

Air Route To Tokyo Agreed On

TOKYO, April 22 (AP)—Far East air force headquarters announced Monday that army and navy officials of the Far East, Alaskan and Pacific commands have established the Tokyo-Adak-Seattle route as a major airway to be followed by

military and civilian planes between the United States and Japan. The announcement said the decision was taken at a conference of army and navy commanders who also agreed on search and rescue procedures for the northern area and revised Pacific air traffic policies to conform with those of the provisional international civil aviation organization.

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Problem Of Overgrazed Ranges Talked At Meet; Coffee Pot Area Explained

Range rehabilitation was the subject of the April meeting of the Shasta-Cascade subsection, Columbia river section, Society of American Foresters, held at Paisley last Friday.

Joe Pechance of the Pacific Northwest forest and range experiment station talked upon the work his organization was doing to find a solution to the problem of overgrazed ranges. He held that there was hope for a lot of range land that many people have felt had gone so far as to be unreclaimable. He pointed out that reseeding and judicial management was the only logical solution for many problem areas. His talk was illustrated by photographs showing the different types of rangeland in their native state as compared to the same types that had been overgrazed.

The talk by Pechance followed a field trip conducted by Ranger Homer Ott for members of the society to the Coffee Pot reseeding project located a few miles from Paisley. Members of the society who had a chance to view the results obtained on this project have become enthusiastic on the possibilities of reseeding overgrazed ranges.

The Coffee Pot area takes in a flat on the watershed of the Chewaucaun river. In the fall of 1945, 397 acres were reseeded largely to created wheat grass. The plants obtained from this seeding are now well established and thrifty. Ranger Ott expects that this year will see considerable natural reseeding take place.

The land was first prepared by Dixie harrowing and then the planting followed by drilling in the seed at the rate of nine pounds per acre. Sample plots have also been established here to test other types of grass thought to be suitable for reseeding ranges in this area; so far, three other species besides the created wheat are showing promise. These other wheat grasses are known as long-headed, intermediate and tall oats.

This Coffee Pot area at one time had been an area of high grazing capacity. Overgrazing had destroyed all the desirable grass species and left the area open to erosion. The stream courses through the bottom land had been deepened by erosion thus lowering the water table and allowing the area to be invaded by sagebrush and other unpalatable types of plants. Thus before reseeding, this area was a typical dry sagebrush flat. In order to raise the water table and restore it to its original elevation, many small dams have been constructed in the water courses through the area. These dams are constructed from fir boughs held down by boulders. The dams were made 18 inches high and so placed in the stream channels that the water backed up by one dam reaches the foot of the dam above it. These dams were doing an excellent job of catching silt and holding water. It is planned that as the basins silt up, the dams will be increased in height until the water table in the flat has been

Bridges' Absence Delays Wage Talks

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP)—Absence of two west coast union leaders delayed today a discussion of general wage demands by CIO maritime unions.

Gem Cutting Talk Slated

The Klamath Mineral club will meet Thursday evening, April 24, in the chamber of commerce rooms, 323 Main street, at 7 p. m. John Yardon will talk about the equipment needed by a beginner who wishes to start cutting and polishing agate and similar semi-precious gem material. The meeting to follow this talk will be an open forum for the discussion of members' lapidary equipment. The gem stone alexandrite will also be discussed.

The Klamath Mineral club is a non-technical organization formed to study the geological and mineralogical resources of the Klamath basin. Its meetings are open to the public.

MINE SAFETY

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP)—A house labor sub-committee is planning to check coal mine safety in Missouri, Alabama, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia, Montana and perhaps a silver mine in Oregon.

brought back to its original elevation. Pechance pointed out that the steps required in a successful reseeding project were, first to stabilize soil conditions in order to prevent erosion; second, to destroy competing species of plants such as cheat grass, sage and rabbit brush by plowing, discing or even burning; third, to plant the grass seed so that it will be covered either by drilling or harrowing the seed in; fourth, to protect the area from fire, rodents and excessive grazing.

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Families should not make any inquiries of the war and navy departments prior to receipt of the letters from the appropriate department.

Escorts are provided to accompany the remains to the place of interment.

The chapter has a sample set of the pamphlets and forms which will be received by the next-of-kin and they may be examined at any time during office hours at 518 Main.

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