



WHITE HOUSE PICKET LINE—Despite a steady snowfall, members of the Peace Action Center picket the White House in opposition to nuclear testing. (UPI)

Modern, Comfortable Railway Service Available in Europe

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New York — (UPI) — One of the biggest and pleasantest surprises to first-time American travelers in Europe is the consistently good, high-quality and on-time train service.

European railways generally are fast, clean, comfortable and well-patronized — the latter fact not so in this country where practical disappearance of customers has halted hundreds of runs.

Consider how many trains you can take a day out of your home town contrasted to the more than 400 passenger trains daily that pass through the great cavern that is the railroad station in Cologne, Germany.

Enchanting to Americans are the compartmentalized passenger cars still in abundance. Sliding doors, opening off a car-length passageway, lead in to solid comfort for six people. It is far removed from the entirely open passenger cars in this country in which a baby crying at one end can disturb sleep or conversation at the other.

Compartments are giving way on some of the big name trains to open style coaches. But even then the comfort and elegance is something to marvel.

Swedish Modern
The Swedish State Railways, in keeping with Scandinavian design traditions, is running coaches in which the seats are not seats in the old sense, but Swedish modern furniture with wooden legs and colorful fabrics. And speed so the uncramped traveler doesn't mind how long the journey takes.

The Trans-Europe-Express trains — marked by the

big, distinctive "TEE" on the nose of the streamlined locomotives, set a standard probably unequalled anywhere. From big, roomy coaches, through an intimate little bar in which an international crowd gathers to chat, to the diners offering vintage wines, the TEE is a fast and luxurious way to get about central Europe.

The frequent patches of sea, channel and sound in northern Europe do not inconvenience the rail traveler. For example, on the trip from Copenhagen, on one Danish island, to Odense, in the fairy-tale country on another island, the Danish State railroad train pulls right onto a ferry about an hour out of the capital. The passenger can get off on the huge ferry and enjoy the one-hour water crossing from the vantage point of a dining room. Then back onto the train for the last half-hour.

Carries Car, Too
European railroads have service to let you take your car right along with you, if you feel you must. The German railroads sell a round-trip ticket in the Rhine region that lets the traveler go one-way through the famous valley by train, and then the opposite direction by a more leisurely day steamer.

Admittedly, European sleeping car compartments tend to smallness, nor will the slow starting traveler appreciate the on-time record of European trains. The train will show up in the station two minutes before its scheduled departure and be gone when the schedules say "go."

Second class accommodations are only a few steps below those of first class — and much cheaper for the budget traveler. One American con-

ple holding first class tickets spent much of a day happily riding along before discovering they were in second class, not first.

A fast catching-on bargain for the American planning on spending one to three months in Europe is the Eurailpass, which provides unlimited first class and extra-fare travel in 13 countries, ranging from the commuter trains that run from Lisbon to the beaches of the Costa do Sol in Portugal, to the Arctic Circle-crossing trains of Norway and Sweden.

Portland Bride-To-Be Rewards Driver of Bus

New London, Conn. — (UPI) — Bus driver M. Allen Parker of Providence, R.I., played Santa Claus Tuesday and received a big kiss from an Oregon bride-to-be for his work.

Miss Catherine Snow, 18, of Portland, Ore., arrived here two weeks ago by bus to marry sailor Stephen Wilson, 19, of Eagle Creek, Ore. Wilson was assigned to the Navy submarine school at nearby Groton.

The happy couple planned to be married Christmas Eve. But trouble in the form of a wayward package dashed their hopes for the wedding.

The package, which contained her wedding gown, failed to arrive on the bus with her. The couple postponed its wedding plans and Miss Snow, a pretty brunette, daily met the incoming buses in the hopes that her gown would arrive.

Parker, who felt sorry for the girl, traveled to New York City early Tuesday and searched through packages at

Opportunity Offered By Community College

Milwaukee, Wis. — (UPI) — The community college has great potential for providing much needed programs in technical education, says Ralph C. Wenrich, professor of vocational education at the University of Michigan.

Wenrich told a group of technical educators here recently that community college technical education would be vastly successful if, among other things, the community college is oriented to providing training for youth not going to a four-year college and for adults already employed. He said also that the schools must be staffed with specialists in occupational education.

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the bus company's headquarters. Finally, after searching through a mountain of Christmas packages and baggage, he found the package containing the gown.

He returned here late in the day and handed the package to the waiting teen-ager. With a broad smile, she accepted the gown and gave Parker a kiss.

