

Tighter Federal Supervision Over Airline Flights Requested

Washington — (U.P.) — House investigators looking into last week's fatal plane crashes in California and New York called today for tighter federal supervision of airline flights.

The government within the last 48 hours had already issued a series of new safety regulations governing airline flights and plane tests.

But members of the House Commerce Committee said they want the government to go further.

Civil Aeronautics Board representatives Wednesday gave the committee preliminary reports on the collision of a jet fighter and airliner at Pacoima, Calif., Thursday and the crash of a Northeast airliner the next day at New York City. The crashes killed a total of 28 persons.

Rep. Stephen B. Derouanian (R-N.Y.), said he and other members of the committee were "disturbed" by the reports.

Controls Suggested

"I feel we need a general tightening up of everything," Derouanian said. "One idea is to have several roving bands of inspectors to step in any place and give planes a going over, grounding those that are not up to standard."

Rep. Kenneth A. Roberts (D-Ala.) suggested that the government control both takeoffs and landings at airports. Rep. Charles A. Wolverton (R-N.J.), charging that the airlines are "carrying people in a rather precarious way," suggested that the

government take over the job now performed by the airline dispatchers.

Oscar Bakke, director of the CAB's Bureau of Safety, said some of the suggestions would require a "very, very large technical staff" by the CAB to become effective.

Rep. Peter F. Mack Jr. (D-Ill.) called some suggestions by fellow committee members impractical. But he said the CAB's staff of inspectors should be increased.

CAB investigator Gordon Matthews told the committee that the Northeast Airlines pilot whose Miami-bound plane crashed in New York took no unusual risk in taking off in a snowstorm.

He said other planes were taking off and landing at LaGuardia Airport without any trouble before the Northeast plane took off and crashed in a matter of seconds. He also said the Northeast plane was not overloaded and was reported in good mechanical condition.

Bakke testified the DC7B airliner that collided with the jet fighter while both were being tested was operating under a permit banning test flights over congested areas.

New Regulations

But Bakke said it had not been determined whether the airliner which crashed into a schoolyard violated the permit.

The CAB late Wednesday issued new regulations to promote greater air safety by creat-

ing special "high density air traffic zones" around major airports where flight traffic is heavy.

The regulations, effective March 15, set a speed limit of 180 miles an hour within the zones. In addition, all radio-equipped planes must obtain advance clearance from the local control tower before entering the airport traffic zone.

The Commerce Committee planned to resume its hearings Friday.

Pakistan Resident Discusses Country At UN Meeting

Pakistan is definitely pro-western and pro-United States according to Noel J. D'Alves, citizen of Karachi, capital of Pakistan, who spoke last night for Medford chapter, Oregon United Nations association.

D'Alves, communication officer of the international airport at Karachi, will leave Medford Saturday for San Francisco after spending a month here studying communication methods at the Medford airport.

D'Alves, who explained that he spoke unofficially as a "common citizen of Pakistan talking to common citizens of the United States," said that his nation has been anti-communist from the very beginning. This is due largely to the fact that the government was established by Moslems who believe in God and therefore oppose any form of government which is Godless, he said.

Nation's History

The speaker traced the history of his nation, first giving background information about pre-partition events when India was a colony of the British empire. Pakistan has a parliament, similar to that of England, with a president whose office is largely titular and a prime minister who is the actual executive, he explained. There are several active political parties.

D'Alves spoke of the almost phenomenal progress of Pakistan since its establishment as a sovereign nation, saying it has made great strides industrially, educationally and politically. Since defense is so important in "this world of tension," about 50 per cent of the nation's budget goes for this, he said.

The speaker talked at considerable length about Kashmir, explaining that at the time of partition of India, the Kashmir people for the most part wanted to be part of Pakistan, since they are largely Moslem, but that the head of the province had been a Hindu who wished Kashmir to accede to India.

