

Saturday Marks 30th Anniversary of Air Mail Service to Medford

At approximately 8:38 a.m. tomorrow it will be just 30 years ago a single-engine Ryan biplane landed at Medford's air landing field at the fairgrounds from Vancouver, Wash., carrying several mail bags, and other northern points.

About two minutes later a Ryan monoplane arrived from San Francisco with mail from southern points. This started the Pacific Air Mail Transport line operation through Medford, a predecessor company of United Air Lines.

The two flights brought to the local postoffice 4,000 letters, 2,400 from the south and the remainder from the north.

No Ostentation

Outgoing air mail from Medford, with motor escort, arrived at the field "without ostentation" shortly after 8 a.m. It was made up of 10,400 letters which took postoffice employees until 1 a.m. that morning to count and cancel.

With no ceremony, 7,530 letters weighing 108 pounds

were transferred from the mail car into the southbound plane and 2,310 letters weighing 46 pounds were loaded into the northbound plane. The Ryan monoplane returning to San Francisco was christened "The Medford." While a large crowd watched, a calliope from the fair grounds provided music.

Officials Optimistic

According to the Sept. 15, 1926 issue of the Mail Tribune, "The entire system thus far has worked so perfectly that the entire organization of pilots, officers and all connected with the air transport company are highly optimistic over the line's success."

First air mail letter delivered was a special delivery letter of greeting from Mayor George Baker of Portland to Medford's Mayor O. O. Alenderfer at the landing field, opened less than 11 minutes after the first plane landed.

The letter, along with the rest of the mail, was taken by

special cars to the postoffice building for registration. It was then rushed back to the landing field for formal delivery to the mayor. The delivery was made while a moving picture machine and cameras clicked and hundreds of people watched.

Mayor's Letter

Mayor Baker stated in his letter: "We appreciate the opportunity of now having Medford several hours closer to Portland by mail and trust that modern improvements will continue to shorten the distance in the future."

Another unique letter was received by Robert Moyl, secretary of the chamber of commerce here. The letter was from Postmaster P. P. O'Brien of Los Angeles. On the face of the envelope was written: "Los Angeles is the best place to live with the possible exception of Medford."

Hundreds of letters were sent expressly for stamp collecting purposes. The Mail Tribune pointed out in that 1926 edition, "Already stamps used on this flight are said to have value from a collector's viewpoint."

Cancellation stamps used on the letters sent out of Medford

on the first air mail flight was designed by Postmaster Will Warner and Herb Grey, advertising manager of the Mail Tribune.

Vern C. Gorst, formerly of Medford, was president of Pacific Air Transport lines. He also operated the first stage line between Medford and Jacksonville in 1910.

PAT linked seven coastal cities by its dramatic flight in 1926. One of its 12 open cockpit planes, carrying 12,000 pieces of mail, covered the 1,100 miles from Los Angeles to Seattle in 14 hours. Today DC-7s cover the distance in 3 1/2 hours.

During the Sept. 15, 1926 flight the Ryan biplane from Vancouver traveled to Medford in 2 1/2 hours. The Ryan monoplane from San Francisco arrived in Medford 3:05 hours after take-off.

30 Years Later

The PAT fleet operated only 2,000 miles daily. Thirty years later United operates more than 59,500 miles daily along the Pacific coast out of its nationwide total of 340,000 miles every 24 hours, using four-engine and twin-engine mainliners. In addition to Los Angeles and Seattle, other cities on the original route were Bakersfield, Fresno, San

Francisco, Portland and Medford.

Today, 32 cities of United's 80-city system are strung along the west coast from British Columbia to the Mexican border. The company also provides direct, one-carrier service to the east, Midwest and Hawaii.

Fourteen daily flights connect Los Angeles and Seattle, including nonstop DC-7 service. First-class fare today is about half the 1926 fare.

From 75 Pacific Air Transport pioneers who staffed coastal operations in 1926, United's work force on the Pacific Coast has risen to a high of 9,814 employees. Throughout its system, United now has 19,500 employees.

Population Strides

Population of the west coast cities on PAT's original route totaled 2 1/2 million. The 32 coastal cities presently served by United have more than 13 million residents.

Pacific Air Transport carried no passengers in its first six

months. During the first six months of this year, United boarded more than 1,480,000 passengers at west coast cities. Since 1926, the company has carried nearly 17,600,000 passengers along the Pacific coast.

PAT's cargo total for its first six months was 34,000 pounds of mail. This year in the same period United carried more than 35,200,000 pounds of mail, express and freight from west coast cities.

In 30 years of coastal service, United has carried more than 74,532,000 pounds of mail, 135,910,000 pounds of express and 174,268,000 pounds of air freight.

