

\$45,000 Bus Takes Broadcasting's Traveling Show Around Nation

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New York—The traveling show in the broadcasting business is a country music package that wheels around this nation in a \$45,000 bus.

The bus contains clothes closets, a club lounge, a scattering of troupes and 13 members of the "Country Music Time" show. The program, a 25-minute portion of down-home tunes, rock 'n' roll and comedy, moves over the CBS radio this Friday after a hitch with Mutual radio.

"It seems to me we've been almost everywhere in the South and Southwest over the past six months—Richmond, Memphis, Louisville, Beaumont, Tex.," said Buff Collier, co-lead of the show.

"As a rule we play six towns a week and it seems to me we've been in almost 175 cities so far. In one town each week, we tape our weekly show for radio."

While other shows are fighting the battle of Trendex, Collier's outfit is wrestling the elements. **All Types Of Weather**

"We've hit just about anything you can imagine—rainstorms, floods, tornadoes," said Collier.

"On the way to Fort Knox, Ky., our carburetor clogged out on the road. In Mobile, Ala., we hit a rainstorm so bad, we had to push the people's cars with our bus after the show."

Show business on tires may be bumpety-bump, but Collier reports that the reception accorded country music is smooth. In some towns the troupe has played to audiences as large as 17,000 in a single night.

"I know there are people who look down on country music and who think of country performers as illiterates, but I think

those opinions are gradually changing," said Collier.

Music On Upswing

"Country music has come a long way the past five years. It has infiltrated the pop field and if you look at the top 20 songs in the country right now, you'll find almost half are of country origin—like 'Bye Bye Love' and 'A White Sport Coat.'"

For the distant future, Collier sees a merger of all the commercial fields of music into one division. But for his immediate future, Collier can only see a long tour by his troupe in Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas.

"It's a rough grind," admitted Collier. "I know it's a grind for me and I'm sure it is for the rest of the cast. But we're certainly getting exposure. And we're kind of getting to see the country, too."

Senate Committee To Investigate Price Increases

Washington—The Senate anti-monopoly subcommittee will investigate recent price increases ordered into effect by U.S. Steel and other major industrial producers.

Chairman Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), announced plans for the inquiry Saturday.

He said the first phase will deal with industry's pricing policies in general. Later, he said, the subcommittee will study particular industries.

Group of Economists

He said a group of economists will be questioned July 9 and 11 about "administered" prices—that is, prices which are fixed by a company by executive decision rather than set in the competitive market place.

Administrative prices, Kefauver said, are held rigid and sales fluctuate with demand at that constant price.

In a statement announcing the subcommittee's investigation, Kefauver called attention to the \$6-a-ton increase just announced by U.S. Steel and other steel producers. Informed sources said the subcommittee will request, in preparation for hearings on the steel industry, complete operational data on which the companies based their action.

'Unjustifiable'

Walter P. Reuther, vice president and chairman of the Economic Policy committee of the AFL-CIO, Saturday branded the U.S. Steel increase as "unjustifiable, socially irresponsible and dangerously inflationary."

"It is big business' contemptuous and defiant response to the appeal of President Eisenhower only last Wednesday for restraint by industry in initiating price increases," Reuther said.

At his Wednesday news conference, the President expressed new concern about the dangers of inflation and called on both business and labor to exercise "statesmanship" in avoiding unreasonable price and wage demands.

U.S. Steel cited a new round of wage increases granted its employees as the main reason for raising its prices. Reuther said:

"The facts on steel prices and steel wages prove conclusively that U.S. Steel's effort to blame the price increase on increased labor costs is completely false."

Only about one-half of the U.S. area believed to contain oil has so far been explored for it.

U.S. Jet, Italian Fighter Collide in Air

Naples, Italy—A U.S. Air Force jet fighter and an Italian fighter collided and crashed into the sea off nearby Sorrento Thursday, the NATO Air Force command in Southern Europe announced Saturday.

An intensive search failed to turn up any trace of the wreckage or pilots of the two planes taking part in NATO's "Operation Rosie-Rosie" which ended the Mediterranean Friday. The American pilot's name was withheld.

'Slight' Outbreak Of Flu Not Asiatic

Fort Ord, Calif.—The "slight" outbreak of influenza which occurred at Fort Ord "is not believed to be the so-called Asiatic flu," according to an Army spokesman.

However, Don English, chief of information for the post, said that the matter "is still in the clinical stage."

He said 32 cases had been reported in the last four days, but pointed out that the military population of the post "was nearly 23,000, and this is certainly nothing approaching an epidemic."

English said the sick soldiers suffered from light fever for about two days and usually were able to report to duty on the third day.

The Fort Ord outbreak was the third of its kind in Northern California in the past week.

About 140 school girls were stricken with the respiratory infection while attending the annual girls' state meeting at the University of California college of agriculture at Davis late last week. Earlier this week, about 50 boys at the Log Cabin Ranch Juvenile Detention quarters in San Mateo were reported stricken.

Students Attempt to Block Base Runway

Sunakawa, Japan—Pro-Communist students attempting to block runways at a nearby U.S. air base battled police for an hour and a-half in the rain-soaked pre-dawn darkness Saturday.

The police eventually drove off the leftist-led teenagers and tore down the 60-foot bamboo poles they had embedded in the runways at Tachikawa Field.