After a period of open war, the UN arranged a cease fire and attempted to set up conditions for a plebiscite, he said. Although nine different proposals were made by the UN in the nine years since, and all were accepted by Pakistan, India had rejected all, he declared.

He then charged that "India waited until the UN was tied up with another great problem and then moved into Kashmir. He closed by saying that in Pakistan, the United States has "a small but staunch ally."

During a question period, D'Alves compared the Kashmir situation to the Israeli-Arab conflict, and pointed out that Kashmir is Nehru's homeland. He was asked to comment on the Israeli-Arab situation in a number of questions, and said "I think the Middle East nations are all basically anti-communist but they flirt with the Soviets but when it is expedient to do so." He added that most of the Middle Eastern people believe Israel was brought into being largely by the United States' efforts and has attained their present strength through the aid of this nation.

D'Alves said the UN should put more pressure on member nations who fail to abide by its decisions, and should use whatever measures it can command to force UN nations to obey UN rulings.

The speaker was introduced by George Rode, president.

Neuberger Questions Unemployment Rate

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) today urged the Navy Department to reactivate three patrol vessels from the Astoria reserve fleet in Portland and lower Columbia shipyards instead of Puget Sound.

Neuberger said the Portland and lower Columbia shipyards "badly need work during the present critical unemployment situation."

The Oregon senator said he was challenging the Labor Department designation of the Portland area as a class C group, saying it "does not reflect the serious unemployment situation now prevailing."

County Officials Visit in Klamath

County Judge Rodney Keating, Commissioner Ralph James and several other Jackson county residents traveled to Klamath Falls county yesterday to discuss the porcupine eradication program there and tour areas where the program is in effect.

Current method of controlling porcupines involves use of strychnine and salt compounded in such a way that it will not affect dogs or other large animals or crop birds, Judge Keating said the mixture of one part strychnine to 16 parts salt is placed in small wooden boxes with the poison covered by paper. The porcupines, it was explained, chew off the paper and eat the poison. This program has been in effect in Klamath county since last October.

Among those from Jackson county attending the meeting and participating in the tour were Ralph Cook, Sam Taylor, Eugene K. Peterson, Glen Allen and Jennings Pierce. Fish and Wildlife Service representatives, biologist forestry officials and representatives of Weyerhaeuser Timber company, sponsors of the program, were also in attendance.

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Legislative Briefs

Salem — (U.P.) — A bill to ratify the Columbia Interstate Compact was introduced in the Oregon Senate today.

The bill is designed to promote the greatest, economically justifiable development of the region's water resources.

Salem — (U.P.) — The shortest bill of the 1957 Legislative session, Senate bill 27 making it official and legal that the motto of the state of Oregon is "The Union," was up for third reading and action in the Oregon Senate today.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Francis W. Ziegler of Corvallis and others.

Two Convicts Escape Washington Prison

Walla Walla — (U.P.) — Two convicts hid in boxes in the back of a truck yesterday and escaped from the Washington state penitentiary here.

They were identified as Earl Walter Pretzer, 38, and Carl Brennan, 51, both sentenced for armed robbery. They were discovered missing at 4 p.m. prisoner count.

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Salem — (U.P.) — A bill which would except college living groups from paying back taxes under the "omitted property" law was approved by the House Taxation Committee yesterday.

Personal property of fraternities, sororities and other living organizations at Oregon and Oregon State had started to be assessed only recently.

Salem — (U.P.) — The Senate yesterday passed a bill which would give nurses immunity from testifying in court about patients in their care.

Sen. Jean Lewis of Portland who introduced the measure said a similar bill passed the House last session but died in the Senate in the adjournment rush.

Salem — (U.P.) — A bill that would provide a 91-year-old retired Ontario, Ore., justice of the peace with a \$150 per month pension for the rest of his life was introduced in the Oregon Senate yesterday.

Sen. Tony Yturri, Ontario Republican, said his bill was worded to aid former Justice of the Peace Tom Jones who served for 24 years. The pension would be paid by Malheur county if authorized by the Legislature.