Flight schedules have also increased since 1926. United now has 12 daily round trips between Seattle and Vancouver; 10 each on the Seattle-Portland, Portland-San Francisco and Portland-Los Angeles segments; 34 between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and 16 daily round trip flights between Los Angeles and San Diego.

Stevenson Arrives In Capital; Opens Formal Campaign

Richard Nixon Set Up As Main Target

Washington — (U.P.) — Adlai E. Stevenson flew into Washington today for the formal opening of his campaign headquarters and to spend eight days in and near the capital.

"I'm planning to move to Washington," the Democratic presidential candidate told a crowd of about 300 which greeted him at National Airport.

He arrived in a chartered plane from Harrisburg, Pa., where he formally opened his campaign for the presidency Thursday night.

The speech Thursday night made it clear that Stevenson has set up Vice President Richard M. Nixon as his main target.

Stevenson called President Eisenhower a "part time" President who no longer is "master in his own house." Republican leaders, he said, will look to Nixon as their "heir apparent."

Kefauver Blasts

Stevenson's running mate, Sen. Estes Kefauver, also delivered a blast against Nixon of "playing fast and loose with the facts" and "distorting the truth" about unemployment.

Stevenson delivered his speech Thursday night before a crowd of 8,500 who had paid \$50 a plate for a cold buffet supper earlier.

Stevenson charged that "partly by choice, partly by necessity," Mr. Eisenhower has turned government powers over to men who represent "business, mostly big business."

"Everyone shares in sympathy for the circumstances which have created a part-time presidency," Stevenson said.

"But we cannot understand—and we will not accept—turning the government over to men who work full-time for the wrong people or a limited group of people," he continued.

"And the plain truth is that this situation could get worse in this administration, because what influence the President has with the Republicans in Congress has depended on his running again."

"But from here on the future of Republican leaders will depend not on Mr. Eisenhower, but the Republican heir apparent, Mr. Nixon and the vice president seems to sail down wind no matter which way the wind blows."



SIXTH M.T. WINNER—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spencer receive their award of a one-year free subscription to the Mail Tribune from their carrier, Larry Jones. Spencer is a retired irrigation district inspector and Mrs. Spencer is a former school teacher. Together, they sent in the most entries in the current quiz and received the greatest number of correct answers. Hundreds of entries were received for each day's quiz, with a total of 516 during the third—the largest number for any one day. The current series of quizzes is being conducted by the Mail Tribune to call attention to the Bargain Days event which enables all subscribers to take advantage of a 17 per cent savings if subscriptions are paid in advance for one year.

—(Landis-Shangle photo)

Dinner to Signal Start Of United Fund Drive

The United Medford Crusade's kick-off dinner, starting the 1956-57 United Fund campaign, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA social hall.

Speaker will be Charles Holmway, chairman last year for the Portland United Fund drive. A training film also will be shown as well as scheduled musical entertainment.

Goal Higher

Goal for the 1956-57 United Medford Crusade is \$117,175, a 7 1/2 per cent increase over the 1955-56 goal, when \$114,337.75 was collected, according to Sam Hersh, campaign chairman.

All campaign workers, United Medford Crusade board members, and representatives of member agency staffs and directors are scheduled to attend the dinner. Hersh anticipates an attendance of 175 to 200 persons.

The dinner is free to guests. The cost has been underwritten by board members and several local businesses.

General solicitations in all divisions, except for home crusade and rural, will start Sept. 18 when the campaign supplies will be distributed at the dinner.

Campaign Budget

The approved budget for the 1956-57 campaign is: Albertina Kerr homes, \$2,147; American Cancer society, \$4,800; American Red Cross, \$20,500; Arthritis and Rheumatism foundation, \$775; Boys' and Girls' Aid society, \$2,976.50; Boy Scouts, Crater Lake area

Bulganin's New Proposals Being Studied by Ike

Complete Translation Expected Later Today

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today studied new proposals from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin on Germany, disarmament and other key East-West cold war issues.

The State Department relayed a report on a hasty translation to the President at his Gettysburg, Pa., farm late Thursday. The department expected to have completed a final translation by this morning.

The letter was a reply to the President's letter to Bulganin Aug. 4 calling on him to help create a "new spirit" in East-West relations.

Officials Skeptical

Administration officials were skeptical that the proposals in a new letter from Bulganin to President Eisenhower would clear the way to progress on any major cold war settlement. The U. S. attitude was not to reject the proposals out of hand until they had been carefully checked for any possible ray of hope.

The letter—believed to be the 10th in the Eisenhower-Bulganin series—was delivered to the State Department Thursday by Russian Ambassador Georgi N. Zaroubin. Soviet sources touted the Bulganin letter as "containing some constructive steps toward solution of disarmament and all important issues at stake."

Second MID Project Bid Call Scheduled

The Bureau of Reclamation regional office, Denver, Colo., expects to invite bids about Sept. 28 for construction of Howard Prairie dam on Beaver creek, part of the Talent Irrigation project.

