

Ex-Stewardess Tells of Flying Loaded Passenger Airliner

Kennedy Invokes Taft-Hartley Law in Strike of Longshoremen

New York—UPI—Longshoremen from Maine to Texas went on strike today after their contract expired at midnight. Less than 10 hours later, President Kennedy invoked the Taft-Hartley law to send the nearly 90,000 dockers back to work.

Presidential Press Secretary Pierre Salinger announced that Kennedy would shortly announce the appointment of a board of inquiry to report on the dispute by Thursday.

The announcement was to be followed by an executive order halting the walkout for an 80-day cooling-off period.

The brief walkout paralyzed shipping in ports along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts,

stranding ships at piers with cargoes still unloaded. William V. Bradley, president of the International Longshoremen's Association,

announced at midnight that "the mandate of the membership of no contract, no work, is now in effect. There is to be no work performed from

Maine to Brownsville, Tex., until a favorable contract is signed." Alexander P. Chopin, chairman of the New York Ship-

ping Association representing 145 steamship and stevedore firms affected, rejected union demands, saying they would cost management an additional \$150 million a year and would bankrupt many members.

A key issue in the dispute which has been smoldering for over three months is a demand by the association that work gangs be reduced from 20 men to groups of 8 to 16 each. Also at stake is a wage demand by the ILA which asks premium pay of \$6.05 per hour for all work done between 3 and 6 p.m.

Deputies Return From Sacramento Meeting

Jackson County Sheriff Paul Bettiol and Deputy Warren Paul have returned from Sacramento where they attended a three-day conference of the Western State Safe Burglary Investigators association.

The two officers returned Worlow Crosby Purdin, 335 Fairmount ave., Medford, to the valley from Sacramento on a warrant charging obtaining money by false pretenses.

Stocks Retreat On Mixed Opening

New York—UPI—Stocks went into a new retreat following a mixed opening today.

Chrysler lost a point in the motors. Du Pont opened off 2 1/2 in the chemicals and American Telephone fell 1/4. U. S. Steel moved ahead a small fraction but Bethlehem shed 1/4, striking a new 1962 low. Oils were narrowly mixed although Champlin dipped over a point.

Coca-Cola rose 2 and Kellogg 1 as some food issues bucked the trend. IBM tumbled 2 1/4, Polaroid 2 1/2 and Minneapolis-Honeywell 1 1/2 as electronics and growth specialties declined across a broad front.

Beneficial Finance, Corning Glass, Korvette, Long Island Light, Friden, Schlumberger, South Carolina Electric and Texas Instruments were among the first point-sized casualties.

ENTERS HOSPITAL
New York—UPI—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who entered a hospital here for a "routine checkup" last Wednesday, will undergo further tests before being released, a hospital spokesman said.

The 77-year-old former First Lady probably will be discharged in about a week, authorities at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center said Sunday.

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Subcommittee Hears Cases of Safety Violations
Washington—UPI—A dark-haired former stewardess testified today she once flew a Constellation airliner loaded with passengers from Atlanta, Ga., to Charlotte, N.C.

Margaret Mary Donofry, Jackson Heights, N.Y., testified before a House government operations subcommittee investigating charges of lax safety practices in civil aviation.

Miss Donofry said her stint at the controls of a big Eastern Airlines plane grew out of a conversation with the pilot and co-pilot of a flight from Atlanta to New York in 1958. The shapely former stewardess said she was in control of the plane for 35 to 40 minutes.

The subcommittee also heard from:

A former Trans World Airliner purser who said he flew planes about two dozen times during a five-year period.

A former Pan American Airways stewardess who saw a stewardess at the copilot's controls of a flight.

A veteran flight engineer who testified to witnessing "frequent" safety infractions during a 20-year career with Western Airlines.

All the witnesses said they had heard of more safety violations than they had seen, and generally agreed that better training, designed to impress stewardesses and cabin attendants with safety practices, would help cut them down. All said there were many airline captains who maintained strict adherence to safety rules as well as some who allowed infractions to take place.

The former Pan American stewardess, Miss Marie Louise Hurley, Arlington, Va., and Baton Rouge, La., said that on a flight a few years ago—she was unable to recall the date or destination—she felt the plane "rolling." When she went forward to find out what the trouble was, she said, she found a fellow stewardess at the controls of the airliner.

Miss Hurley also testified that the third officer on one of her flights was intoxicated and had not been to bed all night. She said she took him "innumerable cups of coffee to revive him."

Miss Hurley was the first of several witnesses produced by Chairman Jack Brooks (D-Tex.) to document his charge that while passengers "are trustfully sitting in the passenger compartment, pilots sometimes are sleeping in the cockpits behind closed doors and stewardesses are operating the flight controls."

Administrator Present
Sitting in the audience and taking notes on the testimony was Federal Aviation Administrator Najeeb Halaby. He listened intently as Brooks said it was a responsibility of the federal government to do everything possible to protect the lives of the 14 million Americans who fly on commercial airliners every year.

Fred V. Hazlett, Sunland, Calif., now with Aero Naves Sud Americana, a supplemental air carrier, said he worked from 1941 to 1961 as a mechanic and flight engineer with Western.

Once on a flight between Reno and San Francisco, he said, he was in the cabin observing the engines when the plane yawed violently.

