

Airliner Ditches in Ocean, Breaks in Two; Passengers, Crew Saved in Dramatic Rescue

S.P.'s Attempted Curtailment of Passenger Service Rejected

Railroad Union Spokesmen Attack Line at Hearing
Mis-Scheduling, Indifference Charged

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Representatives of railroad unions attacked the Southern Pacific Monday for trying to curtail its passenger service.

The attacks came in the course of a hearing ordered by the California Public Utilities Commission on SP's passenger operations in California. The hearing resumes here Wednesday and then shifts to Los Angeles on Friday.

Consolidation Asked
Commissioner Matthew J. Dooley ordered the hearing after the railroad asked to consolidate the Lark and Starlight night trains between Los Angeles and San Francisco and to reduce its San Francisco-Portland schedules from seven to three trains a week.

William Ellis, legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, criticized the SP for closing down its Fresno ticket office at 11 p.m., although four trains are scheduled through the city between then and 7 a.m.

Robert Gilmore, assistant SP vice president in charge of passenger traffic, said: "Not many people buy tickets that late at night."

But Ellis said that on Sept. 19 more than 40 passengers were in the Fresno depot at 2:30 a.m. with nobody there to help them.

Mis-Scheduling Charged
George W. Ballard, attorney for the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, accused SP of "deliberate mis-scheduling of passenger trains in California in order to discourage passenger traffic."

SP attorney Charles W. Burkett Jr. "unequivocally denied" this charge. He said it is SP policy to continue service that the public needs. He said the company merely wants to "consolidate service" and make "seasonal adjustments" of service on less patronized routes.

G. R. Mitchell of Los Angeles, representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, claimed that SP's competitors, notably Santa Fe, have increased passenger patronage.

Desire To Fill Needs
"These other railroads have imagination and a desire to fulfill public needs," Mitchell said. Burkett said the SP's passenger losses amount to \$43 million a year. He said if these losses continue, they will inevitably force a rise in freight rates.

In addition to consolidating the Los Angeles-San Francisco trains and curtailing service between San Francisco and Portland, SP also seeks to curtail service between Sacramento and Los Angeles and Sacramento and Gerber.

Registration Totals Expected This Week
Voter registration totals in the county for the Nov. 6 general election are expected to be completed within a "couple of days," elections department officials said today.

Addressograph plates for voter pamphlets have been completed. Officials said the addressograph machine was in operation eight hours a day for about three weeks before the plates were finished.

Owner Claims One Dog; Collie Killed by Car
Yesterday morning 12-year-old Denise Stevens had two dogs. Last night she had none.

Sunday afternoon Denise, who lives at 1208 Saling ave., found a Scotch terrier tied in a sack and abandoned in a field near Hedrick Junior High school. It was the second time she had found dogs abandoned in this fashion. Although Denise and her mother, Mrs. Frances Webb Stevens, already owned a pedigree collie, Denise planned to keep the little terrier.

However, the owners claimed their pet, which had disappeared from their home. Two hours later, Queenie, the collie, was struck by a car and killed.

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Newbry Asks Opinion On Pamphlet Mailing

Salem — (U.P.) — Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry said today he had asked Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton for an opinion on whether he should stop distribution of voters' pamphlets as requested by Multnomah county District Attorney William Langley.

Should Stop Distribution
Langley charged in Multnomah Circuit Court yesterday that distribution should be stopped because of alleged "prejudicial material" published in it by Thornton, a candidate for reelection.

Newbry said that until he received an opinion from the attorney general or received a restraining order from the Circuit Court he was "obliged by law" to continue mailing the pamphlets. He said about one-third of them already had been distributed.

"This is a matter for the court to determine," Newbry said. "Until then, we will go right ahead with the mailing."

Newbry said he had received a letter from Langley asking that he stop distribution of the pamphlets, but that the letter had no bearing on his administrative duty to get the pamphlets out. He added that he turned the matter over to Thornton as his "proper legal counsel and the counsel of all state officials."

