

Unions Back Commuter Service Probe

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A proposed congressional inquiry into railroad moves to abandon commuter service received backing Friday from rail union leaders.

The leaders, members of the Railway Labor Executives' Association, also accused the railroads of endangering the traveling public by neglecting safety regulations.

The association passed a resolution commending Sen. Clifford P. Case (R-N.J.) for suggesting the Senate investigation into rail abandonment requests made since the passage of a new transportation act last year. The law made it easier for railroads to discontinue service on interstate passenger runs which are operating at a loss.

Daniel P. Loomis, president of the Association of American Railroads, promptly declared the unions were trying to hold on to jobs for "uneconomic and unneeded services."

He said the new law must be preserved because it provides "a realistic means of removing the undue burden on interstate commerce resulting from requirements to maintain uneconomic services."

Loomis did not comment directly on the union safety charges, but he declared that "name calling and finger-pointing by rail labor officials do nothing to contribute to solution of grave problems confronting the railroad industry."

A. E. Lyon, secretary treasurer of the 22-union group which concluded a five-day meeting here, said no federal agency now has power to require a railroad to repair faulty tracks or bridges. Jesse Clark, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, said railroads are endangering the lives of their passengers by "gross neglect" of their signaling systems.

Senator Asks Batista Arms

HAVANA (UPI) — Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) has urged shipment of U.S. arms to Cuba to help President Fulgencio Batista's government defeat Fidel Castro and his "bandits."

Ellender told a news conference at the U.S. Embassy here Friday that Britain, France, Israel, Italy and Belgium were selling arms to the Cuban government.

"If our allies are doing it, why shouldn't we? We're all in the same boat," he said.

Ellender, here on his 13th annual tour of the Caribbean as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said he saw no evidence of a civil war in Cuba.

"If there were a raging civil war here I would say no (to the shipment of arms), but not for a few bandits running around burning things. That's not civil war." He said he intended to look into the matter when he returned to Washington.

YOUTH CHOIRS

McCLOUD—Primary and youth choirs of the McCloud Presbyterian Church will take part in the Sunday church school Christmas program on December 19. Both choirs are directed by the Rev. Ronald C. Smith. Mrs. Otis Stoner accompanies the primary choir and Mrs. Hi Wellman the youth choir.

JEREMY CHRISTMAS



A Yuletide Story



BY WALT SCOTT



Vets Given Old Ratings

Opportunities for former Navy enlisted men to reenlist without reduction in rate have been announced by the local Navy Recruiting Station. The opportunities are limited to men who have been discharged less than 24 months.

Rates in which such reenlistments are now being accepted are the following: Quartermaster, second and third class; signalman, chief, first, second and third; radarman, chief, first, second and third; sonarman, chief, first, second and third; torpedoman, third; guided missileman, third; electronics technician, second and third; opticalman, chief, first, second and third.

Also communications technician, first, second and third; journalist, second and third; damage controlman, chief, first, second and third; electrician, chief, first, second and third; utilityman, second and third; aviation electronics technician, first, second and third; and aerographer's mate, second and third.

Men qualified to reenlist in any of the rates above may go on the Navy payroll immediately and spend the holiday season at home by taking up to 30 days' advance leave.

Effective January 1, the following rates will be added to the list of openings: Nuclear weaponsman, chief, first, second and third; machinist mate, second and third; boiler repairman, chief and first; electrician's mate, second and third; aviation electrician's mate, first, second and third; and aerographer's mate, first.

Service Club Slates Party

McCLOUD—The McCloud Service Club officers announced the annual McCloud children's Christmas party will be held December 23 at the McCloud Theater. The McCloud River Lumber Company donates the gifts. The women's association of the Community Presbyterian Church wraps the gifts and the Service Club members plan the program and distribute the gifts to 719 children.

This year the program will be under the direction of committees as follows: Welcome, William Radcliffe; master of ceremonies, Al Morgan; door checkers, Gary Caswell, chairman, Bob McLain, Bob Ferraris, Guido Cottini and Roy Hargreaves; tree decorating, Walt Stringer, Jim Hartley, Ray Ebbe, Stan Gordon and Bob Leatherman.

Ray Ebbe is stage manager, M. C. Gerlicher will pinch hit for St. Nick. The Rev. De Andreis will give the invocation. Harry Hicklin is to be chorus director. Santa Claus helpers are to be R. H. Radcliffe, Hubert Hamilton, R. Chiarucci, Karl Olvson, Reg Wetzel, James Hegin, Don Stampfli, Mickey McArdle and committee chairman, Bob Alexander.

Fire Chief Tom Williams and his assistant, R. E. Kirkman, are to be in charge of safety and fire prevention.

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P.T.A. NEWS

SHASTA SCHOOL — The P.T.A. of Shasta School is joining with others in the area in supporting the Save the Children bundle days program being held this month.

Mrs. Daniel McAuliffe, P.T.A.

