

Passengers and Crew Aboard Leilani Said Apparently Content

Acapulco, Mexico—(U.P.)—Passengers and crew members aboard the cruiser ship Leilani said today the vessel apparently has overcome the troubles which beset it during the first leg of its maiden voyage.

More than 600 fun seeking passengers piled off the Leilani in happy spirits in this resort port today. Although 41 passengers quit the newly christened ship in Panama complaining of poor food and poor service, many who stayed with the ship said today they "never had so much fun."

The Leilani anchored in Acapulco Sunday on its shakedown cruise from New York to San Francisco, where the Hawaiian Steamship company will place it in regular service to Hawaii.

Some Left Ship

Company President Elmer J. Martin, who flew here from Los Angeles last week, boarded the vessel shortly after dawn Sunday and immediately launched a personal investigation of conditions aboard the ship.

The Leilani was quarantined in Panama for more than 10 hours last week after 17 passengers were hospitalized for "food

poisoning." Seventy passengers threatened to leave the ship, then and 44 actually did leave, saying they would fly back home or finish the trip by air.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scarlet of New York, both of whom spent a day in a hospital in Panama, said they were having a "marvelous time."

After interviewing the passengers, Martin said he was convinced the earlier trouble was only normal on a maiden voyage because it was the first trip for the crew and "there are always some bugs to be ironed out."

Edward Turner, vice president of the Seafarers International union, who boarded the Leilani at Panama, said 90 per cent of the crew was unhappy at first, but that number has been cut to 10 per cent.

"The crew was green and not organized," he said. "I also think too many passengers were brought along for a shakedown cruise."

Three United Press reporters talked freely with the passengers and found only a few who were still unhappy.

The Leilani is scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles Thursday.

Picketing Seamen Tie Up Freighter At Portland Dock

Portland—(U.P.)—The freighter S. S. James Lick remained tied up here today while 13 alien seamen displayed picket signs in front of the vessel in a dispute over severance pay.

Troubles of the seamen were not limited to their dispute over severance pay. They contend that they were fired but at the same time are being prevented from leaving the ship because the captain had picked up their passports.

Picket Line Observed

Longshoremen have refused to cross the picket line to work the ship and the Sailors Union of the Pacific issued a statement charging the U. S. Immigration Service with acting as a strikebreaker in the case.

The James Lick arrived here last Tuesday from Japan. The crew, except for the 13, was given severance pay and transportation to New York.

William Benz, business agent of the Sailors Union here, said his union established a picket line at the vessel in San Francisco three months ago and was forced to withdraw in the face of a court injunction obtained by the company.

American Ship

Benz contended that the ship, which had been operating under the Liberian flag, was actually an American-owned ship and was trying to avoid "American laws and income taxes."

The ship is owned by United Ventres, a firm controlled by Coastwise lines.

Benz asserted that "They've just jerked their passports from them and are treating those men like prisoners."

British Admiralty Blamed for Naval Disaster in War II

London—(U.P.)—An official naval historian today blamed the British admiralty for giving misleading signals which resulted in one of the worst disasters suffered by a convoy during World War II.

Capt. S. W. Roskill, in his second volume of the official "The War at Sea (1939-45)," also severely criticized the combined operations staff for the ill-fated Dieppe raid.

Roskill, in his analysis of the tragedy which befell convoy P. Q. 17, bound from Iceland to Murmansk in June, 1942, held that the then first sea lord, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound, was largely to blame. He inferred Sir Winston Churchill had a "lapse of memory" in his memories description of the tragedy in which 24 of 27 vessels fell prey to Nazi submarines.

According to the history, the admiralty signalled the convoy to scatter after receiving information that three big German surface ships, including the battleship Tirpitz, were about to sail from Norway to attack the convoy and a major sea battle was imminent.

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The Air Force said the plane was attempting an emergency landing at Elmendorf Air Force Base here during a heavy fog and freezing temperatures after one engine caught fire shortly after takeoff.

The crash occurred at 11:15 p.m. (PST). Rescue operations were completed 55 minutes later by three helicopters of the 31st Air Rescue Squadron, the Air Force public information at Elmendorf said.

None of the men was seriously hurt. All but three of them were released from the hospital at Elmendorf after a medical check-up.

The three airmen who were held at the hospital were said to be in "good" condition.

Philharmonic Society Presents Programs

An audience more than twice the size of the one which attended the first fall concert turned out yesterday in Medford for the second program presented by the symphony orchestra of the Philharmonic Society of Southern Oregon this season.

The Medford program was followed by a repeat performance in Grants Pass last night. Director Richard D. Werner conducted both performances.

50 Musicians

The orchestra, which now numbers about 50 musicians from several southern Oregon towns and cities, presented the same program in both Medford and Grants Pass.

Featured composition was Mozart's "Symphony in G minor—No. 40," the orchestra playing the four-movement work in its entirety. It was preceded by the "Phedre" overture by Massenet.

The post-intermission numbers were two lyric pieces for string orchestra by Grieg "Heart Wounds" and "The Last Spring," three dances from German's "Henry VIII Suite" and the "March Slav" by Tchaikowsky.

For the benefit of those who were attending their first concert by this orchestra it should be pointed out that yesterday's performance was not up to the standard customarily maintained by Director Werner and his musicians. This could be due to the fact that the rehearsal schedule in past weeks has been severely curtailed by weather which prevented many of the players from attending. Since the symphony is beginning to build up a devoted following of music lovers, it is hoped that the spring concert will again show that Director Werner and his orchestra are capable of producing a commendable performance.