Langley is under indictment on charges of malfeasance in office and conspiracy to permit gambling, growing out of the Multnomah county vice investigations. The investigation was headed-up by Thornton.

Authority Given for Small Business Loans
Seattle — (U.P.) — Robert F. Buck, regional director of the Small Business Administration for this area, announced today he has been authorized to approve small business loans on his own authority up to \$100,000 when a bank is taking at least a 25 per cent participation.

Autopsy Reveals Cause of Death Was Encephalitis
The autopsy performed last week on Fay Walter Ferris, 56, who died in the Medford city jail Tuesday, revealed that he died of "some type of encephalopathy," according to District Attorney Walter Nunley.

He received the report late yesterday. It was prepared by Dr. Helen Beaman of Jackson Tower Medical Laboratories, Portland, a pathologist, and indicated that it was impossible to tell which type of encephalitis was responsible for his death because the body had been embalmed before the autopsy was performed.

Preliminary Report
But the preliminary report indicated that any other cause of death was ruled out on the basis of the examination Nunley stated. The bruises for which he was treated were said to be of a minor nature. But there was evidence of both old and more recent brain damage due to the disease, which might have been caused by some toxic substance, perhaps alcohol. Nunley said the report indicated. A past history of heavy drinking might have been responsible, he added.

According to a detailed investigation of the circumstances of the case, conducted by the Medford police department after Ferris' death, he was reported to

Eisenhower Starts Trip To Northwest

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower, who revised his plans at the last minute to include California, starts today his most extensive campaign trip yet in his drive for reelection.

The President will visit five crucial states in a five-day, 5,850 mile aerial swing accompanied by Mrs. Eisenhower.

He departed at 8 a.m. (EDT) for Minnesota where he is expected to pay special attention to the farm vote. He was to make brief speeches in Minneapolis and nearby St. Paul and then fly to Seattle, Wash., arriving there tonight.

Wednesday, he starts a campaign drive in the Far West that will cover three states—Washington, Oregon and Colorado—where there are close senatorial races, and California, where party leaders are concerned about the fate of that state's 32 electoral votes.

Revises Plans
The President revised his plans at the last minute Monday to include California, stretching what started out as a four-day trip to five days and scheduling a speech at Los Angeles for Friday night.

Even before this addition, the trip was the longest of Mr. Eisenhower's second-term campaign. Heretofore, none of his political jaunts have been of more than overnight duration.

With the election just three weeks away, the quickened pace of the GOP campaign was further emphasized by Mr. Eisenhower on Monday night when he launched a new series of five minute GOP TV shows.

Features Cabinet Officers
The recorded show was the first in a series of 33 that, from now until the Nov. 6 election, will feature cabinet officers, Vice President Richard M. Nixon and others.

Mr. Eisenhower appealed to the public to listen to the telecasts and then "decide, by your votes, how you will live, work and prosper during the next four years."

Water Board Ends Hearing at Roseburg
Roseburg — (U.P.) — Oregon's powerful new Water Resources Board today completed taking testimony here that will be the basis for the first basin-wide water use plan in the state.

The precedent-setting hearing was adjourned shortly before noon after taking testimony for a day and a half from industry representatives, health officials, sportsmen and municipal authorities from throughout the Umpqua river basin.

Don Lane, executive secretary of the board, said recommendations for a comprehensive plan of water rights allocations for the basin probably would not be formulated until after the first of the year.

Governor Plans Stop At Medford Airport
Gov. Elmo Smith was scheduled to stop briefly in Medford this afternoon.

The governor, who is the Republican nominee for election opposing State Sen. Robert Homes of Gearhart, was due at the Medford airport between 3:30 and 4 p.m., and planned to make a talk there. Word of his planned arrival did not reach here until this morning, but efforts were being made to publicize his talk.

It was understood he would spend only about an hour here.

The governor is a former state senator and John Day newspaper publisher. He succeeded to the office on the death of Ex-Gov. Paul Patterson last spring.

Salem — (U.P.) — Two Salem magazine dealers charged with selling indecent literature pleaded innocent in Circuit Court here Monday.

