

Many Famous Railroad Runs Cut Out As Passenger Use Continues Down

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New York — Famous railroad runs are falling by the wayside as the financial plight of the railroads grows. Listing declining passenger revenues as their main reason, the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad and the Baltimore & Ohio last week discontinued two of this country's famous trains.

The B&O did away with its Royal Blue Line (Baltimore to New York) citing a 46 per cent drop in passenger revenues since 1946.

The B&O began its New York service in 1860 when ferries had to be used at several points. Its first through service to Jersey City, N.J., began in 1863, but connections to New York—by ferry or bus—have been necessary through the years.

After 88 years, the M-K-T's "Katy Flyer" made its last run last week between St. Louis and Parsons, Kan.

Consolidate Runs
The New York Central, while not doing away with a run, consolidated its crack Commodore Vanderbilt and Twentieth Century Limited trains between New York and Chicago.

Central President Alfred Perlman said the move was taken because of the decline in number of passengers and the anticipated further decline in the summer months.

The Pennsylvania Railroad also has cut some of the trains on its Washington to New York run.

Eastern railroads are more affected by declining passenger volume since 50 per cent of their business is accounted for by passengers. Western roads depend on passengers for only 10 per cent of their volume.

Competition from other means of travel—automobile, bus and plane—has been a big thorn in the side of the railroads.

The railroads contend they would better compete with buses and airplanes if given more lenient rate-making procedures and if the 10 per cent passenger excise tax were repealed.

These measures are included in a Senate subcommittee's eight-point program to aid the railroads but only time will tell what effect they will have on passenger operations.

The decline in the nation's economy has dropped railroad freight revenues sharply, making the huge passenger deficit, particularly among Eastern railroads, a much heavier burden.

The passenger deficit for

the nation's railroads is estimated at \$700 million a year. Some railroads are cutting the dining cars from their trains to meet rising costs, while others are offering buffet style meals or increased vending service.

Drop Commuter Runs
Many commuter runs are being dropped, with proposals for additional cutbacks up before regulatory agencies.

Mergers have been suggested as a way to meet the railroad plight. The Pennsylvania and New York Central, the nation's two largest railroads, are actively considering a consolidation, as are the Erie, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and Delaware & Hudson.

Both these proposed mergers are aimed at cutting costs sharply through the discontinuance of many stations, trains and thousands of miles of duplicate trackage.

The financial plight of the railroads is pointed up by executive salary cuts by a number of eastern roads. Pennsy executives making \$10,000 or more per year received a 10 per cent cut, while Central executives earning \$15,000 or more annually took a similar cut.

Congress To Consider Several Bills Important To Northwest

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Washington — Congress is rolling in high gear now, with hearings and floor debates scheduled for the coming two weeks on a hatful of major bills affecting the Pacific Northwest.

Most important of the coming week is the Klamath Indian bill, which won unanimous approval of the Senate Interior Committee last week. It is expected to come up for Senate debate some time this week.

The National Lumber Manufacturers Association is reported to be lobbying quietly against the measure. But it has bipartisan support from the Eisenhower administration, through the Interior Department, and Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), its chief advocate.

The bill would preserve sustained-yield cutting of the Klamath Indian timber, whether it is bought by private operators or the government, to satisfy claims of tribal members who want their shares of the tribe's assets. The bill would cost the government, if it bought the timberland, a maximum of \$90 million.

Would Authorize Cost
Neuberger has had prepared an amendment that could be added to provide that timber revenues from the sales that would be made by the Forest Service in the future in managing this new timberland would all go into the U. S. Treasury to amortize the federal purchase cost. Suggested by ex-Gov. Charles A. Sprague, this amendment might make the bill less objectionable to senators who dislike its price tag. Neuberger found it unnecessary to

propose this feature when the Interior Committee approved the bill last week.

Hearings by the Interior Committee will be resumed on the upper Columbia river dispute with Canada this week, with Douglas McKay slated as final witness.

The House public lands subcommittee, headed by Rep. Gracie Plost (D-Idaho), has scheduled action this week on the bill to create Ft. Clatsop national monument. The bill passed the Senate last month.

Northwest senators and congressmen are now preparing to testify before the House Appropriations subcommittee on public works to make a strong bid for increased funds for Northwest power, flood control and irrigation projects. President Eisenhower has already revised his original budget estimates upward for the Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers. Senate Democrats last week pushed a resolution through the Interior Committee calling for an even bigger reclamation program.

Oregon Proposal Due
Showdown on the size of the public works program will come in the next few weeks. Oregon Democrats are working on their proposals, to be unveiled May 15, before the House Appropriations unit.

Hearings by the Senate Interior Committee on the proposed power agreement between Bonneville Power Administration and Idaho Power Co. begin May 14.