Hazlett said he rushed back to the cockpit and saw a stewardess sitting on the pilot's lap. Hazlett said he concluded that the stewardess' heel had brushed the fuel mixture switch when she sat down, but was told the engine had "quit for no good reason."

Hazlett said he also flew with a pilot and copilot who habitually turned on the automatic pilot and played gin rummy as soon as the plane reached cruising altitude.

County Commissioner Attending Conference
Jackson County Commissioner Edwin Taylor is in Portland today and Tuesday attending the Land and People conference.

The conference, called by the U.S. department of agriculture, will include delegates from seven western states.

Matters of concern to rural development and conservation in the region will be discussed with Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman, conference keynote speaker.

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House Committee Votes

Washington—UPI—The House Agriculture committee voted 22-10 today to correct a blooper in the new farm bill which would have subjected up to 300,000 small wheat growers to cash penalties for overplanting.

The administration-backed bill was expected to win House passage later today. Its enactment would permit growers to plant up to 15 acres of 1963 crop wheat without penalty taxes. Small growers were restricted this year to a maximum of 13.5 acres.

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Congress Schedules Major Bills as Adjournment Nears

Washington—UPI—Congress plunged into what it hoped was the last week of its 1962 session today with action scheduled on major bills in both the House and Senate.

The House called up the Senate-passed postal rate and federal pay bill under procedure requiring a two-thirds vote. It was expected to get the necessary votes to send the measure to a Senate-House conference committee.

The measure would increase postal rates by \$602 million a year and give about 1.6 million federal workers pay and retirement hikes totaling \$1 billion by Jan. 1, 1964.

The Senate hoped to approve a \$5.2 billion public works appropriations measure

and then take up its \$4.4 billion foreign aid money bill.

Senate Democratic Whip Hubert Humphrey (Minn.) warned the Senate in a prepared speech against what he called "reckless" cut in the aid program in the light of developments in Berlin, the Caribbean and Southeast Asia.

Other congressional news:

Safety: Rep. Jack Brooks (D-Tex.) introduced to produce — at a House hearing — airline hostesses who said they took over the controls of airliners in flight with passengers aboard.

Immigration: Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.) said the failure of Congress to revamp immigration laws was a "shameful blemish" on the Kennedy administration. He made the charge in a speech prepared for Senate delivery.

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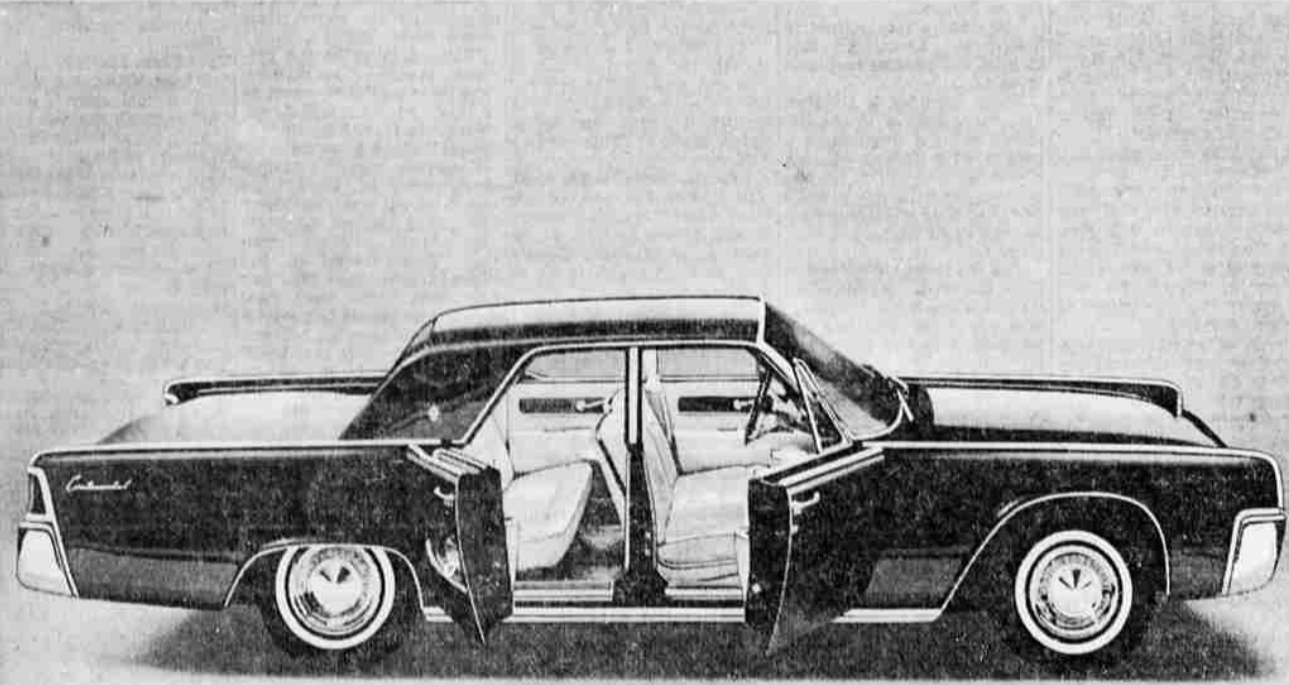
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