

U.S. Negotiations With Foreign Airlines Irk American Carriers

Washington—(U.P.)—U. S. airlines are fuming mad at the State Department.

They say it already has given away millions of dollars worth of their business by grant-

ing Dutch and German lines lucrative new air routes into this country. And they fear further "give aways" will result from forthcoming negotiations with the British, Swiss, Bel-

gians, and Australians.

The answer from State Department officials is that American-flag carriers earn twice as much abroad as foreign airlines earn in this country, and are taking a short-sighted view of their own best interests.

If Americans make too big an issue of protecting their airlines from foreign competition, the U. S. diplomats say, other countries will retaliate. In the long run, they say, the United States stands to lose more than anybody.

German Routes Okayed

The argument has been growing hotter since last April, when the State Department gave the West German airline Lufthansa access to five major U. S. cities in return for the rights which Pan American and Trans World Airlines have had in Germany since the war.

Early this month, over loud protests from U. S. carriers and the Civil Defense Board, the department signed an agreement with the Netherlands permitting the Dutch KLM line to stop at Houston, Tex., on its Montreal-Mexico City route, and to operate directly from New York to the Netherlands Antilles in the Caribbean. The issue was carried to President Eisenhower, who backed up the State Department.

Coming up are negotiations with the Australians in May, with the British in June, with the Belgians and Swiss in July. All are expected to seek new routes into or out of the United States.

U. S. airlines are so apprehensive about these negotiations that they are urging Congress to rush through legislation to curb the executive branch's broad discretionary powers in signing international air route agreements.

Legislation Introduced

One bill, already passed by the Senate and awaiting House action, would make U. S. airlines an official party to all future route negotiations. Another introduced in the Senate would give air route agreements the status of treaties, requiring Senate ratification.

"The State Department is like a girl who can't say no," said a spokesman for the Air Transport Association, which represents major U. S. airlines in Washington.

"It will give away anything in order to be friends with these foreign countries. The whole U. S. air transport system is going to wind up on government subsidy if Congress doesn't stop the diplomats from giving away our traffic."

A state department official in close touch with all negotiations retorted:

"The airlines are acting like spoiled children. They want to be protected from competition at home, and at the same time they want U.S.-flag carriers to have free run of the world."

"All we're giving to other countries in these agreements is the right to compete in our market, just as we compete in theirs."

German Held for Damaging Tombstones

Luebeck, Germany—(U.P.)—Police said today they have arrested an 18-year-old laborer for damaging 25 tombstones in a Jewish cemetery here.

Many of the stones marked the graves of concentration camp victims. Jewish organizations here claimed the damage was the result of anti-Semitism.

Laborer Hans-Heinrich Hertz told police he had a grudge against the cemetery keeper. Officials said preliminary evidence indicated it was not a case of anti-Semitism.

Ex-charwoman, 104, Awarded \$300,000 In Contested Will

Detroit—(U.P.)—A 104-year-old charity patient, who worked as a charwoman to raise a family of 16 children, has been awarded \$300,000 from the estate of a millionaire daughter who tried to cut her off without a cent.

The award to Mrs. Wilhelmina Van Etten, a city-supported patient at a rest home here, climaxed a two-year legal battle in courts in Michigan and New York. Mrs. Van Etten's attorneys, in a suit filed two years ago, contended that her six-times wed daughter, Mrs. Agnes Momand ignored her mother because of fraud and undue influence.

The daughter, who died May 25, 1955 at the age of 65, wrote six wills, but failed to leave her mother any of the \$3 million fortune she had amassed by her marriages. In one of her

will, however, Mrs. Momand remembered her mother by a gift to the University of Nevada.

In contesting the will, attorneys for Mrs. Van Etten cited

usage of alcohol and drugs as reasons why her daughter was unfit to make a will.

The only member of the family mentioned in the will was

Mrs. Betty Roberts, of Los Angeles, a sister of Mrs. Momand. Other beneficiaries included her doctors, nurses, servants and her last husband, Donald S. Mo-

mand of London.

Mrs. Van Etten, a hospital patient for the past two years, was said to be in "satisfactory condition."

Grange News

Central Point Grange

At the last meeting of the Central Point Grange, six candidates were taken through the first and second degree work by the all-girl drill team.

The ladies were dressed in pastel-colored formals.

Two candidates were Charles and Melva Henry and Elsie and Russell Fair, of Medford, Isadore Cuthbert of Central Point and Caroline Foust of Live Oak Grange.

A number of guests were present from Eagle Point, Live Oak, Upper Rogue and Gold Hill Granges.

Master Caroline Harding of Upper Rogue Grange and Master Charles E. White of Live Oak Grange were escorted to the Masters station, and each gave talks and answered questions on Grange work.

Reports were given by all standing committees. New stations were in use by the three granges. These were a gift from sister Emma Conger, who furnished the material and C. J. Whitney, who built them.