John Pletsch Elected By Savings-Loan Group
Portland — (U.P.) — John H. Pletsch of the Jackson County Savings and Loan Association, Medford, was named president of the Oregon Savings and Loan League here today.

Georgia Coast Pummeled By Storm From Florida
Miami — (U.P.) — An Atlantic storm pummeled the Georgia coast with heavy winds and high seas today, leaving at least two dead and heavily damaging Florida tourist beaches.



REFIT BOAT—These Medford boys, members of Ship III of the Sea Scouts, have a lot of work ahead of them, sanding, caulking and refitting this 26 ft. whale boat given to them by the Navy last July. In order to raise money to buy paint and other supplies, the boys are collecting deer hides, which they will sell to a tanning company. According to the skipper, Randy Gifford, about 50 hides have been collected so far, and he urged anyone having unwanted deer hides to call 2-6435, 3-1758 or 2-2877, or leave them at Kliever Machine shop. Surveying the boat are left to right, Jerry Garris, George Schuler, Don Graves, Gerald Mallams and crew leader Chuck Flanagan.

Light Plane Reported Down in Clackamas

Portland — (U.P.) — A light airplane was reported to have gone down in a wooded canyon a mile west of Willamette in Clackamas county today and authorities began a search for the wreckage. It may have carried four persons.

Number Aboard Unknown
The CAA here said it was believed the plane was a Tri-Pacer aircraft piloted by a "Mr. Craven" of San Jose, Calif., which took off for San Jose by way of Medford at 8:30 a.m. today.

It was not determined immediately how many were aboard. An employee at the airport said he had seen four persons in the plane when it took off, one or two of them women.

The CAA said that a wing had been found with a number that matched that of the small plane. Several persons in the Willamette area saw the plane plunge toward the ground shortly after 9 a.m. and some spoke of hearing an explosion.

3 Named To Medford Rogue Basin Hearing
Washington — (U.P.) — Three Interior Department officers were designated today to testify Friday at Medford at a hearing on the Rogue river basin.

Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton said Interior testimony would be presented by Arthur M. Piper, U. S. Geological Survey staff scientist and chairman of the Rogue river task force survey group; O. M. Browne, Bureau of Reclamation, Boise, regional project development engineer, and Doren E. Woodward, Fish and Wildlife service, supervisor of river basin studies for the regional office at Portland.

The hearing will be conducted by the Senate Interior committee under Sens. James E. Murray of Montana and Dennis Chavez of New Mexico.

Tax Statements Being Prepared for Mailing
An estimated 33,578 Jackson county tax statements for the 1956-57 fiscal year are being placed in the mail this week, according to Mrs. Elva Jennings, county assessor.

In order to be eligible for the 3 per cent discount, taxes must be paid on or before Nov. 15. Seventy-four of the tax statements are for reforestation; 27,880 real estate; 5,302 personal property and 322 utilities.

Ad valorem tax on real estate is expected to total \$4,838,243.49 in the county. Total of taxes and liens is expected to be \$5,153,464.14.

Three tax department employees and the county court secretary began preparing statements for mailing yesterday. They were expected to be working on the project through Wednesday.

Weather
FORECAST: Cloudy tonight with occasional light rains tonight and Wednesday. Tomorrow, low tonight 44, high tomorrow 60.

Highest Yesterday	Temp
Lowest This Morning	45

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise	6:25 a.m.
Sunset	5:28 p.m.
Moonset Wednesday	4:34 a.m.
Full Moon	Friday
PROMINENT STARS	
Capella, low in north-east	8:35 p.m.
Visible Planets	
Saturn, sets	6:47 p.m.
Mars, in the southeast	7:34 p.m.
Venus, low in east	3:59 p.m.
Jupiter, low in east	4:14 a.m.

21 Minutes Needed To Evacuate All After Touch Down

Craft Comes Down Near Weather Boat

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A crippled Pan American Airways Stratoclipper ditched and broke in two today in the "calm" Pacific ocean 1,045 miles southwest of here and all 31 persons aboard were rescued.