Darkness, heavy rain and mud slowed up the combatants on both sides. No one was seriously hurt, and there were no arrests.

The clash was the latest in a series of disorders provoked by leftist Gengakuren student organization or the Sohyo Union Federation to protest extension of the Tachikawa runways to accommodate modern planes.



TESTIFYING before Senate finance committee, Treasury Secretary George Humphrey tells of how his stock holdings have increased in value since 1953. (International)

INSTALLMENT SENTENCE
Waterford, Conn.—Convicted of drunken driving, Willie Austin, 44, was ordered to serve a 60-day jail sentence on the installment plan. After pleading that he needed to stay home to care for his ill wife, Austin was told to serve each Saturday and Sunday for 30 weeks.

A MARKED MAN
Mt. Pleasant, Mich.—A sophomore from Central Michigan College by the name of James Love.

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Egypt Challenges U.S. With Threats

Beirut, Lebanon—Egypt and Saudi Arabia challenged the United States Saturday with renewed threats of force to bar Israeli shipping from the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Anaba.

Egypt's recent acquisition of three Soviet submarines lent new weight to a threat which amounted to little more than words when it was first uttered early last year.

Despite Saudi Arabia's unity with Egypt on the Araba issue, there were growing indications here that the oil-rich desert kingdom is heading for an open break with Syria. Egypt's chief ally among the Soviet-aided Arab states.

The strongest restatement of the Suez-Araba threat was broadcast from Cairo by Aly Sabri, President Gamal Abdel Nasser's chief political aide, who hinted that Egypt expects the United Nations to support the ban.

"If Israeli ships try to force their way through the Suez Canal or the Gulf of Anaba, we will prevent them," Sabri said.

"If Israel attempts to obtain foreign assistance in such a move, the outcome will be the same as the outcome of the tripartite invasion."

The "tripartite invasion" he was talking about was the Anglo-French-Israeli attack on Egypt last fall, which was halted by U.N. pressure.

Ambitious Plan for Transporting Flock Of Penguins Revealed

Portland—Portland may become the only place in the world, outside of Antarctica, where a whole flock of Giant Emperor Penguins can be observed at work and play.

An ambitious plan was announced here Saturday to fly between 12 and 15 of the three-foot tall birds, relics of the ice age, to a \$50,000 sanctuary at the new Portland zoological gardens, now under construction.

Jack Marks, director of the Portland zoo, has made arrangements with the Navy and Air Force to fly to the subcontinent armed with specially designed strait-jackets with which to capture a whole flock of the Emperors.

Keen To Survive

Only two Emperor penguins have been known to survive in captivity. They are at the Bronx zoo in New York. Marks has high hopes that his flock will thrive nicely in his new \$3,800,000 plant in Portland's West hills.

Rear Adm. George J. Dufek, Navy commander of the task force supporting seven American bases in Antarctica, wrote City Commissioner Ormond Bean, "Your plan has my full concurrence, and he assured the parks commissioner that the complete cooperation of myself and all members of my staff will be given to Mr. Marks in the execution of this project."

Previous attempts to transport the Emperors to this country have failed, primarily because of the long over-water voyage. Marks plans to leave here in October and fly to McMurdo sound.

Navy pilot will fly him and his captured penguins to open water by helicopter. Then they will be flown to Christchurch, N.Z. and be transferred immediately to another Globemaster for the flight to Portland.

Advising and assisting Marks in his project will be Alan Best, director of the Stanley Park zoo in Vancouver, B. C. He is considered a top authority on the life and loves of penguins.

Chinese Reds Say Hen Laying More Than Norm

London—The Chinese Communists Saturday hailed a little "red" hen for exceeding production norms.

The hen, according to a Peiping broadcast, has been laying three eggs every two days since February.

And, the broadcast said, the eggs are "larger than the usual size."

The hen is owned by an agricultural cooperative in Mongolia, according to the broadcast monitored here.

U.S. National Bank Lists Local Deposits

The Medford branch of the United States National Bank of Portland listed deposits of \$20,619,689.75 in its June 6 statement of condition, according to Allan F. Perry, manager.

Loans and discounts at the Medford branch totaled \$10,210,716.98. The statewide system reported deposits totaling more than \$710 million. Loans and discounts for all branches in the state totaled \$323,551,388.

An increase in savings interest rate became effective Jan. 1, raising the rate to 2 1/2 per cent. Interest rate on three-year cer-

Contact With Four Japanese Attempted

Manila—The Japanese Embassy awaited word Saturday of contact with four Japanese still hiding out near Mount Matutum in the belief the Pacific War is still on.

An embassy spokesman said he expected a group of Filipinos to reach the Japanese ex-soldiers in Cotabato Province, in the southern Philippines. He said the embassy had promised the Filipinos a monetary reward if they could make contact with the four Japanese.

Japanese Ambassador Morio Yukawa told defense and armed forces officials that his government was anxious to repatriate the ex-soldiers safely.

Yukawa estimated that there are from 100 to 300 Japanese stragglers hiding out in the mountains of the Philippines.

News Agency Claims Largest Lab Project

London—The Soviet news agency Tass claimed Saturday that Russia has built the world's largest hydrological laboratory at Valdai, near the source of the Volga River.

The report, in a Moscow Radio broadcast heard here, said scientists at the laboratory were drawing up programs to develop virgin land, aid forestry and solve biological problems.

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