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By FRANK JENKINS
Denver, 7 p.m. The California Zephyr, which has been rolling eastward like a glittering ball, is strangely stalled. It was due to pause in the Mile High city a mere matter of 15 minutes—just enough for a spot of exercise up and down the station platform. At the end of that space of time, the conductors—both rail and Pullman—below ALL ABOARD and everybody sprints for the car steps.

AND, maybe, a seat in one of the Vista Domes, although that seems too much to hope for.

The minutes pass. No start. The quarter hours pass. Still no start. The quarter hours lengthen into half hours. Then the public address system speaks up.

The Zephyr, the cultured and phonetically correct voice of the stewardess announces, is now about to take its evening bath. It will pass through an automatic washer from which it will emerge as spotless as when it departed from Oakland. Everybody sit tight and don't dodge when the water hits the windows and stay away from the vestibules for you might get wet out there.

This is a well run train. Everything is done for the welfare of its occupants, and we've all learned that if we just sit tight and follow instructions we'll come out all right. So we sit tight.

The bath comes off as advertised. The water splashes on the windows—a regular Niagara of it. The Zephyr emerges, presumably pristine and unsold. But that's all. It stops. It stays stopped. Nobody knows why. It just stands there on the tracks and rests itself.

We spend a pleasant hour exchanging theories as to what it's all about. The theories vary widely. Denver is a famous summer vacation spot. Maybe the Zephyr has decided to settle down and spend the summer here. Maybe the engineer's girl friend lives in Denver and he's paying her a Sunday evening call. And so on.

Essentially everybody gives it up and toddles off to bed.

The next morning the mystery clears. There was a freight wreck up ahead. It took eight hours to get everything shipshape and ready for use again, and as a result the train is eight hours late.

Eight hours. What's a little matter of eight hours in an era of time? Why, it took MILLIONS of years for the Colorado river to cut this canyon we've been traveling through down through the native country rock.

We'd all just had breakfast, you see, and after a good breakfast human beings are in a tolerant frame of mind.

But as the pleasant influences of a good breakfast wore off the stark facts of life began to take shape. We all had to pass through the God-awful transportation institution known as Chicago.

In Chicago—for what reason no mere man has ever known or probably ever will know—every traveler has to pile off whatever transport device he is traveling on, along with all his luggage, and pile onto some other transport device GOING IN THE SAME DIRECTION.

Not only that but the transport device you are going to have to pile onto will in all likelihood be half way across Chicago from the one you have piled off of and either you'll have to solve the jigsaw puzzle known as the Parmelee transfer or you'll have to collar a cab and go it on your own.

And—
Meanwhile—
You'll have lost all your reservations, both Pullman and hotel, and will have to start in all over again!

Oh well, c'est la guerre, as the French say with a shrug of the shoulders, and when you're traveling from coast to coast in supposedly super-efficient America there plenty of a guerre when it comes to getting through Chicago.

The real victims of the derailment and its consequent loss of eight hours are half a dozen or so Pacific Coasters who are Europe-bound by ship and because they cut their connections too fine will miss their vessels in New York. Human nature being what it is—meaning that all of us are interested primarily in ourselves—that leaves the rest of us aboard the Zephyr feeling fairly comfortable.

Pinballs May Be Legalized
PORTLAND (AP)—A majority of the City Council intends to make pinball machines legal in Portland, and profitable for the city treasury.

Mayor Fred L. Peterson and Commissioners William Bowes and Stanley Earl said they will introduce a licensing measure that will earn the city \$100,000 annually.

Three years ago the City Council outlawed pinball machines, but the machines continued to operate—without city license—while the city's ordinance was tested in the courts.

Reds Force Against Dien Bien Phu

By LARRY ALLEN

HANOI, Indochina.—The Vietnamese shoved tens of thousands of fresh troops into attack positions around Dien Bien Phu today. The third round of the savage battle for the French Union stronghold appeared to be days or even hours away.

Reliable sources said rebel Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap had rushed up at least 40,000 unbloated regulars to bolster his badly battered force in the low hills encircling the fortified plain and along its fringes.

With these reinforcements and replacements for the thousands killed by murderous French fire in the past five weeks came 5,000 or more youthful rebels just out of training camps.

It appeared certain here the Vietnamese in their next all-out assault would outnumber the defenders at least 6 or 8 to 1.

