

Colonel Relieved Of Command Over Bumping Incident

Tokyo—(UPI)—The U. S. Air Force announced today it has reprimanded Lt. Col. Charles H. Platt Jr. and relieved him of his command for his part in bumping seven enlisted men en route to the United States on emergency leave.

Platt, 49, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was relieved of his post as commander of the Air Terminal Squadron at Tachikawa Air Base and made to forfeit one-half month's salary, \$340. The Air Force said Platt was being transferred.

Pleas Said Ignored
The enlisted men said Platt ordered them bumped from the plane so he and his wife and their four children could leave for a Hawaiian vacation. They said they pleaded with him but that he turned away and ordered a major to put them off the aircraft.

"The evidence does not support the allegations that Lt. Col. Platt took any action to 'bump' emergency leave passengers," the Air Force said. But it added, "He contributed to the confusion which caused the administrative error and led to the impression that he had caused the 'bumping' of emergency leave passengers."

The incident took place last March 26 at the Tachikawa Base, a major passenger terminal.

Craft Ordered Back
Five of the enlisted men were put back aboard the plane by Lt. Gen. Robert W. Burns, top U. S. commander in Japan, who ordered the craft to return after it was 30 minutes out on a flight to Honolulu with the colonel and his family. Two other men had left the airport.

Five of the enlisted men were rushing home because of deaths or critical illnesses in their families.

Herter Optimistic On West Agreement

Washington—(UPI)—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter is optimistic the Western Allies will reach agreement on strategy for negotiating with Russia on the Berlin and German problems.

This was reported today by associates of the new secretary, who said Herter believes the Paris meeting next week of Western ministers will be able to agree on most of the package proposal the Allies hope to present to Russia at the Geneva conference starting May 11.

Top officials here acknowledged that American, British, French and West German diplomatic experts, who have been meeting in London the past 10 days, have yet to achieve full accord.

However, they said they expected the differences to be narrowed and most of them solved by the Western foreign ministers at their Paris sessions beginning Wednesday.

Durno Opposes Log Truck Tax

Salem—(UPI)—A House bill placing log trucks under the weight mile tax passed the Oregon Senate 18-12 Wednesday.

Proponents said it was in the interest of the small logging operators while opponents said it was desired by giant lumber mills.

Sen. Edwin Durno (R-Medford) said passage of the bill would drive out of business many operators. He also complained about the large number of requirements imposed on operators under the bill.

Sen. R. J. Chapman (D-Coos Bay) carried the bill on the floor. He said administrative costs would total \$400,000 a year while revenues would reach \$600,000.

Castro Slaying Scheme Revealed
New York—(UPI)—Police today received a tip from the Cuban government that six men had been sent here as part of a plot to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Annual Confusion Over Daylight Time Starts on Sunday

Chicago—(UPI)—The annual confusion that marks the start of daylight savings time descends on nearly half of the nation at 2 a.m. Sunday.

In daylight time homes, clocks will be set ahead one hour so that the family can enjoy an extra hour of early evening daylight throughout the summer and into the fall.

Transportation Problem
Confusion in daylight time states and cities is usually confined to the first day when people who forgot to set their clocks ahead find themselves late for church. But transportation creates a deeper summer-long problem because of time differentials between states and even between cities only a few miles apart.

Generally, eastern states and midwestern states east of

the Mississippi river will be in the fast time belt. California and Nevada will be on daylight time in the Far West. The Deep South will remain on "slow" time.

The "fast" time starts on the last Sunday in April and ends either on the last Sunday in September or the last Sunday in October, depending on the area.

Minnesota Example
Minnesota, where some metropolitan areas will be on daylight time, is an example of how things can get complicated. Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth will go on "fast" time which means that motorists driving to outlying points can get to their destination before they started from home, at least by the clock.

HORNBROOK Big Earth Dam Finished

By KATHERINE CHAPMAN
Hornbrook—Work was completed Monday on a newly-built dam and storage reservoir on the Rob Cummins ranch.

The installation is located in the hill pasture east of the railroad tracks and highway 99. A rolled-fill type earth dam, 26 feet in height, creates a reservoir with a capacity of 20 acre feet, or roughly, 6,534,000 gallons of water, according to figures released by government engineers who inspected the work Monday.

Water to be stored in the reservoir will be provided by runoff from spring and winter rains and snow, and will be used for irrigating purposes.

Construction of the work was under the direction of the Soil Conservation Service, and its cost will be borne on a 50-50 basis by Cummins and the S.C.S. Langlois and Lorenzini of Yreka were the contractors on the job.

The grammar school played their opening game of the baseball season here on Friday, April 10, against Ft. Jones. Hornbrook boys won this game by a score of 7 to 5, but the girls lost to Ft. Jones, 26 to 11.

Friday evening, the seventh and eighth graders were hosts at a "Spring Whirl" held at the schoolhouse.

Guests were the youngsters' parents and schoolmates, and dancing was to recorded music from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Refreshments of cookies and punch were served.

The softball game played on the school diamond Saturday afternoon, saw the mothers win over the daughters by a score of 16 to 15. The game was played for the benefit of the Vaqueros, the girls mounted drill team.

Mrs. Loren Cummins was in Red Bluff, Calif., last Saturday, where she attended a luncheon and a district meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma, national teachers' sorority.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Funk of Delta, Calif., were in town last week end visiting their daughter and her family. Mr. and Mrs. Al King and Terry. They also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Breceda.

Mrs. Corlie Fairbanks returned last week from a month's visit in Castro Valley, Calif. Mrs. Fairbanks is the mother of Mrs. Glen Robertson.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Johnson are his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. "Hank" Johnson of Portland, Ore.

On Sunday, accompanied by Floyd Hogan, they drove to Happy Camp, where they did a little "rock-hounding."

To honor her sister, Mrs. E. H. Van Schoick, who is visiting here from Ottawa, Ill., Mrs. Ivon Howard entertained the combined Henley and Hornbrook Bridge clubs at her home on Wednesday.

Holding high score was Mrs. Marshall Horn, with second high going to Mrs. Bertha Bradley. Others playing were Mrs. John Griffin, Mrs. Grace Quigley, Mrs. Lester Nye, Mrs. Frank Ohlund, Mrs. Henley Clawson, Mrs. Fred Mills, Mrs. Ed Smith and Mrs. Dwain Hamner.

A regular luncheon was served in place of the usual dessert luncheon. Mrs. Van Schoick is leaving by plane out of Medford on Saturday, stopping first in San Francisco for a visit with her

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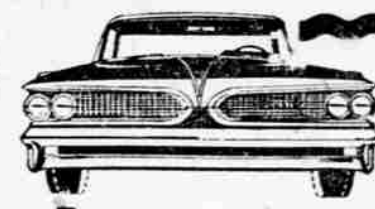
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