All Rescued in 21 Minutes
Twenty-one minutes after the four engine plane en route from Honolulu to San Francisco touched down atop the four-to-five-foot swells at 8:16 a. m. (PST), the last of the 24 passengers and seven crewmen were taken aboard the U. S. Coast Guard weather cutter Ponchartrain in a dramatic sea rescue that brought this radioed congratulation from the commandant of the 14th Coast Guard district:

"Handled the rescue like a bunch of champions. . . Well done."

Radioed reports from the cutter, which is stationed at theoretical weather point midway between here and Honolulu, said that "all 31 persons were in good condition." A few suffered what the Ponchartrain said were "minor" injuries.

Transferred to Ship
The 31 survivors were to be transferred to the destroyer USS Johnson, which was some 150 miles from the scene at the time of the ditching. The Johnson will proceed to San Francisco where it is expected to arrive between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday.

The big four engine Boeing Stratoclipper came down in the four-foot swells, described by air-sea rescue authorities as "excellent" for such a water launch, under the split-second control of Capt. Richard Ogg of Saratoga, Calif.

It hit alongside the Ponchartrain. The ship's crew of 135, trained in air-sea rescues, had four boats over the side at the time the plane, which was forced to ditch after losing two engines, hit the water.

Liferafts Launched
The plane remained afloat long enough for the crew to launch two liferafts and to transfer the 24 passengers of the mixed tourist-first class flight to the lifeboats.

Five minutes after the last passenger and crew member left the split plane, a Transocean airlines plane over the scene reported that the front section of the broken ship had sunk.

The ditching came after the plane's captain circled above the Ponchartrain. The plane circled for more than four hours dumping gasoline and awaiting "more favorable" ditching conditions.

Pan American World Airways released the following list of passengers and crew aboard the plane:

Hiroshi Shiga, Tokyo; Mitsuo Shin, Tokyo; Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Strickler, Piedmont, Calif.; Louise Walker, Oakland, Calif.; Ruby Dani, Oakland; Rebecca Jacobs and her daughter, Joan, Redwood City, Calif.; Maurice Panzani, Honolulu; Mrs. Norma Scott, Sacramento, Calif.; Paul Bird, New York City; Hendrick Pratt, Rotterdam; Frank Dornier, North Hampton, Pa.; Richard Gordon, Silver Springs, Md.; his wife Jane and their two daughters, Maureen and Elizabeth; Herbert Ho, Malaya; Chick-ren Chu, Taipei; Hiroshi Hinoe, Tokyo; Albert Spear, Davisville, R.I.; Tjon-goen Lai, Jakarta; Cleto Cortes, Philippines; Freda Dix, Jacksonville, Ind.; Marcel Touze, address not known.

Radio-TV Highlights
President Eisenhower will be heard over station KBES-TV at 6:30 tonight. Former Governor Thomas E. Dewey will speak over station KYJC (1230) at 8:30 p.m.

Full Accreditation Given Sacred Heart Hospital

Sacred Heart hospital has been fully accredited, according to notice received from the board of commissioners of the joint commission on accreditation of hospitals, Sister Reine, administrator, announced today.

The commissioners' report also commends the hospital for maintaining standards deserving of accreditation and for the constant effort to improve quality of patient care. Sister Reine said.

Sacred Heart hospital was included in a list of provisionally accredited hospitals released earlier this year by the joint commission.

Established Agency
The joint commission is an agency established by five health organizations to conduct hospital survey and inspection program initiated by the American college of surgeons in 1919. The five organizations are the American college of physicians, American college of surgeons, American hospital association, American medical association, and the Canadian Medical association.

Hospitals are rated on certain basic requirements such as safe physical plant free from fire hazards, proper supervision and review by the medical staff of the clinical work done, maternal, infant and anesthetic death rates that are not excessively high, adequate medical records, ethical practices, investigation of all tissues removed at operation, mortality rates that are within reasonable limits, proper nursing care, and proper administrative and medical staff organization.