Those attending the concert in Medford were pleased to find that the society had arranged for attractive printed programs which not only listed the numbers, but personnel of the orchestra. In the past the organization

tion has "made do" with mimeographed programs.

Program Message

The program also contained a message by Harvey Robertson, president of the society, which is worthy of repeating here. "In every progressive community, once the physical needs of the population have been cared for, there is an urge and a demand for cultural activities. This thriving and expanding city is no exception. Music is an indispensable part of the heritage of the human race and a symphony orchestra is an essential element in the life of every fine city.

"To the individual citizen, it means that right here in Medford you and your family can experience the world's finest music performed by your own orchestra. Membership in the orchestra is open to any person musically qualified, and interested in the aims and objectives of the Philharmonic society. We of the board of directors trust that you will continue to be a firm supporter of fine music for southern Oregon."

A welcome innovation was the serving of coffee and cookies at intermission time by members of the Philharmonic Society guild. Although a special effort had been made to properly heat the auditorium the sub-freezing temperatures prevailing in the area made it impossible to get the place really warm.

The orchestra's spring concert has been planned for Sunday, March 24.—O.S.

Federal Employees Union Head Kills Self

Washington—(U.P.)—Michael E. Markwood, 42, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, was killed Sunday in a 90-foot plunge from the Taft Memorial bridge.

Markwood, president of the 100,000-member union, died almost instantly. Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald ruled the death a suicide. He said he understood Markwood had been increasingly despondent lately. He said union officials told him Markwood had overworked and been in poor health.

Lee Port Visits SW District Office Here

Lee Port Jr. of the state forest's office, Salem, visited the southwest district headquarters in Table Rock rd., Medford, late last week.

Purpose of the visit was to review the 1958 fiscal year budget with District Warden Curtis Nesheim. The budget outlines expenditures necessary for the fire protection of about 1,600,000 acres of forest land in Jackson and Josephine counties.

A public hearing on the budget will be held later.

National Christian Conference Planned

Berkeley, Calif.—(U.P.)—Officials of Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed churches in California, Oregon and Washington will meet here Friday to plan the first national Christian education mass conference to be sponsored by the two denominations.

The national conference will be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., in August, 1958, and is expected to be attended by more than 5,000 church school teachers and superintendents.

The planning conference here is the last of four regional sessions called by the two denominations.

The Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed church are scheduled to merge in June. They will become the United Church of Christ.

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Roosevelt Kin's Death Investigated

Washington—(U.P.)—An autopsy was being held today in the death of Paulina Longworth Sturm, 31, granddaughter of President Theodore Roosevelt and daughter of "princess" Alice Roosevelt Longworth.

HOW PANELIST DIES

New York—(U.P.)—Fred Stein, who had been a member of the Life Begins at 80" radio and television show panel, died at his Brooklyn home Sunday, he was 88.

SAC Globemaster Crashes in Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska—(U.P.)—A Strategic Air Command SAC C124 Globemaster with 13 men aboard crashed on the ice of Cook Inlet here Sunday night but all survived.

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Coffee Hour Planned In Gold Hill Tuesday

Gold Hill—A coffee for the benefit of the March of Dimes will be given by Mrs. Norman Gail, at her home on Highway 99 north, Tuesday, Jan. 29, from noon to 2 p.m.

Mrs. Gail will be assisted with the serving by Mrs. Arthur Boye and Mrs. M. Schoennemann.

9,425 Cars Is Daily Average on Main St.

Average daily traffic for December on Main st. east of Geneva st. was 9,425 cars, according to a report on traffic volume from the Oregon state highway department.

Maximum hour for traffic was between 3-6 p.m. Dec. 4 when the volume was 1,063 cars. Maximum day was also Dec. 4 with a total of 10,358 cars.

In other Jackson county areas the average daily traffic at the Siskiyou station, five miles east of Ashland, was 696. Maximum hour for traffic was between 4-5 p.m. Dec. 2 when 122 cars were registered. Dec. 2 was also the maximum day with a total of 1,050 cars.

At the Shady Cove station, four miles south of Shady Cove, average daily traffic was 1,152. Between 4-5 p.m. Dec. 16 was the maximum hour with 165 cars. On Dec. 4, 1,420 cars were reported for the maximum day.

News Science Major Created at Linfield

McMinnville—New major in the field of general science at Linfield college, McMinnville, has been created, according to Dr. Ardian Tieleman, academic dean, and Dr. Robert Jones, the chairman of the natural science division of the Linfield faculty.

Covering the fields of biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics, the major requires 50 hours of study in the natural sciences. Specific courses include botany, zoology, general chemistry, mathematical analysis, general physics, calculus, field biology and a minimum and eight additional hours in any one of the four areas covered in the major.

March of Dimes Supper Set in Jacksonville

Jackonville—A March of Dimes pancake supper will be held in the new kitchen of the Jacksonville Community hall starting at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31.

On the menu will be pancakes, sausage, eggs, ham and coffee. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the March of Dimes, officials in charge said.

HERTZ RENT-A-CAR SYSTEM

Daily's U-Drive
Medford Airport

Ed Sullivan To Appear On TV Academy Program

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Television star Ed Sullivan has signed to appear on the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences nominations show which will be telecast nationally on Feb. 16, it was announced today.

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