

### Italian Railroad Service Starts With Getting Fares

ROME (AP)—It starts with the tickets. No waiting in line at the railroad station, no air. You phone for a reservation. Within minutes a messenger delivers the train ticket in person.

At the station an attendant is standing beside the green-and-silver train. He politely takes your bags and checks them through to your destination, as on a plane.

The conductor speaks Italian, English, French and German. He guides you to your air-conditioned compartment.

The decor is green and grey. There are two divans and four lounge chairs. Picturesque Italian prints above the divans conceal overhead hand-baggage storage space. Sweep back the long wall drapes and wide windows give you a panoramic view.

A public address system announces in three languages that train hostesses will be along shortly to check your coats.

The electric engines almost soundlessly go into action. Within minutes you are at normal cruising speed—100 miles an hour.

There is far less feeling of motion than on conventional trains. Each seven coaches form a single 324-ton unit, bridged by rubber connections and carried on 40 wheels to minimize shock.

Strolling through them, you discover four passenger coaches, holding 160 passengers; a restaurant and bar decorated with paintings; a kitchen coach with white-capped chefs working over gleaming copper pots.

Best of all, both end coaches—the trains are bidirectional—are huge observation cars with wide, curved Plexiglass windows like those in a plane cockpit.

The engineer's cab is elevated and out of sight. Thus, just as in youthful dreams, you sit at the cab window as tunnels race up and engulf you in darkness, signal lights flicker red and then green, switches click and gapping youngsters stare enviously from beside the tracks. You're the driver—or so it seems.

The train, owned by the Italian State Railways, operates between Milan, Rome and Naples. It was commissioned in 1948 as the government railway system's bid to prevent the airlines from winning away the luxury tourist trade.

Some 2,000 drawings later, architect Giulio Minioletti and the workmen of the Breda workshops at Sesto S. Giovanni completed their work.

### Ike Renews Food Offer

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Monday renewed his offer to send food directly to Soviet-occupied Eastern Germany if the Soviets will reconsider their refusal of 10 days ago to permit it.

The White House made public a letter from the President to Chancellor Adenauer of Western Germany, dated July 20 in which Eisenhower said the United States will continue to make clear to the Soviet government that the offer of food "was motivated solely by humanitarian impulses and that the food is available if that government wishes to permit its entry into the Soviet Zone of occupation."

Eisenhower's letter was in reply to one from Adenauer, dated July 13, and also made public by the White House.

Adenauer had offered to "do everything" to make food available "in the most effective way possible" to East Germans.

Food already is moving to Western Germany for the East Germans. A sizeable relief program is under way in the Berlin area where East Germans can step across the border and pick up the gifts.

### Godfrey to Resume Working Monday

NEW YORK (AP)—The Columbia Broadcasting System says Arthur Godfrey, recovering from a recent hip operation, will resume his radio and television activities next Monday night.

CBS announced last night that, for the present, Godfrey will be seen and heard from his farm near Leesburg, Va., while other cast members perform in New York.



Although 92 years old, George Bartlett is an honorary motorcycle officer. Here he gets firsthand advice from Sgt. Rolf Magnell.

### British Stand Firm On Trade

LONDON (AP)—The Foreign Office made it plain Monday Britain will go on doing business with Red China in non-strategic goods—despite American congressional criticism.

Britain's position was restated at a daily news conference when a spokesman was asked to comment on the report of the U. S. Senate permanent investigations subcommittee measuring Western Allies with Communist China.

The subcommittee complained America's Allies have permitted trade of more than two billion dollars worth of goods with Red China at the cost of the lives of United Nations troops.

Britain, the spokesman said, has yet to receive a copy of the subcommittee's report. When it arrives it will be studied in detail.

Meantime, he added, the British attitude toward trade with Red China remains as defined by the parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs Anthony Nutting who on June 17 made these two main points:

1. Britain stands by the U. N. resolution of May 18, 1951, which embargoed the supply of strategic goods to China and will continue to do so while the resolution remains in force. Britain has cut off a much wider range of war-potential goods than that embargoed by the United Nations.
2. As far as non-strategic goods are concerned, Britain's policy is to develop trade with China and other nations in the Communist orbit. This country considered non-strategic trade with the Communists to be "to the advantage of the free world."

### WANTS MORE AID

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Lyndon Johnson of Texas Saturday deplored as "a drop in the bucket" the Eisenhower administration's efforts to help livestock producers in the drought-stricken Southwest.

### 16 Germans Go To Prison

BERLIN (AP)—Sixteen workers were condemned to prison by a Communist court in Dresden Monday in the largest show trial yet held of East German rebels.

A freelance photographer received the stiffest sentence—life imprisonment—for leading an uprising on June 17 in the little Polish-German border town of Miesky, where secret police headquarters was burned and Red officials beaten. Fifteen alleged accomplices were given terms ranging from 13 years to 8 months.

It was the first disclosure that the June 17 rioting had erupted also in Miesky. The town is near Goerlitz on the Niesse River where striking workers were saluted by Polish tank troops on the same day.

The Soviet Zone news agency ADN issued a special report of more than 1,000 words on the Miesky trial accompanied by latest Soviet and German Communist threats that all "provocateurs" will be sternly punished.

The trial was the first big achievement of Red Hilde Benjamin, who became East German minister of justice succeeding the purged Max Fechner.

On the political front, Wilhelm Pieck, the East German President who is ailing in a Soviet sanitarium, issued a statement declaring that the West German republic must negotiate with the Communist East German regime before Germany can be unified.

In a statement designed to keep the propaganda campaign rolling for "all-German talks," Pieck said reunification is "first of all an affair of the German people themselves."

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