world because that is the only way we will win this new battle."

Mrs. Roosevelt, long a staunch United Nations supporter, was lavish in her praise of UN work in strengthening world unity and easing international tensions.

Among recent major peace moves backed by the UN, she listed organization of the atoms for peace group, the secretary general's mission in the Middle East, and the Gaza strip armistice.

She said she felt that through the atoms for peace group, "We can really begin to use for creative purposes this great scientific knowledge that has so far been used only to create destruction."

Mrs. Roosevelt heaped praise on the special agencies of the UN. She said, "These special agencies are set up to work the year around and are designed to bring people together and dem-

onstrate what working together can achieve." She also commented favorably on UN work in helping other nations develop their resources.

"If new nations cannot develop their resources, our economy will suffer. We are creating markets every time the UN helps develop a nation's natural resources and these nations will be good markets," she said.

The speaker pointed out that it costs 67 cents per person per year for the UN, special agencies and our own outside aid. "I wish we would stop calling this aid and call it investment," she added.

Mrs. Roosevelt stressed the importance of confidence in our beliefs and convictions in coming through the ordeals of war and depression.

"Why were we so fearful that communism would rise in our midst and sweep the minds of our people?" she asked. "Only because we lost confidence in our people to believe in their own convictions."

She spoke of the depression days of the early '30s as a period when communism could have taken a strong hold.

"When you think that what you have believed would meet your needs has not met them, you begin to look at other

Israeli Engineers Said Ambush Victims

Jerusalem, (Israeli Sector) — (U.P.) — Israel announced today that four Israeli water engineers were killed from ambush less than a mile from the Jordan frontier. It said two of the bodies were cremated in their blazing automobile.

United Nations investigators tracked the attackers into Jordan. Israel protested immediately to United Nations General Secretary Dag Hammarskjold, who was in Damascus trying to arrange another cease fire in his uphill struggle to restore peace to the Holy Land.

In Damascus, Syrian officials agreed to a cease fire but conditioned their agreement so heavily it was practically unacceptable to Israel. The Syrians demanded that Israel put off indefinitely its plan to draw water from the Jordan river to irrigate the Negev Desert wastelands. Israel already has said she would feel free to go ahead with her irrigation plans.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones closing stock averages: 30 industrials 503.36, off 3.92; 20 railroads 174.89, off 0.91; 15 utilities 65.14, off 0.29; 65 stocks 179.52, off 1.15. Sales today were about 2,500,000 compared with 2,440,000 yesterday.

Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness with possibility of some light rain tonight and Wednesday morning. Partial clearing and cooler Wednesday afternoon. Low tonight 46. High Wednesday 65.

Highest Yesterday 75
Lowest this Morning 43

Russian Hold On Satellites Said Weakening

Dulles Sees Evidence In Policy Changes

Washington — (U.P.) — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today that Russia's hold on her satellites is beginning to weaken.

Dulles said there is evidence this is resulting from recent changes in Soviet policy which is putting a premium on "Titoism." He said some of the satellites are asking why they shouldn't follow Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito's example of trying to set up a national Communist movement.

Dulles told a news conference that Tito felt he should be permitted to have a Communist state devoted to Yugoslavia's own national interests and not necessarily be a part of international Communism. Stalin insisted that Communist nations be part of the international Communist movement.

Dulles also said his new concept of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is to make it a long-range permanent organization to prevent future European wars. He refused to go into detail on his ideas. But he said he would make some suggestions at next week's Paris meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Council.

Dulles unveiled his new concept of NATO yesterday in a New York speech. It calls for broadening NATO beyond its original status as a defense military alliance. But he did not go into details in his speech.

Makes Other Points
Dulles also made these other points:

Cold War: Dulles said victory in the cold war is a question of definition. He said his definition is that the idea of the cold war is to eliminate the danger of a shooting war and look to the day when the United States and Russia are friends. He said it is now widely judged that the Soviet Union is not to be feared.

Remarkable Thing
"To find people remembering is a very remarkable thing," she said. "It is important historically to remember certain things."

She then pointed out that a lesson that should not be forgotten was learned during the depression.

"We learned that if we work together we can succeed," she said. "At that time we felt a unity of purpose, and things began to happen because we worked together." She also gave considerable credit to the people's understanding of their part in government for survival of the depression blow.

International Travels
During her address, Mrs. Roosevelt made frequent mention of her international travels. The only political element in her talk came when she spoke of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), now running for reelection to the U. S. Senate, as "one man who stands for principle." She also commended his lack of fear in his stand on national and international issues.

Immediately following her address, she answered written question submitted by the audience for about 15 minutes. Questions covered such issues as the UNESCO program, farm surplus, international policy and advisability of protection for the new German army.

