

Chartering Planes Becoming More Popular Among Groups

New York—(UPI)—Chartering planes for low-cost flights to Europe and elsewhere has become increasingly popular among unions, clubs, associations and the like.

But regulations governing who can and who can't charter a plane are strict, and efforts are underway by the airlines and commercial travel groups to make charter rates more widely available to all.

Now, you can fly to Europe and back for less than \$250 if you are a member of an organization eligible to charter an airliner. Nearly 100,000 did last year—one in twelve who flew the Atlantic—and the airlines say the traffic has increased heavily this year.

Charter Rate

The charter rate is roughly half of the lowest economy fare—\$62.60 round trip to London—and because of this, the Civil Aeronautics Board maintains a strict watch on all groups chartering aircraft for the Atlantic flight.

Membership in just any group does not mean eligibility for this bargain basement air travel. Would-be travelers cannot simply band together for the purpose of arranging a charter flight. The group has to collect dues regularly, hold regular meetings and function under by-laws. Members must be bonded for six months to be

eligible to join a charter. They can't along only close relatives living in their household—wives, children, parents.

A town or city organization is not eligible if it has more than 2,000 members. A state organization is limited to 5,000, a national organization to 20,000. But even then, eligibility is not automatic. The CAB looks on some national groups as too general, but may allow a local chapter to charter an aircraft.

If the CAB suspects an organization was formed merely to become eligible for charter flights, or that a majority of its membership joined to engage in trans-Atlantic money-saving, it will order the charter cancelled.

Not in Favor

Airlines and travel agents, any of whom can book a charter flight, are not altogether in favor of present charter arrangements. They would rather see economy rates brought much closer to charter fares so that the entire traveling public could take advantage of cheaper transportation.

The American Society of Travel Agents has asked the CAB to consider this, and has also asked the International Air Transport association, to which most trans-Atlantic airlines belong, to introduce two other rate-lowering devices: excursion fares and tour-bas-

ing fares. The latter are air fares lowered to specified percentages of the total costs of tours. Their purpose is to lower in turn the tour costs themselves.

"ASTA doesn't believe that it is in the public interest for a segment of the traveling public to receive such preferential treatment as charter passengers get," says ASTA executive vice president Raymond H. Hering.

In chartering an aircraft, an airline does not receive payment of individual air fares. It hires out the entire aircraft at the designated price, perhaps \$20,000, and then it is up to the chartering group to fill the plane.

Domestic air charters are comparatively unfettered, but not widespread. Any airline can book a "spontaneous" charter for a group which has organized itself for nothing more than flying from one point to another.

Increasing Charters

Other transportation services—railroads, buses and steamship lines—are engaging in charters to an increasing extent.

There are literally no restrictions on chartering a steamship. If you have the money, the ship is yours, and you may sell the space to anyone you please.

There are Interstate Commerce commission regulations governing bus charters. Within state boundaries, a bus charter is a simple transaction; but if the chartering party wants to cross state lines, it has to arrange the charter through a broker—usually a travel agent or your operator—who holds an ICC license and with a bus company which also holds an ICC license.

The railroad charter business which was a lucrative one before the air age is gradually fading. "Special trains," as they are called, are still used occasionally by such groups as Rotary; by children going to and from summer camps, and by the armed services. Rail charters are arranged, much as air charters, according to the costs involved, and there is no restriction on what kinds of groups can charter.

Turkish Army Getting Education from U.S. Foreign Aid Program

Ankara—(UPI)—American foreign aid money is being spent on wiping out illiteracy in the Turkish army.

A vast program begun in April of this year will teach 120,000 recruits annually—half of all those taken into the 500,000-man army every 12 months—the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic. The young soldiers are to study for eight weeks at the start of their two years of military service.

Illiteracy in Turkey is still put at about 65 per cent of the total population. For an army trying to modernize itself quickly, this is a grave handicap.

Half of all those entering the army are unable to spell their own names. In the past, this hardly mattered since one could handle a bayonet effectively without knowing the alphabet.