The Communist-led reinforcements went into forward trenches to relieve units of the four divisions which have spearheaded the hard fighting around the fortress since the first Vietnam push March 13.

The veterans fell back a short distance, presumably to rest up for

the next anticipated massive charge.

The stoutly defended French fortifications faced more critical moments today as the garrison force tried to drive out Vietnamese troops entrenched on the northern section of the main Dien Bien Phu air strip. The French, lunging at the infiltrated units with bayonets, grenades and machine guns, routed them yesterday from about half the trenches they had dug and blasted with high explosives on the pocketed field.

But the rebels still clung to dugouts only 2,400 feet from the heart of the French bastion. These split

the east-to-west network of defense communications on the north and posed the most serious threat to the fortified plain since the Vietnam first struck.

The foothold on the airstrip was won this week after Vietnam night raiders blasted craters with nitroglycerine. Rebel troops then rushed in and furiously hacked out a system of connecting trenches.

The Vietnamese also kept up their steady digging around the outskirts of the Dien Bien Phu plain today, relentlessly pushing their web of trenches and foxholes closer to the French barbed wire barricades.

Giap was believed to have rounded up his reinforcements by beating the jungles throughout northern Indochina. Apparently he even drew on the regulars who have been fanning out in repeated scattered attacks against the French and their Vietnamese allies in the vital Red River delta, about 150 miles to the east.

The French gave no information on the numbers of defenders they still have at Dien Bien Phu after the five weeks of pounding. The high command here said only that none of the fortress' six main defense positions had suffered any food or ammunition shortages.

Shoulders Convicted Of Perjury

KANSAS CITY (AP)—A federal court jury has convicted Louis Shoulders, the veteran police officer who broke the Greenlease kidnapping case, of lying about the handling of the ransom money.

A half year ago Shoulders, who spent more than a quarter of a century on the St. Louis police force, was hailed as a hero after he arrested Carl Austin Hall, Hall and his partner, Mrs. Bonnie Brown Brady, were executed for kidnaping and killing 6-year-old Bobby Greenlease.

Yesterday the federal jury found Shoulders guilty of lying about his handling of two money-stuffed suitcases found in Hall's room.

Shoulders was charged with committing perjury in testimony early this year before a federal grand jury. He maintained the suitcases were brought into the police station 15 to 20 minutes after Hall was booked. The government said they weren't brought in until more than an hour later.

Of the \$600,000 ransom money paid to Hall by Robert C. Greenlease, wealthy Kansas City automobile dealer, \$303,730 still is missing.

The former police lieutenant was granted 15 days in which to file a motion for a new trial. Sentence was deferred pending possible filing of the motion. The maximum penalty is five years imprisonment and \$2,000 fine.

Shoulders was the second person convicted as the result of a grand jury investigation into the missing ransom money. Elmer Dolan, patrolman who aided in the arrest of Hall, also was convicted on a perjury charge. Dolan, suspended by the St. Louis police force, has filed a motion for a new trial.

While waiting for the verdict, Shoulders remarked: "If this jury is out more than an hour I'm fried. It wouldn't take them that long to give me an acquittal."

When the jury returned its verdict after 2½ hours of deliberation, Shoulders displayed no emotion.

"See, I predicted it right, didn't I," he said. "That's what I thought would happen. What else can I say?"

Shoulders resigned in anger from the St. Louis force last year after the police board began an inquiry into Hall's arrest.

The kidnaping of Bobby Greenlease took place in Kansas City Sept. 28. He was killed the same day.

Remodeling, New Building Add To City Businesses

Building is booming in Klamath Falls. New construction and remodeling will bring in four new businesses and increase facilities at two more.

Under construction at the corner of East Main and South Sixth Streets is a Western Oil and Burner Co. service station. The triangular shaped lot, bordered by East Main, South Sixth and Radcliffe, will accommodate six open pumps.

Customers will have access to the pumps from three sides, and the "no parking" restriction already in operation on Radcliffe and South Sixth will make possible extra-wide driveways.

Storage tanks with a capacity of 32,000 gallons have been installed underground.

The service station which will cost about \$20,000, will be located at the juncture of Radcliffe and South Sixth Streets.

Jack Brosman, 310 Martin, has announced tentative plans to open his drive-in type ice cream store located between Division and Martin Streets on Main Street, about June 1. The frame structure will cost about \$7,000.