Mrs. Roosevelt was introduced by State Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Astoria, lone Democratic candidate for governor of Oregon. (See story on Page 5)

Richardson Quits Race for Treasurer

Salem — (U.P.) — Al Richardson, candidate for the Democratic nomination as state treasurer, withdrew from the race today leaving Wiley Smith, Multnomah county assessor, as the only Democratic candidate.

Richardson said business activities did not give him enough time to campaign. He recently took over operation of Etsel's restaurant after resigning as food manager at the Oregon state prison.

Shortly after resigning his institution job, Richardson launched charges of graft and corruption in state institutions.

Classes Dismissed at Roosevelt School When Fire Breaks Out in Basement Room
Fire of undetermined origin broke out in a basement storeroom of Roosevelt Elementary school early yesterday afternoon, resulting in dismissal of classes for the rest of the day. There were no injuries. Damage from the blaze was confined to the storeroom but smoke filled the basement, the two main floors and the attic of the structure. Janitor Frank Taylor and Principal John Childers discovered the fire in the multipurpose room about 1:55 p. m. and Childers sounded the school alarm and called the fire department. Two 1,000-gallon pumps and the aerial ladder truck were dispatched to the scene. One of the pumps was with-

Bid for Lifting Strategic Goods Ban Turned Down

Attitude Affronts Socialist Leaders

London — (U.P.) — The Russian leaders' visit to Britain turned sour today. They failed to denounce Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden's determination to stand by his United States and NATO allies in their refusal to ship strategic goods to Communist nations.

And what popularity they had gained with the British people evaporated with Communist Party Leader Nikita Khrushchev's remark that Russia soon would have a guided missile with hydrogen warhead capable of striking anywhere in the world.

Affronted by Attitude
Socialist leaders, too, were affronted by the attitude of Khrushchev and Russia Premier Nikolai Bulganin.

The Socialists made a plea for mercy for 200 Social Democrats who they said were in Communist prisons. Khrushchev refused even to look at a list of names offered to him at a labor party banquet last night. Then, bluntly and angrily he refused to have anything further to do with the discussion.

This mood carried over into another "little summit" meeting with Eden and other government leaders at No. 10 Downing st. this morning. At its end, a communique was issued saying only it was held and that more talks would follow.

Informal sources said the Russians demanded lifting the ban on strategic goods at today's conference. But Eden replied that Britain would take no such action on her own.

The sources said Eden did stress the possibility of greatly expanded Anglo-Soviet trade without lifting the strategic ban. He also told the Russians that relaxation of international tension would mean the embargo would no longer be necessary.

The Soviet press hinted only yesterday that relaxation of the strategic embargo might be the Soviet Union's price for agreeing to disarmament.

Today's talk was the next-to-last between Eden and the Russians and British sources regarded the crucial "little summit" talks as a now-or-never chance to win agreement with the top Soviet leaders.

Equalization Board Examines Tax Ratio

The county board of equalization Monday examined the 30 per cent tax ratio study prepared by the county assessor as required by Oregon law.

The ratio study for tax purposes is a report including data, calculations and analyses necessary to determine the percentage relation between the total assessed value and the total selling price of any category or class of property in the county or all the property in any specified area.

The ratio study report contains all bonafide sales for each category of property that occurred between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31 of the previous calendar year. Assessed values used in the report were on the assessment roll for the same calendar year.

According to Oregon law, all property within a county must be assessed at the same ratio of true cash value which under normal conditions is figured as 80% of market value.

The posted ratio of assessed value to true cash value for real property determined by the assessor and accepted by the board of equalization for 1956 is 30%, according to Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, county clerk.

Administration of Police Department Defended by Chief

Chief of Police Charles Champlin today strongly defended his administration of the Medford police department, which has been under criticism in recent days.

He was seconded by Mayor Earl Miller, who said he is convinced that the department is clean, honest, and doing the best possible job it can under the circumstances. To his knowledge, he said, there is nothing of which the city need be ashamed or apologize for.

The chief late yesterday completed a report to the mayor in answer to allegations by an unnamed officer or officers, printed in a weekly paper published at Rogue River.

Combination Story
"The story is a combination of misstatements, half-truths and innuendoes, with just enough truth

to make it sound damaging," the chief said. "Of course the department has had its difficulties, and its differences. What organization doesn't?"

"But," he continued, "the net impression of the story, that the department is 'in revolt,' that there is wholesale 'ticket-fixing' and other illegal and reprehensible activities, is totally untrue. We have nothing to hide. If the author of the article had taken the trouble to lift the telephone and call me, I could have given him the facts of the matter."

Records Open
The chief emphasized that the records of the department are open at all times to any newspaper reporter, and during his administration there has never been an attempt to cover up anything.

In his report to the mayor, which runs to seven single-spaced pages, the chief replied in detail to each allegation made in the article. He states that one case of ticket "fixing" was uncovered several weeks ago, and the officer guilty of the offense was disciplined. Further investigation has been conducted to see if there were other instances. So far, none has turned up.