Things Change

Today things are changed. Sweeping advances in mechanized and nuclear warfare make literacy imperative. The more modern the equipment, the greater the need for skilled hands, to work it.

The recruits will soon be studying at 17 centers being set up in different parts of

Turkey as a result of lengthy and detailed experiments by experts to determine the best way to teach an adult recruit.

Classes of 25 are considered the most effective. The students will spend six hours in the classroom each day, plus two hours of physical training. Textbooks have been devised containing pictures of objects familiar to the recruits, most of whom are peasants from Turkey's 40,000 villages.

To See Drawings

When he opens his book the soldier-student will see drawings of the mosque, the village school, the coffee-house, the donkey, the ox-cart, the village pump, and nowadays, the motor-bus.

This program was formally inaugurated recently by Turkish President Celal Bayar at a ceremony in a training camp not far from Ankara.

When Bayar walked into the first class, the teacher, a university professor on military duty, called the class to attention.

"What will you all become if you don't learn to read and write?" he shouted. Twenty-five voices roared back: "Private soldiers!" "And what will you be when you've learned to read and write?" "Corporals and sergeants," was the chorused reply.

The United States has contributed three million dollars to set up the 17 training centers, plus another three and a half million for teachers' salaries and textbooks, while the Turkish government allocated nearly one million dollars in Turkish currency in 1959 as its share in the vital enterprise.

Baseball Banquet Scheduled Tonight

American Legion Post of Medford will hold its annual Legion junior baseball banquet tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Medford Hotel Regue room, it was announced today by the team manager, Keegan Townsend.

The affair will climax the year's activities which saw the team in a divisional playoff with Roseburg.

The guest speaker will be Chief of Police Charles Champlin, a member of the local legion post.

The boys have invited their individual sponsors to accompany them to the banquet. Legionnaires and the president of the legion auxiliary Mrs. Betty Fichtner, will attend.

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Workshop Registration Scheduled Monday at SOC

Ashland—Classroom registrations for the post session workshops in elementary school music and audio-visual aids may be made Monday, Aug. 10, on the Southern Oregon campus.

Slated to meet in room 210, Churchill hall, the music workshop, directed by Miss Helene Robinson, will have special attention given to several units of study, such as American Indian music, Latin American music, and Calypso music.

Emphasis will be upon class participation in the musical activities appropriate for the elementary grades. Materials used in class will be selected not only because they are enjoyable and can promote musical growth, but also because of their suitability to the school curriculum.

Suited to Needs

Each student will be permitted to choose for special study a particular topic of value to his school situation or to his own growth, Miss

Robinson said, adding that three hours of credit, either graduate or undergraduate, Ed 410 (g), methods and research materials in music, or Mus 383, music education in the grades, could be gained.

Miss Robinson has been a city supervisor of music, and was on the music staff at Arizona State college before coming to Southern Oregon college. She has presented workshops and demonstrations for city, county, state and national conferences of music and education associations; has directed children's music festivals and radio programs; and has had articles published in a number of professional magazines. Her master of music degree is from Northwestern university; and she has been working towards the doctor's degree at the University of California.

Audio-Visual Aids

Registration for the audio-visual aids workshop will take place in the college library, room 101, according to Chester C. Squire, who will instruct the class.

Squire announced that the course presentation would call upon a number of resource persons in the field to demonstrate a wide variety of techniques and materials.

Representatives from the state forestry, visual instruction, and fish and game departments will be called upon, as well as personnel from publishing companies, and the head of the University of Oregon AVA center, Don Hunter. Others will be announced at a later date.

Formerly principal of the Briscoe Elementary school, Ashland, Squire has been serving as acting director of the college AVA center for the past year. He received his bachelor of science degree at SOC in 1942, prior to four year's service in the Army Air Corps, and his master of education degree from Colorado State College of Education in 1949.

