

Kennedy's Men

Adlai Stevenson Is No Stranger to World Organization

High Speed Railroading Seen Solution to Carrier Problems

By HENRY J. BECHTOLD

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New York — (UPI) — Mergers are continually being mentioned as the only solution to the railroad problems.

But the President of General Electric has his own prescription — high speed railroading.

Longer and faster freights pulled by more powerful engines may be just what this depressed carrier needs, Robert Paxton suggested in the latest issue of the Exchange magazine.

The gains in efficiency achieved by the railroads the past 25 years through large capital expenditures have proved insufficient to reverse the downward drift in return

on investment, the GE executive noted.

One Big Advantage

He said, however, that the railroads do have one great potential advantage in meeting intensified competition from other modes of transportation — their own rights of way.

One of the more common measures of railroad productivity is gross ton-miles per train hour. High gross ton-miles per train hour may be obtained by running heavy trains at low speed or by running lighter trains at high speed, Paxton explained in the New York Stock Exchange publication.

The low average speed of a large portion of today's freight service reflects efforts to increase productivity by making trains longer and heavier, and running them at relatively low speed.

While this produces a good

showing by the productivity yardstick, he said, there usually is no actual improvement in service to the shipper.

The number of standard locomotive units can be increased to obtain greater power and speed, Paxton noted, but this means increased operating costs.

Heavier Trains

The attractive combination is a heavy train pulled at high speed by a more powerful locomotive, he stated.

After seven years of research and development GE has introduced the U25B locomotive, "new from the rails up and designed to provide 50 per cent greater horsepower than most of the diesel-electronics now in domestic service," Paxton reported.

A demonstration locomotive, made up of two of the new GE units and generating 5,000 horsepower has been tested by some 12 major main-line railroads. Paxton said it has rolled up an impressive record of "faster-than-schedule runs."

Paxton concluded that his company sincerely believes that the U25B locomotive will play a substantial role in the new era of railroading.

Ambassador Will Have Strong Say In U.S. Policy

By United Press International

Adlai E. Stevenson, who is this country's new ambassador to the United Nations, is no stranger to the world organization. He has been characterized as probably knowing more about the international body than anyone in the United States.

For this and two other important reasons, he will have a stronger voice in U. S. foreign policy councils than any of his predecessors at the U. N.

Reason No. 2 is that over the past eight years or so Stevenson has spent much of his time studying foreign affairs. This has entailed extensive travel, which in turn gave rise to the third reason: That as a quasi-official goodwill ambassador overseas he has become one of the best known and most admired Americans of his time.

Endorsed By Rusk

The hearty endorsement of Stevenson as an expert on the U. N. came from Dean Rusk, President-elect John F. Kennedy's secretary of state designate.

"There is no question," Rusk said recently, "we want to get the full benefit of Gov. Stevenson's counsel in foreign policy. We expect him to play a key role in the formulation of foreign policy in Washington."

Stevenson himself has said that one of the major aims of the incoming administration will be to rebuild American prestige abroad. He also has expressed the belief that Russia will not be able to wreck the U. N., and the hope that the organization can "be a factor to end the cold war and not aggravate it."

The former Illinois governor, who lost two presidential races to Dwight D. Eisenhower, has been familiar with the United Nations since its inception. He helped former Secretary of State Edward Stettinius in shaping up the foundations of the organization in 1945.

Since then, he has served in several U. N. posts, including that of U. S. delegate.

Serve In Europe

He gained practical experience in world affairs as a member of an Air Force survey mission in London and the European Theater during World War II and as head of a post-war economic mission in Italy.

Further, he stepped himself in foreign affairs information to prepare for his presidential campaigns, and has written and spoken on U. S. policies in the cold war conflict with Communism since his second presidential defeat in 1956.

The 60-year old Stevenson has a quick, penetrating mind. His public speeches usually are garnished with commentary which may be witty, sometimes cutting but always frank and to the point.

The name Stevenson has been prominent in Illinois politics for 100 years. Adlai's grandfather, for whom he was named, was vice president of the United States from 1893 to 1897 under Grover Cleveland.

YMCA Schedules Annual Reunion

The Young Men's Christian association of Medford will hold its annual Camp Reunion for all boys who attended camp in past years or who might be interested in camp next summer at 7 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 25.