Her fiancé, who was standing by, said, "I guess any Santa's entitled to a kiss in this situation."

CAUSES EXPLOSION

Cornith, Miss. — (UPI) — A firecracker triggered an explosion at a gas station here Tuesday night, injuring six youngsters. Authorities said the firecracker apparently ignited gas, either in a car in which the youngsters were sitting, or in tanks at the station. The car was heavily damaged and two of the youths were listed in serious condition.

Seminars For Young Diplomats Is Paying Off

Salzburg, Austria — (UPI) — The adage "get 'em young" can be applied with favorable results even to diplomacy, according to Dr. Karl Braunias, father of the Kleissheim diplomatic seminar.

The purpose of the seminar, Braunias said, is to bring young diplomats into an academy where they are given an opportunity to hear lectures by statesmen, diplomats, law professors and heads of international organizations and to discuss the subjects presented.

The seminar was started in 1957 and, with the exception of 1961, has taken place every year since in the magnificent 18th century Kleissheim castle, just outside Salzburg.

"Austria has the duty," Braunias said, "to gather young diplomats from all over the world here where the Baroque castle luxury contrasts pleasantly with the surrounding farm area."

Mutual Understanding

"We like to get them young so they can extend this spirit of mutual understanding — the 'Kleissheim Spirit' — as they grow older."

The participants in the first seminar were from European countries only. This year, for the first time, there were many Africans and Asians among the 50 young diplomats from 20 countries.

To intensify the "Kleissheim Spirit," Braunias sees to it that the young men, most of whom are in their first diplomatic job all are housed in country inns, two to four persons of different nationalities per room.

"We housed a Turk and a Greek together during the Cyprus crisis," Braunias said, smiling, "and they got along fine. This is an indication of how international problems can be solved through mutual understanding."

Practice through the years has shown, Braunias said, that when diplomats meet up with one another again after many years, the memories of a pleasant time together remain as a bridge through time, simplifying the relationships immensely.

"In this way, many more practical ends are reached than through the official channels," the veteran of the Austrian Foreign Ministry maintains.

Different Countries
The lecturers are chosen from a number of different countries, and "every year we try to include an outstanding woman, as for instance the Begum Ali Khan and Madame Pandit," Braunias said.

This year's conference was highlighted by the presence of the International Atomic Energy Agency's head, Sigvard Eklund, Harvard University's Prof. Gottfried Haberler and UNO's Food and Agriculture Organization head B. R. Sen. The seminar's theme was "Modern Science and the New Exercises in Diplomacy."

The castle in which the seminar is held is a magnificent piece of Austrian baroque architecture designed by the noted architect Johann Fischer von Erlach. It has served as the summer residence of the princely archbishops of Salzburg.

It was completely modernized by Adolf Hitler after the Anschluss of 1938 and therefore is one of the few Austrian castles to enjoy modern central heating.

Total Of 100 Years Invested In Scouting

St. Louis — (UPI) — The C. E. Wetzel family has had years of experience in tying knots. Wetzel, a veteran scoutmaster, is the father of five sons, of whom all but the youngest, have attained Eagle Scout rank. The youngest son, Kenneth, is a Life Scout, one rank away from Eagle.

Wetzel has put in 21 years in scouting; son Charles, 33 years; Delore, 21 years; Jack, 15 years; Neal 13, and Kenneth, 5, a grand total of about 100 years.

Winter Ice Hazard Solved For Planes

Akron, Ohio — (UPI) — A new de-icing system that delivers a slow-motion shiver to the wings and tail section of light, twin-engine aircraft is about to shake off a winter hazard — namely, ice — for small plane operation, according to the B. F. Goodrich company.

The shiver is delivered through rubber tubes on the leading edges of the wings and tail of light aircraft. C. B. McKeown, general manager of BFG's Aerospace and Defense Products division, said. The tubes alternately inflate and deflate every three minutes, cracking ice that has developed on wing and tail surfaces. The cracked ice is carried away in the airstream.

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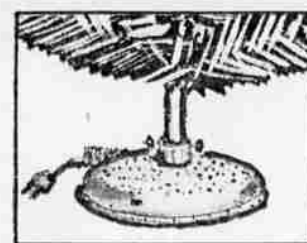
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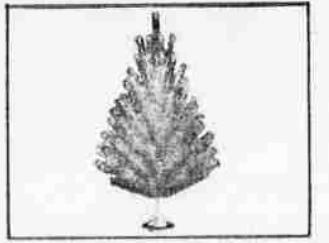
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