Brosman's request last fall that his property be rezoned from a Zone 2 residential to a Zone 3 business zone ultimately led to the rezoning of the area on both sides of Main from the canal to the intersection of East Main and Martin Streets.

On the remodeling scene, at 1815 Main Street, L. P. Brockman is completing work on his concession stand to be ready to open when the new Municipal Swimming Pool opens May 22.

Last month, Brockman proposed operating a concession stand on his property adjacent to the pool, and asked exclusive rights for three years and a return offered the city five per cent of his net income for three years. After careful consideration, Brockman was given the right of egress and ingress—access to customers over city property—without the obstruction of a fence, for a period of three years. A Swimming Pool Committee recommendation advised that any other applicant be given the same privilege if he meets the same requirements.

Work on the concession stand will cost an estimated \$2,500, Brockman said, and includes applying rustic cedar siding which will be stained to match the swimming pool building. The interior will be white with green flooring.

Brockman says he will introduce to the Klamath Basin "snow cones," a shaved ice confection with flavored syrup, and will offer a wide variety of food concessions.

Remodeling at 719 Main, the former location of Long's Apparel, will accommodate a new bakery, Zim's, scheduled to open around May 1.

Operators of the bakery are Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Zimmerman, formerly of Sun Valley, California. The Zimmermans have taken a three-year lease on the property, owned by J. F. Maguire. The bakery will feature specialty pastries, including Danish coffee cake; a full line of cookies, pies and breads, catering for parties, birthdays, weddings and special occasions.

Zimmerman has had 34 years of bakery experience.

Castleberry's Drugs, at 530 Main is getting face lifting and a new name. When remodeling is completed, the drug store will operate under the name, "Mead's Drugs," owned and operated by P. D. Mead.

Years ago the store was called "Magill's Drugs," and ran a close second to the old general store in popularity rating. In more recent years it was operated by Tom Laird, Ralph Monteith, and for the past four and a half years by Mead.

Mead is remodeling and redecorating the interior with light-wood fixtures, wall carings of birch. Work includes rearranging and improving the prescription department, construction of a mezzanine for office space. The exterior facade will be remodeled to include open type windows.

Farther down Main Street, at the Winema Hotel, 1111 Main, remodeling and redecorating on the main floor will accommodate a lounge in addition to the improved and beautified banquet room.

A change in personnel in city hotels will establish Mrs. Carroll (Beth) Chase as hostess; Clare (Deac) Spiering as manager of the bar. Both have been employed at the Willard Hotel.

Formal opening will be in about two weeks.

Plane Missing Near Eugene

SALEM (AP)—A dozen planes began searching Friday for a California flier missing since Monday between Eugene and Newport, less than 70 airline miles away.

The State Board of Aeronautics ordered the search when it learned that R. W. Hall of Bakersfield, Calif., had not arrived at his destination.

Low clouds and rain were in his path over the Coast mountains. The search started in clear skies.

The board said it understood he had been visiting relatives somewhere in Idaho and was planning a surprise visit to his mother and daughter, whose names were not known here, at Toledo, Ore. He flew from The Dalles Monday, closed his flight plan by radio at Eugene in late afternoon, and said he was continuing to Newport on the coast. He was not heard from again.

His plane was a single engine Crouper, No. N3334H.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Saturday. Low Friday night 37; high Saturday 72.

High yesterday 69
Low last night 37
Precip in last 24 hours 00
Precip since Oct. 1 12.57
Same period last year 11.66
Normal 9.96

KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS

Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
30 cars	9 cars
Total for Season	
10,274 cars	10,900 cars
1953-54	1952-53



OREGON STATE HIGHWAY CREW cleans up the sides of Highway 97 north of the city limits from the effects of the winter slides.



STATE COMMANDER—Thomas P. Campbell (center of back row) Veterans of Foreign Wars, Portland, was present for the joint installation of VFW posts of Klamath Falls, Merrill and Malin held here recently. With Campbell are officers of Pelican Post No. 1383. Rear left, Danny Peck, quartermaster and right, Truman A. Nelson, chaplain. Seated (l to r), John Zumwalt, senior vice commander; R. Jimmie Jones, commander and Al P. Buskosky, junior vice commander. — Photo by Ferabee

Reds Pressure West Nations

BERLIN (AP)—Russia has taken new formal action to pressure the West into recognition of satellite East Germany as a fully sovereign state. It told all non-occupation powers with missions in Germany they would have to deal directly with the Soviet Zone's German regime instead of Russian occupation authorities.