The reunion is part of the week's activities at the YMCA which is the National YMCA week in 77 different countries. The reunion will consist of meeting friends and leaders from last summer's camps, watching movies taken at camp last summer, and learning about the plans for the coming season.

It is hoped by Bruce Burns, camp director, that all boys who went to either day camp or Diamond lake camp last summer will attend. Parents are encouraged to attend.

RAINS HIT INDONESIA

Kuching, Indonesia — (UPI) — More than 10 inches of rain fell in one day here last week, causing floods that killed several persons, the government reported today. The 10.7 inches of rainfall was the greatest since 1953, when an all-time record of 12.5 inches was set.

INVITE KENNEDY

Washington — (UPI) — The National Governors' conference has invited President Kennedy to address its annual meeting next June 25-28 in Hawaii.

ADLAI STEVENSON
Expert on UN

OF SMITH & MEN

By Jack Smith
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We hear complaints these days that the nation is wasting some of its best brains — the untapped intellect of the American housewife.

I'm happy to report there is no such waste at the Aerojet-General nuclear plant, out in Azusa, Calif.

Just the other day, according to a man on Aerojet's public relations team, a bunch of the scientists were sitting around working on a real stickler of an atom-age problem.

They weren't making any progress, and then, with what the Aerojet man called "exasperating womanly definiteness," a housewife came up with the answer.

This was the situation: Needed — a supply of small, watertight containers with lock-on lids to store uranium in. They don't like to leave uranium lying around in puddles.

"They had to be small," Aerojet's man explained, "because large concentrations of uranium in one container could be dangerous."

"They had to be watertight because wet uranium could also constitute a danger. They had to have lock-on lids to prevent any possibility of spillage."

"As the atomic experts pondered their problem," he went on, "an ingenious employee — a housewife solved it for them with that same exasperating woman definiteness that used to re-start stalled cars with hairpins."

"Her perfect solution? An ordinary pressure cooker — plucked from the prosaic world of the pantry. And temporarily — stalled science rolled on again," concluded the Aerojet man.

The story fascinated me. How many housewives, I wondered, might be contributing to the scientific explosion instead of to that other one?

That evening, just as a test, I outlined the Aerojet problem at the dinner table.

"Supposing," I said, "a bunch of nuclear scientists needed some small, watertight containers with lock-on lids to store uranium in? What would you suggest?"

"How small?" asked my wife.

"Oh, I don't know," I said.

"About the size of an ordinary pressure cooker, I guess."

She thought a while. "Picnic coolers," she said.

"No good."

"Why not? They're watertight. They have lock-on lids and they come in several sizes."

"They're the wrong color," I said.

"These containers have to be aluminum colored, like a kitchen pot."

She thought some more.

"Milk cans," she said.

"No good."

"Why not? They're watertight with lock-on lids and they're the right color."

"Too big."

China Plans Purge Of 'Bad Elements'

Tokyo — (UPI) — Red China formally acknowledged the existence of unrest among its hungry millions Saturday, and added ominously that "bad elements will be cleaned out" of the government and the Communist party.

A communique issued at the close of this week's Communist Central committee meeting in Peking also confirmed reports that last year's farm production failed to meet planned goals. It repeated previous statements blaming "natural calamities" for crop shortages.

Submarine Completes 'Mission of Peace'

New London, Conn. — (UPI) —

George Washington, pioneering Polaris missile firing nuclear submarine, ended its historic "mission of peace" Atlantic patrol Saturday claiming a 67 day record for continuous submergence.

The 380-foot grey killer submarine has been prowling the Atlantic since Nov. 15 with a full load of 16 Polaris missiles "docked" at all times. The vessel fired its first Polaris last July.

DUNCAN SEES REBIRTH

Madras — (UPI) — House Speaker Robert Duncan, D-Medford, said Friday night the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy means a "rebirth of the Democratic party."

Contracts to Plant Tree Seedlings Are Awarded by Bureau

Portland — Contracts for

planting approximately 2,142,000 two-year-old seedling trees on tracts throughout Oregon were awarded recently by the bureau of land management, department of the interior.

The Medford district of the BLM will receive portions of 1,500,000 Douglas fir seedlings, and up to 640,000 ponderosa pine seedlings, according to the area administrator.