The dam will be the second major phase of work in the project to be started. The contract for Deadwood tunnel, first construction begun, awarded to Lord Brothers contractors of Portland Aug. 31.

The construction at Howard Prairie, which is about 27 miles south of Ashland, will involve an earth and rock fill dam 86 feet high and 900 feet long. Early cost estimates were about \$2,200,000. The job is to be completed within 750 days after awarding of the contract.

SP to Continue Case on Tuesday

Southern Pacific will resume its side of the story on abandonment of rail passenger service between Eugene and Ashland Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the federal courtroom of the Medford post office building.

The session will be a continuance of the Public Utilities Commission hearing which started here Aug. 7. It was recessed after four days in which a series of witnesses testified in favor of rail passenger service abandonment on the Siskiyou line.

SP abandoned the passenger run in August, 1955, claiming financial loss did not justify its continuance.

Three state senators, Philip B. Lowry, Medford, Paul E. Geddes, Roseburg, and Gene L. Brown, Grants Pass, have filed a complaint with the PUC urging restoration of the service and improved facilities on the Siskiyou line.

Protests against SP's abandonment of the service were aired at hearings in Roseburg and Medford last April.

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. Bertram L. Treilstad, Salem, was Oregon president-elect of the Oregon chapter of the American Academy of General Practice here last night.

WAR THREAT RECEDES; IKE, MENZIES CONFER

President to Ask Personal Views On Canal Crisis

Headed Five-Nation Negotiation Group

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today interrupted a four-day vacation at his Gettysburg, Pa., farm to confer here with Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies on the Suez crisis.

The President was expected to ask Menzies for the Australian's personal views on the Suez Canal situation and his estimate of Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's ambitions in the Middle East. Menzies headed the five-nation committee that failed to get Nasser to negotiate on the American plan for internationalizing the canal.

Mr. Eisenhower planned to leave Gettysburg by plane after spending the early part of the day relaxing at his farm. He planned to return by nightfall.

American Position

The Eisenhower-Menzies meeting was set against a background of a newly clarified American position on Suez.

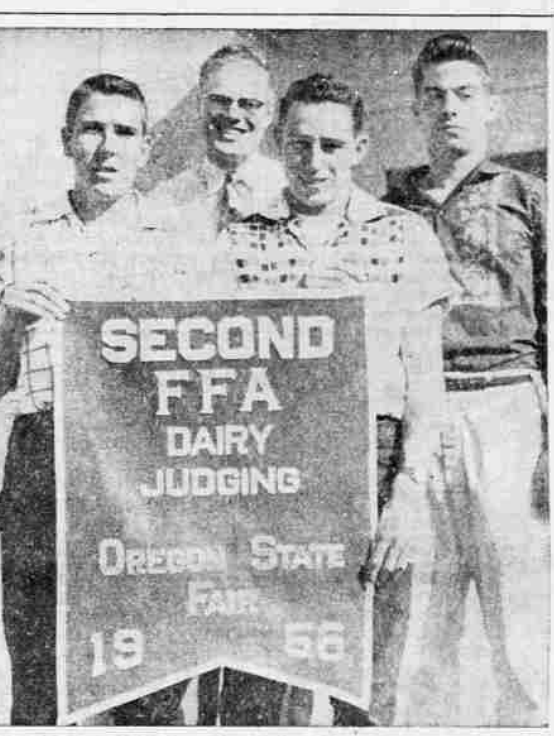
Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said Thursday the United States would join the proposed "users associations" even if only Britain and France took part. But he said—emphasizing he could not speak for other nations—the United States does not intend "to shoot its way through the canal."

He said if Egypt blocks U.S. ships from the canal, the vessels will be sent around the Cape of Good Hope. He said he hoped other nations would do likewise.

Dulles' alternative had many of the earmarks of the U.S. airlift that broke the Communist blockade of Berlin.

Government and private oil company representatives pressed completion of Dulles' alternative for carrying oil around Africa if Nasser refuses to let ships of the new association go through the canal.

The government already has decided to take tankers out of the government's "mothball" fleet in case they are needed for such duty. The Maritime Administration said the government has 26 tankers that can be taken out of mothballs in less than two months.



ALMOST CHAMPS—The Oregon State Dairy Judging team, which placed second to the championship team at the state fair, received this banner from Gov. Elmo Smith last Saturday. Left to right are Bob Hayes, Adviser Nat Etzel, David Woolfolk and Jerry McDonald. McDonald was high Holstein judge and Hayes was high Guernsey judge. Thirty-five teams in the state competed in dairy judging. The team from Canby high school won the championship.

PGE Gets Approval For Two Projects

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland General Electric company said today it had received approval from the state of Oregon for two Clackamas river hydroelectric projects costing a total of about \$20 million.