Plans were made to assist the juveniles in entering a float in the Pear Blossom festival parade in Medford.

Many specimens of stuffed birds were displayed by Carl Richardson.

Lunch was served by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gebhard, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Belle and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jensen.

The third and fourth degree work will be exemplified at the next regular meeting, Friday, April 19. The serving committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jantzer, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Keenan and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lydiard.

Upper Applegate Grange

Support for the Jackson County 4-H program in the form of two \$25 scholarships to the 4-H Summer school in Corvallis was voted by Upper Applegate Grange at its regular meeting in Ruch School on Friday evening. 4-H activities are flourishing in the Upper Applegate area, it was stated, with seven different clubs currently functioning under the general chairmanship of Armin Richter.

Chaplain Kathleen Scovall reported receiving greetings from Brother John Dutton in the Veterans' hospital in Livermore, Calif., and also stated that Sister Eleanor Mayfield is seriously ill in the hospital in Medford. Plans for annual Church Sunday for the Grange will be announced as soon as the new hall is completed, she said.

An outbreak of bovine tuberculosis among beef cattle in one area of Jackson county, the first in many years, was reported by the agricultural committee. Drastic control measures are being taken including a large-scale testing program.

Grangers were advised to watch for dates of flood control hearings which are expected to be scheduled in Medford by Congressman Charles O. Porter during the week ending April 27.

Announcement was made of the April meeting of the recently-organized Applegate Valley Garden club to be held at Ruch School at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, at which Mrs. Marcel LePinec will discuss use of native plant materials in gardening, and Mrs. Charles Brown, club president, will outline chrysanthemum culture.

Home Economics Chairman Edna Sawyer thanked the Grange for flowers and cards received while she was incapacitated with a severely sprained wrist. She also expressed her appreciation to members of the Home Economics club for carrying plans for the rummage sale to successful completion in her absence, and to all Grange members and others who donated to the sale. A total of \$75 was cleared from the project.

Anna Scott, chairman of the legislative committee, gave a resume of the status of various bills now before the Oregon legislature. Individual grangers were urged to write their representatives in congress opposing

the current effort on the part of the National Services Administration to have the property comprising National Grange headquarters condemned in order to secure it for government use.

Work on the new grange hall continues to progress satisfactorily according to William Nstrand, who heads the building committee. Plastering of the interior is finished, but the remaining carpenter work cannot be undertaken until the plaster is completely dry in order to avoid damaging it. Meanwhile, plumbing fixtures and heating equipment are to be installed.

Gail Buffington, chairman of the committee on roads, stated the Upper Applegate road is now being rebuilt from the south end of the Fossen property to Copper, and the project is scheduled for completion within approximately one month, weather conditions permitting.

Worthy Master Menno Bachmann appointed Sister Viola Finley to serve as Lady Assistant Steward until a regular election is held to fill the office. Sister Anna Scott, who formerly held this position resigned recently.

The regular meeting of Pomona Grange on Saturday, April 27, at Bellview Grange was announced. This session, which commences at 10 a.m., will include the annual memorial service for departed members.

Sister Maude Port, charter member of Upper Applegate Grange who now resides in Eugene, was given a special welcome during the lecturer's hour. Her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Baughman of Ashland, who accompanied her, were presented and brought greetings from Bellevue Grange.

Community singing and humorous stories comprised the lecturer's program for the evening following which refreshments were served by the Marion Dunlaps and the Harlan Contralls.

At the next meeting on April 26, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Haskins of Medford will present a travelogue with pictures of their summer sojourn in Europe. This program, which will be preceded by a brief session of the Grange, will be open to the public, and all who are interested are cordially invited. The display table will feature objects from European countries. Anyone having such items may bring them for exhibition during the evening. Heading the refreshment committee for this occasion will be Jim and Mamie Wingham and Fred and Ethel West.

Grace N. Pearson, Publicity Chairman

Pomona Grange

There will be a meeting of all officers of Jackson county Pomona Grange, Sunday, April 21, at 1:30 p.m. at Phoenix Grange hall, to practice officers' seating drill.

There will also be practice for the memorial service and Pomona chaplain Hattie Hendrickson has asked that all subordinate chaplains from the Granges, with members to be honored at the April 27 meeting, attend this practice.

Next Pomona meeting will be at 10 a.m., April 27 at Bellview Grange hall.

Salem—(U.P.)—The State Board of Control has dropped plans for temporary building at MacLaren school for boys.

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Two Are Fined \$100 On Driving Charges

Ralph Jones Thomas, 29 Newtown st., Medford, forfeited \$100 bail in municipal court this week on charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Municipal Judge Noreen Kelly said his driver's license will be suspended 90 days.

Also fined \$100 this week on charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor was Higgins Vernon Brownfield, transient. His driver's license was suspended 90 days.

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