Wayne W. Young of Myrtle Creek was given contracts for planting 134,000 trees in the Medford district, and Southern Oregon Reclamation company, Medford, will plant 262,000 trees at a cost of \$8,902. Other contracts went to Elmer W. Beier, Eagle Point, 279,000 in Medford, at \$9,416; and Paul J. Blair, Medford, 207,000 trees at \$7,890.

Planted Throughout District

Jack A. Thomson, forester for the local BLM district, said the trees would be planted throughout the Medford district, but specifically near Butte Falls, in the Wilderville burn area, and in the Buck mountain area near Klamath Falls.

Bids for planting 127,000 seedlings on three Medford projects will be opened by the Portland BLM office Feb. 6. The planting contracts are all

LONG CORRIDOR

New York — (UPI) — A vice president of the New York Central Railroad today gave up the mop he had swabbed the long corridors of Grand Central terminal with during the railroad strike. James Boisi, in charge of central real estate, dumped the mop in a closet and sighed: "I never realized that corridor was so long."

PUB OFFERS PRIZE

Letchworth, England — (UPI) — The first pub to open its doors in this previously dry town today offered two free bottles of beer each day for a year for the best suggestion for a name.

RETIRED OFFICIAL DIES

Canton, N. C. — (UPI) — Funeral services will be held Wednesday for H. A. Helder, 74, retired vice president of Champion Paper and Fibre company.

COLLEGE MANAGER DIES

Greensboro, N. C. — (UPI) — E. Ray Hodgin, 67, business manager of North Carolina A&T college here since 1923, died Monday.

Cigar Makers Hope For Big Lift Out of New Administration

New York — (UPI) — The country's cigar makers are hoping to get a big lift out of the new administration in Washington.

President-elect Kennedy is a cigar smoker — the first one to occupy the White House in this century. The only president of the past particularly noted for his love of cigars was General Grant.

Kennedy is not a heavy smoker. In fact photos of him with a cigar are so rare only one, used in a booklet distributed during the campaign by Citizens for Kennedy and Johnson, has been widely circulated.

Hoping for Somebody

But what really raises the manufacturers' hopes is that Kennedy, at 43, is a cigar smoking young man of world prominence and distinction. They have been hoping for a quarter century for somebody like that to come along.

Sir Winston Churchill created a magnificent image of the cigar smoker of distinction and helped sell cigars all

around the world — people consciously or subconsciously imitate leaders they admire.

But the Churchill image was the image of the mature man. It didn't help much to crash the young smoker market held so dominantly by cigarettes.

Salinger Heavy Smoker

The hopes for Kennedy cigar-smoking image are enhanced because Kennedy's youthful press secretary, Pierre Salinger, only 35, is a heavy cigar smoker and very likely will be photographed quite often cigar in hand in the next four years.

The cigar makers are not going to do anything themselves to help create this image of the distinguished young cigar smoker under the new administration. "We're just hoping," President Eugene L. Raymond of the Cigar Institute of America told United Press International. "We have too much respect for the presidency to do more."

Skiing Mishap Kills University Student

Bend — (UPI) — A 24-year-old University of Oregon student was injured fatally in a skiing accident Saturday.

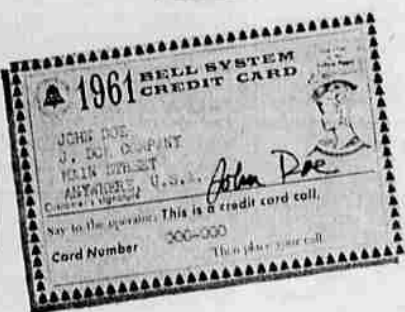
The victim, Nicholas V. Utt, San Francisco, died en route to a Bend hospital after striking a tree while skiing at the Hoodoo Ski Bowl.

The Deschutes County Medical Examiner said cause of death was internal injuries.

Dr. Harry Cloyd of the Oregon State hospital staff in Salem performed an emergency tracheotomy with a pocket knife when Utt suddenly stopped breathing en route to the hospital but the operation failed to restore his breathing.

Cloyd, along with Dr. Dean K. Brooks, the superintendent at the state hospital, were skiing at Hoodoo Bowl when the accident occurred.

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