KU Orchestra Sets Concert

The Klamath Union High School Orchestra, directed by Dale Hallack, considered to be one of the best high school orchestras in the Northwest, will take part in the Christmas Concert, gift of the music department of KUHS to the community this year.

The concert is scheduled for two nights, Thursday and Friday, December 18-19, in Mills School Auditorium.

The orchestra includes 66 student musicians and in addition to orchestra numbers will furnish accompaniment for the massed chorus number, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," by Fred Waring. The repertoire of the 110-voice cappella choir will include numbers not heard before in Klamath Falls, including Haydn's "Kyrie Nelson," from his Imperial Mass and a traditional Christmas melody, "Wasn't That a Mighty Day," arranged by Nathaniel Dett. Andrew Loney Jr. will direct.

The mixed chorus under the direction of Steve Stone will sing the Saint-Saens, "Praise Ye the Lord," and Gounod's "Sanctus," with Ann Rexford and Judy Robinson. A new group of 60 voices, the Freshman Chorus, will sing three selections.

Other soloists will be: Norman Harvey, tenor; Jim Hall, bass; Bill Hanan, baritone; Judy McFarland, soprano; Steve Bleak, tenor; Marilyn Swansen, soprano; Carol Ross, alto; Sandra Spear, Carolyn Bullard and Jack Riky.

As this is the music department's gift to the public, no admission will be charged. However, tickets for admission will be needed Thursday night only, to assure relatives of the participating students that seats will be available. These tickets will be distributed by the students.

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From the fifth grade on through the eighth grade, the youngsters are to draw names for their Christmas gift exchange.

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INDUCTION SET — Two Klamath County men have reported for Army induction, meeting the county's December quota that was both unusually low and unusually early. Mrs. T. D. Case, selective service clerk, said Roy M. Hill, 22, Klamath Agency, and Paul A. Svoboda, 20, Medford, left for induction December 4.

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Experts Ponder Record Market Ideas

By ELMER C. WALZER
UPI Financial Editor

NEW YORK (UPI) — Stocks during the past week registered gains in all major averages and all but scaled new record highs. The list rose sharply in the Wednesday session after a substantial rise on Tuesday. On Thursday, the list started higher and finished lower. The year's highs were too much to scale at one jump, it appeared.

This barrier, however, left Wall Street experts with new theories of the future. Many of the experts predicted a break-through will occur before the new year with the market closing 1958 in a burst of glory in the traditional year-end rally.

Utilities did break through their barrier with the average setting a new 28-year top on Wednesday after the Supreme Court ruled in favor of natural gas companies in rate making practices on Monday. The utility average had risen steadily for 10 sessions before running into opposition. It sagged 0.09 point on Thursday and came back exactly that amount on Friday, so that it was able to finish the week at its level since September of 1930.

At the Friday close the industrial average stood at 562.27 up 5.32 points from the previous week and down 5.17 points from the all time high; railroad 154.70 up 0.63 on the week but off 3.21 from the 1958 high; utility 87.95 up 1.48 on the week and at a 28-year high; and 65 stocks 195.91 up 1.94 points on the week but off 1.36 points from the year's high.

The other market feature aside from the utility rise was being enacted over on the American stock exchange. There, the common shares of Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company were rising by 5 1/2 points to 536 and the preferred by 18 points to 163. The common stock of the company has been split 10 for one and will be traded starting Monday on the big board.

This is a new addition to the companies which have turned from family ownership to public ownership. The other two outstanding examples in recent history have been Ford Motor Company and Campbell Soup.

Business news generally ruled favorable for the stock market, but Wall Street experts had noted a fair amount of tax selling which was holding the list back.

In the Friday session, the Federal Reserve Board reported its production index had risen three points in November to a seasonally adjusted 141 per cent of the 1947-49 average.

The reserve board said the rise was sparked by a major advance in automobile production along with widespread gains throughout manufacturing. At 141 it compared with 126 in April, the low of the depression. It was 2 points above the level of a year ago and only 4 points under the August 1957 peak of 145.

Stock sales during the week totaled 19,094,914 shares, bringing the year's total to 708,800,856 shares. The daily average trading amounted to 3,818,999 shares, against a daily average of 3,514,092 shares in the previous week.

Activity centered on the less conspicuous shares, including such stocks as Avco, Sperry Rand, American Motors, Studebaker-Packard, Continental Motors, electric and musical industries, and Parke Davis.

Drug issues had a spurt of strength early in the week under the lead of Parke Davis. They faded out later. El Paso Natural Gas was the standout in the natural gas issues. Oils were given a whirl along with the gas issues for a time since most of them are big gas producers.

MANAGER DIES

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Mrs. Hazel Voight, 45, manager for Gov. Goodwin J. Knight's unsuccessful bid for the U.S. Senate last month, died of an overdose of barbiturates, Coroner Theodore J. Curphy announced Friday. Curphy said tests indicated that acute alcoholism contributed to the political publicist's death earlier this week.

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