

### 1959 'Year Of Progress,' Phone Company Reports

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company described 1959 as "A Year of Progress" in its annual report released today.

A gain of 509,000 telephones made during the past year was topped only by the 513,000 recorded in 1958. The company reported a gain of 173,000 extension telephones and 350,000 color sets. Total telephones in service at year's end approached 7.5 million.

Long distance calls ran more than 12 per cent above 1958. The expansion of direct distance dialing now makes it possible for about 50 per cent of Pacific Telephone customers to dial their own long distance calls, according to the report.

Overall construction—new buildings and equipment to take care of growth, and replacements to keep service and facilities up-to-date—cost the company 341 million dollars. The 1958 figure was \$33 million dollars.

Gross plant on the company's books averaged \$3.1 billion last year against \$2.3 billion the year before. Average capital for the

two years—stock, debentures, short-term borrowings and surpluses—totalled \$2.5 billion and \$2.3 billion, respectively.

Earnings per share of common stock were \$1.47 compared with \$1.28 in 1958. Dividends in 1959 amounted to \$1.07 per share compared with \$1 in 1958. Figures reported are adjusted to reflect a 7-for-1 split of common stock made last August. The per cent return on gross plant was 5.75 per cent compared with 5.06 per cent in 1958.

Revenues in 1959 totaled \$1,040,706,377 compared with \$936,843,557 in 1958. But operating expenses, taxes and interest also were higher in 1959—\$896 million compared with \$825 million the previous year. Taxes showed the largest increase—up 25 per cent over 1958.

The company's tax bill of 240 million dollars, not counting the 10 per cent excise tax collected from customers and turned over to the federal government, amounted to \$2.54 per common share. The telephone excise tax, the report stated, is "a discriminatory and unjustifiable tax on either local or long distance service" and should be eliminated.

Meeting the demand for "a variety of communications services needed for national defense" was described as one of the company's most important jobs in 1959.

The importance of increased emphasis on "marketing" was stressed in the report "because Pacific Telephone faces more and more competition for the consumer's dollar . . . every industry which has something to sell competes with us."



DEAN M. FRENCH, center, Navy commander, brother of Mrs. Jacqueline Carter, 1836 Lowell Street, recently reported for duty in the Office of Navy Material at the Pentagon. He was welcomed by Rear Admiral R. L. Swart, left, and Vice Admiral E. W. Clepton, right. French entered the Navy in 1936. He previously was commanding officer of the U.S.S. Strickland. He was graduated in 1935 from Klamath Union High School. He and his wife, Geraldine, and two sons, Dean Robert and Dennis Michael, live in Arlington, Virginia.

### Mistress Family To Get \$36,000 From Italy

ROME (UPI)—Italy has been ordered to pay \$36,000 to the family of Benito Mussolini's late mistress for damage to the dictator's love nest.

A Rome civil court Thursday ruled in favor of the family of Claretta Petacci, which sued for damages to a luxurious villa near

Rome where the dictator held secret rendezvous with the "faithful-unto-death" Claretta who was executed with him by Communist partisans in 1945.

The Petacci family said the villa was badly damaged when it was used by Allied military authorities from 1943 to 1947 and afterwards when it was occupied by an order of nuns.

### Happy Pill Makes Debut On Market

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mad as your boss?

Would you like to have a clearer head and more push to get things done?

What you need is Librium, a new "happy pill" described at a University of Southern California symposium attended Thursday by 400 physicians and specialists in internal medicine.

The drug, which has just come on the market, has been used by more than 2,000 doctors on 20,000 patients in the United States since its discovery a year ago.

Dr. S. P. Wise, assistant clinical professor of medicine at Baylor University, Houston, Tex., told the symposium the drug helps relieve the pain of angina pectoris and prevents epileptic seizures.

Dr. Wise said it also keeps patients from getting angry during their day's work, improves their judgment and clear thinking and adds to their drive to get more work done.

Chemical name for the drug is chlohamidiazepoxide. It can be

obtained only on a doctor's prescription.

Only ill effects noted so far are a temporary drowsiness and mild muscular incoordination, the physician said.

Librium was first tested on animals in the Boston and San Diego zoos and showed remarkable quieting effects. At the San Diego Zoo, a wild European lynx which always threw itself against the bars of its cage when anyone approached became as quiet as a house cat and could be petted by its keeper. One capsule took effect in two hours and lasted more than four hours.

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### Psychologists Stymied By Law

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP)—Utah psychologists have learned the state can't register them under a law set up to accomplish this.

The attorney general says the state can't find anyone qualified to sit on the state examining board which does the registering. He says the next Legislature will have to amend the 1959 law.

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