That same afternoon, the House is tentatively scheduled to take up Alaskan statehood. The bill has been bottled up in the House Rules Committee since last June. Speaker Sam Rayburn has agreed to allow the bill to be called up as a matter of special consideration May 14, if the Rules Committee hasn't approved it by then.

Scheduling the statehood bill, along with other controversial issues, is a problem these days because of the many primary elections this spring. Traditionally, Congress doesn't schedule bills on which there is likely to be roll call votes on days elections are being held.

The statehood debate is supposed to be sandwiched between the May 13 primaries in Nebraska and New Mexico and the Oregon primary, May 16. If a final vote cannot be taken by Thursday, May 15, it will be deferred until the following Monday, day before the primaries in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

The following week, the Senate Public Works Committee has scheduled hearings on the bills introduced by Neuberger for a regional power corporation in the Northwest and for giving industrial concerns a higher priority in obtaining electric power from the Bonneville system. They are scheduled May 21-23.

Retarded Youth Admits Taking 6-Year-Old Girl

St. Louis — A 15-year-old mentally retarded boy whose abduction of Kathy Hampton, 6, touched off a three-day kidnap search, told police he didn't know "why I did it, I just did."

The boy, Robert Martin Reich Jr., was arrested Saturday shortly after a woman found Kathy wandering along a city street. The little girl was scratched and dirty, but otherwise unharmed.

Kathy, whom physicians described as a "very tired little girl," rested at home today. Doctors said she had not been attacked.

Went for Bike Ride

Police said Reich admitted taking Kathy "for a bicycle ride" last Wednesday. He told police he took Kathy to an abandoned house, tied her up, tore off her clothes and left.

Police Sgt. Frank O'Neill, who questioned Reich, said the boy showed on a map the two-mile route he took with Kathy to get to the house. "I led her up some steps I

Long-Time School Administrator Dies

Portland — Arthur M. Cannon, 81, Toledo, long active in school administration in Oregon, died Saturday. He had been superintendent of schools at Hood River and Lincoln county and later was personnel manager for the C. D. Johnson mill at Toledo. He retired about 10 years ago.

had noticed when I was there at another time." O'Neill quoted Reich. "While Kathy was looking out the window I tore her dress up the back. When she started to cry I slapped her and she stopped."

Hidden by Linoleum

"After she was tied, I put her in the corner and hid her with a piece of linoleum that was in the house, then I went home."

"My grandmother read the newspaper stories about Kathy to me," Reich said, "but I was afraid to tell her what I had done or go back to the house."

"I am sorry for what I did." Kathy's disappearance set off the most intense St. Louis police search in 25 years. At the peak of the investigation, 150 policemen and detectives took part in the hunt.

TO TRY COLLABORATOR
Caico — The government may demand the death penalty for a Port Said laun-

dryman who allegedly washed uniforms for French and British troops during the Suez invasion on 1956, the prosecutor

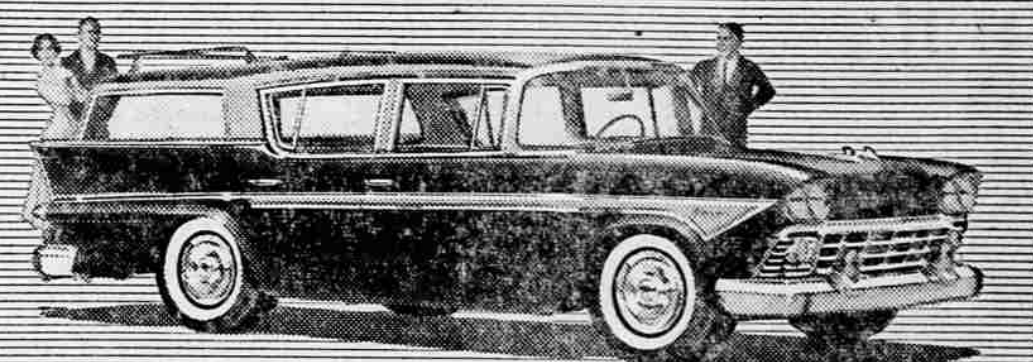
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Cellist Would Play For Disarmament

San Juan, P. R. — Spanish cellist Pablo Casals says he would be willing to play in the United States "and even in Russia" if the two nations reach an agreement on disarmament.

The 81-year-old refugee told a group of young foreign musicians attending the Casals Festival here that he endorses medical missionary Albert Schweitzer's appeal for an end to the nuclear arms race.

"I hope the United States and the Soviet Union will overlook temporary political differences in the name of mankind's long-range interests..." He said.

Casals, who fled to France when Francisco Franco emerged victorious in the Spanish Civil War, has consistently refused to play in the United States or any other country friendly to Franco.



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