Classes for the workshop will run Monday through Friday, from 8 until noon in the morning, and from 1 until 3 p.m., according to Mrs. Mabel W. Winston, registrar.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Teena Paige

The Teena Paige 4-H Sewing club of Central Point, held its final meeting for the year at the home of Mrs. Chester Ashtons' on July 22. Seven members were present including the club's two leaders, Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Sidner.

Girls displaying work in the Pre-Fair held in Central Point told of comments they had received on their clothing, and the general opinion was that Pre-Fair was helpful to the girls, and the information they had received would be beneficial toward the county fair.

The annual Jackson county fair was also under discussion and information concerning the fair was handed out, including records to be filled out by each club member.

Also a general discussion was held, and each member told of her 4-H project for the county fair, and how she was progressing on her year's project. Some members gave information on the trials and tribulations of certain materials they had been working with.

Each member is expected to participate in activities, and display her projects at the county fair. Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Mrs. Ashton and her daughter Julia.

Patricia Straus, Reporter.

Beef Club

Central Point—Members of the Central Point Beef club judged steers and heifers at their regular meeting in July at Table Top ranch. Patsy Charley won a rope halter in a contest to guess weights of the steers.

Pre-fair was discussed and members had their steers shaved and the animals' feet clipped.

The next meeting will be at the home of Niki Hammond. She will give a demonstration on how to make a rope halter.

Refreshments were served by the Pecks.

Carolyn Sidener, Reporter.

Rotary President To Be Honored Aug. 7

Eugene—A highlight in the history of the local district of Rotary International will be the visit to Oregon of Harold T. Thomas, International Rotary president, to Eugene on Aug. 7.

Rotarians from throughout District 511, which includes Jackson county, are planning to be present at the dinner to be held at 6:45 p.m. at the Eugene hotel. The Rotary clubs of Springfield and Eugene are co-hosts and delegations are expected from all the clubs in the district.

Thomas is from Auckland, New Zealand, where in private life he is leading figure in commerce. Thomas' official visit will be the first such for the Rotary district. He plans to visit other clubs in the northwest during his trip.