The official East German news agency ADN reported Thursday night Soviet High Commissioner Vladimir Semyshev had sent identical notes to this effect to the 10 governments not in the Moscow orbit with missions in Germany.

The new order means officials of these missions could get visas to travel in and out of East Germany—or by car or train to Berlin, which is surrounded by the Soviet Zone—only from the East German government.

The Russian announced March 25 they were granting "full sovereignty" to the East German regime even though they would continue to keep Soviet troops in their zone. The Western Big Three promptly refused to grant such recognition and declared the West German Republic was the only legally constituted government in Germany.

Main Canal To Be Filled

Irrigation water will start flowing Monday, according to U.S. Bureau of Reclamation officials, 8 a.m. has been set as the time for opening the headgates from the Upper Klamath Lake into the canal, near the Fremont bridge.

A warning has been issued by the USBR to residents along the main canal to keep children away from canal banks.

About 40 second feet of water will be turned into the main ditch. This will cause the water to rise approximately a foot a day for several days, soaking ditch banks slowly.

It was estimated it would take a week for the water to traverse the distance between the headgate and the Lost River diversion dam.

In 1953 the headgates were opened on April 13.

AIR ARRIVAL

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP)—Two four-engine transport planes of the Soviet air force arrived here Friday with the seven-man advance guard of Russia's delegation to the April 26 big power conference on Asian problems.

Defender Of Dien Bien Phu Criticizes French Leaders

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Col. Christian de Castries, French hero of the siege of Dien Bien Phu, threatened a week ago to resign his commission, advised from Indochina confirmed Friday.

The fiery, 50-year-old cavalryman was pictured in an NBC broadcast from New York as disgruntled over the situation.

1. The failure of the French government to push through its scheduled promotion to brigadier general.

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Saltonstall Urges Prior Consulting

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower pledged today that a "fair share" of American troops will be maintained in Europe as long as a threat to the security of the Western nations exists.

In a six-point message to the prime ministers of six Western European countries, the President sought to assure French reaffirmation of the European Defense Community (EDC) project by promising in effect that rearmament of West Germany would not be permitted to endanger France.

France long has sought such formal assurances before joining in the creation of a six-nation army designed as a bulwark against any Russian aggression. The proposed EDC has been ratified by Belgium, West Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Only Italy and France have yet to act.

THE PLEDGE
The President also pledged continuation of efforts to provide for sharing with U. S. allies more information about the use and the effects of the hydrogen bomb and atomic weapons on military and civilian personnel.

Eisenhower said in his message that the essential elements of the position he outlined had been discussed with both Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress.

In Washington, there were indications of a feeling among some lawmakers, however, that the President should go further as to consulting Congress.

Chairman Saltonstall (R-Mass) and Sen. Russell (D-Ga) of the Senate Armed Services Committee told an AP reporter they had not been informed of any promise to retain U. S. troops on the continent indefinitely.

Saltonstall said he thought the administration should clear with Congress any new long-range commitment.

INTERVIEW
Elaborating on this later in a CBS interview, Saltonstall said Eisenhower's pledge "might be a very wise thing to do," and added: "But I think it would be even wiser to get some resolution or some statement from Congress saying we agree. That would make appropriations easier. It would clear the air with the people all over the country."

Saltonstall also said "the whole European situation has been discussed with members of Congress, but the promise to keep our troops in there indefinitely has not been discussed with Congress since the commitment has been made."

TO QUESTION
Saltonstall said later in an interview he would ask Secretary of Defense Wilson to learn the "official nature of the commitment."

At the State Department, officials said the administration had consulted in advance with leaders of both parties in the Senate and House. They would not name the leaders.

These officials took the position that the President's pledge in no way prevents the United States from either reducing or increasing the number of troops on the European continent. They said the policy statement, in their view goes no further than previous American pledges on maintaining troops in Europe.

In an administration statement of policy, he messaged all six nations from his vacation headquarters here that:

1. The United States will continue to maintain in Europe, including West Germany, such American troops "as may be necessary and appropriate to contribute its

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FILLING UP THE TANK this morning before starting a roofing job at 1330 Main street was D. R. Phillips and Kenneth Ducat.