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National Guard Has Control of Armory Administration

Administrative responsibility for the new Medford armory lies solely with the National Guard, and the city and county governments will have only an advisory voice in its operation.

This was made clear today, following an inspection of correspondence with the military department at the time the armory negotiations were first started.

The \$400,000 building is being built by federal, state, county and city funds. Members of the city council this week indicated they were under the impression that it would be administered by a board including a representative of the military department, and members representing the city and county.

Article Published

Their comments followed publication of an article in the Mail Tribune last Monday in which Capt. S. J. Fagone, senior officer of the National Guard units in Medford, said applications for use of the armory are being accepted, and those interested in renting it should contact him.

The board which the councilmen had in mind apparently was an advisory board. Administration of the armory, under which the original understanding, rests with the armory board

of which Captain Fagone is chairman.

In a letter dated July 7, 1954, Brig. Gen. Raymond S. Olson, assistant adjutant general of the state military department wrote the late Diamond Flynn, then Medford mayor, than an "advisory board" would be appointed upon completion of the armory. The board would be made up of representatives of the state military department, and the city and county.

Advisory Board General Olson wrote that the advisory board "will have advisory powers toward the armory board at all times and will make recommendations to the best interests of all to the armory board when a decision is warranted toward use, operation and maintenance of the armory, properties and general facilities other than strictly military."

The armory board, General Olson said, is selected and approved as provided by Oregon law. Fagone said the board is set up under National Guard regulations.

The letter continued: "This board (the regular armory board) will actively manage and operate the armory with its facilities for all military and civil activities. They will fix rentals and fees, collect same, and deposit to the credit of the armory fund. All revenues deposited to the fund shall be used toward the maintenance, upkeep, and general improvement to or within the armory."

Fagone said when the new armory is completed, the armory board will automatically change from the present location to the new structure. He said he plans to establish a tentative calendar of armory events. The building will be rented on a first-come, first-served basis, he said.

Fagone indicated it probably would be late summer before the new building is ready for dedication since the armory has to be approved by both the federal and state governments after completion. He noted, however, that events may be scheduled in the building before the Guard actually occupies it.

Klamath Commissioner Returns To Court Post

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — County Commissioner Jerry Rajnus, who was wounded by a disgruntled pensioner last month during a Klamath County Welfare Commission meeting, returned to his county court post yesterday.

Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT

- William Victor Johnson, violation of basic rule, \$10.
- James Charles Stewart, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
- Victor Arlie Frost, violation of basic rule, \$10.
- Herbert Ray Chapman, violation of basic rule, \$10.
- William Earl Peterson, violation of basic rule, \$10.
- Bertha Ann Bursell, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
- Robert William Sparks, failure to stop at red light, \$5.
- Betty Jean Davis, violation of basic rule, \$10.
- Charles Bret McQuigg, violation of basic rule, \$10.
- Otis Davis Swisher, violation of basic rule, \$10.
- Duane Richard Halsey, wrong way on one way street, \$10.
- Beverly Jean Himmelman, failure to yield right of way, \$10.
- Cecil D. Moon, violation of basic rule, \$10.
- Ralph Junnie Mattack, turned left on red light, \$5.
- Shirley Mae Cook, violation of basic rule, \$10.
- George John Holtzinger, violation of basic rule, \$10.
- Theodore Henry Zahnaw, violation of basic rule, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT

- Bob Glenn Kimmel, overload, \$29.
- George Albert Folck, overweight, \$10.
- Lena Eldora Beal, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
- Henry Elmer Sizemore, overweight, \$25.
- George Bernard Gunn, excessive overhang, \$15.

CIRCUIT COURT

- Jack L. Bailey vs. Shirley Ann Bailey, divorce complaint.
- Douglas Earl Jones vs. Georgia Jean Jones, divorce complaint.

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