Work is expected to start within one week, PGE said.

Thomas W. Delzell, chairman of the board, said the Oregon Hydroelectric Commission had issued state licenses to the company for its proposed \$3,000,000 North Fork project and for a 15,000 kilowatt addition to its Faraday power plant near Estacada.

The Federal Power Commission also has approved start of construction.

Agreement Reached

Delzell said the Oregon licenses were issued after agreement between PGE and the state fish and game commissions regarding handling of fish at the projects. Under terms of the agreement, PGE will build extensive fish passage facilities.

The North Fork project will be on the Clackamas river about seven miles southeast of Estacada. The main structure will be a dam 180 feet high and 820 feet long. North Fork dam will create a lake four miles long, covering 346 acres. PGE said it plans appropriate recreation facilities at the site.

Enlargement of PGE's Faraday power house.

Waterway May Be Crippled Today By Pilot Walkout

Eden's Declaration Welcomed by Egypt

Cairo — (U.P.) — Russian pilots arrived in Egypt today to help run the Suez canal when European pilots walk off the jobs.

London — (U.P.) — The threat of an immediate war over the Suez canal receded today despite tonight's walkout of Suez canal pilots that is expected to cripple or close the waterway.

But the six-week-old crisis remained a grave one and British Prime Minister Anthony Eden refused to postpone the use of force as a last resort and warned that Israel might be next if Egypt wins on the canal issue.

Cairo dispatches said Egypt welcomed Eden's declaration he would take the dispute to the United Nations Security Council and Egyptian government sources called this a turning point in Egypt's favor.

Eden said specifically that he would seek Security Council action if Egypt blocks pilots of the canal users association from moving ship convoys through the canal. He would be expected to charge Egypt with violating the 1888 Convention guaranteeing freedom of passage.

In New York U.N. sources said the Security Council might be convened "within a few days."

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' declaration that the United States would not shoot its way through the Suez canal also soothed worried diplomats in Cairo, Western Europe and the remainder of the world.

Eden's promise of possible U.N. action succeeded in restoring unity to his badly divided nation and even won cheers from the opposition Labor party.

Eden's promise of U.N. action came Thursday night at the close of two days of bitter debate on the Suez crisis by an emergency session of Parliament. We won a vote of confidence on his policies by a vote of 319 to 245, a strict party line victory of 71 votes.

In making the pledge Eden may have weakened his own leadership of the Conservative party. There were dismayed looks on the faces of some of his supporters when he made it, and cheers from the opposition.



Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis 0 6 1

New York 3 9 0

Poholsky, Jackson (8) and Kett Smith (8) Games and Westrum. Home run: Mays, New York (2).

Weather

FORECAST: Variable high cloudiness through Saturday. Little temperature change. Low tonight 38. High Saturday 48.

Highest Yesterday 52

Lowest this Morning 38

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise 5:50 a.m.

Sunset 6:23 p.m.

The Moon, in Apsogee tonight, Full Saturday 1:36 a.m.

Full Moon (Harvest Moon) Sept. 19

PROMINENT STAR Altair, high in south 8:23 p.m.

VISIBLE PLANETS Mars, rises 6:37 p.m.

Saturn, in the south-west 5:32 p.m.

Venus, in the east 4:30 a.m.

Public Health Nurse Resigns Position Here

Mrs. Mary Corcoran, public health nurse in the Central Point-Howard areas for the past two years, has resigned from the staff of the Jackson County Health Department.

Mrs. Corcoran has accepted a position with the nursing division of the University of Oregon medical school faculty, and will work with pre-nursing students at Oregon State college in Corvallis.

Book Learning Is Tested By 13-Year-Old Flyer

Mastic, N.Y. — (U.P.) — A 13-year-old boy, who read a book on how to fly an airplane, and his seven-year-old "copilot" stole a small plane Thursday night, flew around for one hour and landed safely right back where they started, police reported today.

They were formally charged with stealing the plane by amazing police who had gone to the field to find out who was doing all that fancy flying too close to the ground.

Eddie Gates, 13, said he was sure he had it all down pat from the book, the title of which was not disclosed. He and Roy Brosseau, aged 7, sneaked out the Mastic air strip, they confessed, and found the two-seater monoplane ready to go with the key in the ignition.

They took off without detec-

tion and for an hour flew in a circle over a 10-mile Long Island area. They interrupted course briefly to buzz both their homes. That's what startled police.

Detective Thomas Jamer and Arthur Davis rushed to the field to nab the dare devil pilot. The plane's owner, operator of a private air service, had no idea who had taken the plane.

The small plane made two unsuccessful passes at the field and then touched down on the third try for a minute perfect landing. For a nearly empty field, the two small heads popped up and the young aviators emerged.

They were formally charged and sent home with their parents while the airplane's owner decides whether to prosecute.