With reference to the statement that city councilmen are "untouchable," the chief laughed and stated that's the first that he, and members of the council, have heard of it. A number of the council members have received traffic or parking citations, and have paid the penalty with no complaint, he stated.

Chief Champlin declared that there are a number of administrative problems in the department which must be solved by amended ordinances, among them a system of numbered tickets which he has long advocated and asked to be enacted. Suggestions for Changes

The newspaper article he answered in his report to the mayor quoted a letter presented to him by a group of officers recently, with suggestions for changes in the department.

"Several of the suggestions are good ones," he said, "and would definitely aid in the administration of the department. But they are actions which cannot be taken by the department alone. They will require action by other agencies of the city," the chief explained.

He added that one of the principal requests, that the traffic code be modernized, has been planned for a long time, and that another, the employment of a full-time city attorney, is provided for in the 1956-57 budget.

"I take full responsibility for the administration of the police department," the chief concluded. "I have operated it to the best of my ability. The record is open to anyone wishing to inspect it. I have nothing to hide, and nothing of which to be ashamed. These unfounded charges apparently come from a very few members of the department who disagree with my policies. But as long as I am chief, with full responsibility for the department, I shall continue to operate it the way I feel is best and right. If unsubstantiated newspaper criticism, quoting anonymous dissidents, is the penalty, I must accept that, too."

The chief's report to the mayor will be published in tomorrow's Mail Tribune.

New Affidavit Filed In Morse's Politics

Salem — (U.P.) — A fifth affidavit declaring Sen. Wayne Morse to be a Republican and not a Democrat was filed in Marion County Circuit Court here yesterday by Woody Smith of Hood River.

Both men seek the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate.

Four of Smith's affidavits were filed here and one in Lane county. The Lane county filing resulted in an order that Morse appear in Eugene April 30 to defend his Democratic standing.

Smith's latest affidavit is directed at Gov. Elmo Smith and Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, asking why they did not cancel Morse's registration and declaration of party nomination.

County Court Decides To Buy Truck-Crane

The Jackson county court this morning agreed to purchase a 15-ton Koering mobile truck-crane with General Motors diesel power unit from Columbia Equipment company.

Net cost of the truck-crane is \$20,329, the court said. Columbia's bid was among nine opened April 11.

Railroad President Declines to Attend SP Hearing Here

Donald J. Russell, president of the Southern Pacific railroad, has declined an invitation to attend Thursday's hearing on SP passenger service in this area, he said Monday.

In a telegram, Russell said: "Regret that absence in east will preclude my attendance at hearing April 26, but Southern Pacific will be represented by responsible officers."

Russell was invited to attend by John Pletsch, chairman of a committee which is endeavoring to obtain widespread, representative attendance at the hearing, which will start at 10 a. m. Thursday in the federal court room in the Medford post office.

A similar hearing is under way in Roseburg today.

Concerted Campaign
A concerted campaign was under way today by Pletsch's committee to notify all residents of the area to attend the hearing, and to speak in regard to the railroad's abandonment of passenger service on the line between Eugene and Ashland.

The Tudor Guild of Ashland was undertaking a telephone campaign designed to reach each Ashland resident and tell them of the hearing. Other forms of personal contacts are also being used, as well as reminders through organizations, on radio and TV, and in the press.

Southern Pacific took off its last passenger train in this area last year. It was ordered to resume service by the state public utilities commissioner, but refused to do so prior to a hearing. The hearings in Roseburg and Medford this week were called by the PUC as a result.

Roseburg — (U.P.) — Spokesmen for Umpqua basin towns described to the Oregon Public Utilities commission here today the hardships they suffered since Southern Pacific railroad halted passenger service to southwest Oregon last year.

R. B. Harriman of Dillard, president of the Oregon Gasoline Dealers association told hearing officer Clifford W. Ferguson that uses were not an adequate substitute for passenger train service. He said areas such as Dillard-Winston south of Roseburg were not served by buses at all and were hard hit by loss of passenger trains. But he suggested that trains be placed on a daylight schedule for maximum benefit to the area.

The PUC hearing on the withdrawal of SP service opened here this morning before a packed room. On hand were State Sens. Phil Lowry of Medford and Paul Geddes of Roseburg, who, together with State Sen. Gene Brown of Grants Pass, filed the original complaint against Southern Pacific's action last July.

Deatherage Appointed To Head Shaw Campaign

William V. Deatherage, Medford attorney, has been appointed chairman of the Jackson county Shaw for Congress Committee according to David C. Shaw, Democratic candidate for congress.

Other county officers include Mrs. Marie Bosworth, Medford, vice chairman; Mrs. Priscilla Deatherage, Medford, secretary-treasurer; Clyde Fichtner, Medford; Mrs. Charles Cray, Medford; Larry Sheehan, Rogue River; Al Miller, Ashland; and Albert Straus, Gold Hill.