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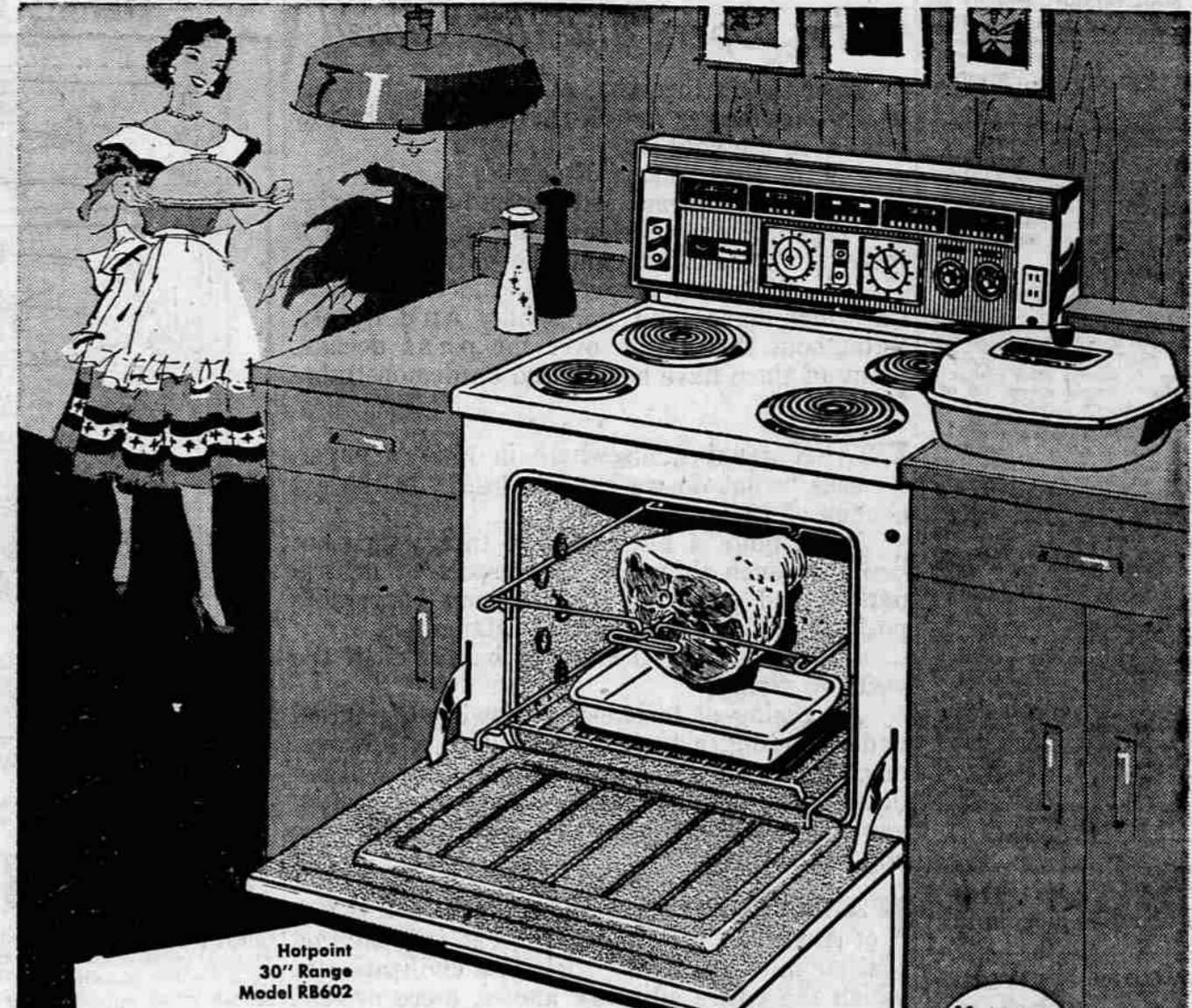
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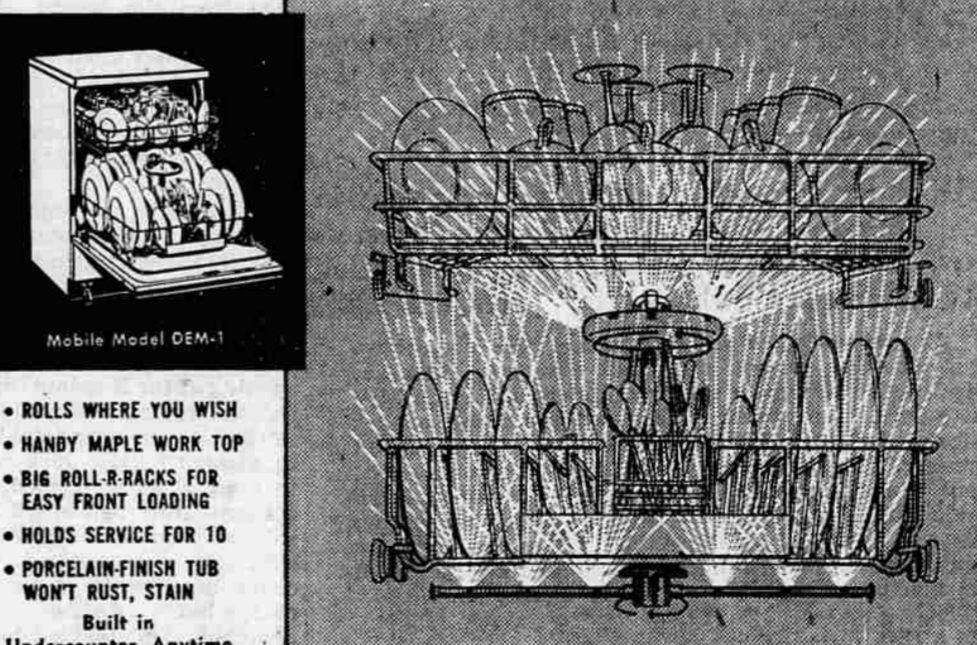
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