

Reports Fail To Impress Veteran Railroad Men

NEW YORK (UPI)—Veteran railroaders are unimpressed by reports that the sixties are going to be the greatest era of railway consolidation in this century.

The managements of at least 50 lines are talking merger and the Interstate Commerce Commission has flashed a green light for consolidations. But neither Wall Streeters nor rail executives expect it to happen.

They point out that twice before—in 1920 and 1933—the ICC tried to nudge the railway companies into major consolidations, and both times the companies balked. This time, experts said today, there doubtless will be some mergers. The Norfolk & Western and the Virginian, two prosperous lines, have merged and the combined company now is flirting with the Nickel Plate, to announce the Chesapeake & Ohio, which has been having an off and on romance with the Nickel Plate for years.

Merger Progress

The long-projected absorption of the paralleling Lackawanna by the Erie, the line whose stock

Hoax Drive Stepped Up By Feds

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The FBI has stepped up its nationwide drive against airline bomb hoaxes by arresting an engineering company president and an advertising executive.

Fred Y. Cronk Jr., president of a Tulsa, Okla., petroleum engineering firm, and James Knox Van Arsdale III, a Sarasota, Fla., advertising executive, were charged with falsely reporting explosives on planes.

Both men said they were only joking when they spoke of bombs on airlines. If convicted, they could be sentenced to up to one year in prison and fined as much as \$1,000.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, who announced the arrests Thursday, called them further episodes in a "rash of recent false bomb reports involving aircraft."

He said the Van Arsdale case underscored the "seriousness of such false bomb reports which endanger life, seriously disrupt orderly operations of air carriers and cause law-abiding citizens to hold grave fears for their welfare."

Cronk said in Tulsa that he heard some other passengers on an April 4 flight laughingly talking about bomb possibilities. He said he told the stewardess, "I bet those guys did bring a bomb on board."

He said he made the remarks in jest and forgot about the incident until he was arrested Thursday. He said the matter had grown to "frightening proportions."

In Sarasota, Van Arsdale said, "I took it all as a joke." He said he was "clowning" about a bomb being on an April 6 flight.

Cronk, 44, president of Cronk, Alexander & Associates, was accused of perpetrating a bomb scare aboard a Continental Airlines plane at Denver, Colo.

Van Arsdale, 35, was accused of making comments about a bomb prior to boarding Eastern Airlines Flight 147 from Louisville, Ky., to Tampa, Fla.

Zion Lutheran

Holy Week observances at Zion Lutheran Church, Eleventh and High streets, will include a Palm Sunday service, a Maundy Thursday communion service, a Good Friday service, and two Easter Day services.

The Rev. Norbert Drey, pastor of Zion Lutheran, has announced that the theme of the 11 o'clock service on Palm Sunday will be "Let Us Honor the King of Salvation."

The services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be at 7:30 p.m.

The Order of Tenebrae, an ancient traditional service, will be used on Good Friday. In this service, candles are successively extinguished to symbolize the suffering of Jesus Christ. The sermon will be "He Died for All."

In the Easter services at 8:30 and 11 a.m., Pastor Drey's sermon will be "He Is Risen."

HOPE IS PREPARED

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—When comedian Bob Hope told the actors might announce the end of their strike while he was serving as master of ceremonies at the Academy Awards program Monday night, he said:

"I have two sets of jokes ready—just in case."

BASIN BRIEFS

Dehon Cook of Sprague River (the grade school Hank Knutson) is again taking census in the Beatty area, as he did 10 years ago. He says his territory comprises practically all the south end of the Indian reservation and, while not heavily populated, covers a lot of territory.

Charles E. Drew of Klamath Falls was a business visitor in Beatty last week.

Bethel St. Job's Daughters, at Henley, will conduct a cooked food sale at the Big Y Market Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mrs. Della Fraley, Tulelake, has as her houseguests, long-time friends, Irene and Cliff Wright, brother and sister of Yakima. They are en route home from a vacation in Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Novotny, Tulelake, left April 8 for Stockton, where they will visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Mills, former Tulelake residents.

Gary Atchley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Atchley of Paisley, had his tonsils removed at Lakeview Hospital April 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Foster have returned to their ranch at Summer Lake after spending the winter in Eugene with their daughter, Mrs. C. A. Ankeny.

New officers of the Fandango Bowmen at New Pine Creek are Lee Perry, president; Maurice Morton, vice president; Pearl Strand, secretary-treasurer, and Carroll Cloud and Claude Newcombe, directors. Individual outdoor shooting records are submitted monthly to the National Field Archery Association.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bretches of Macdoel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hendrickson of Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Mason of Shady Cove were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Andrus of Macdoel.

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JANICE FRIEDRICH

Special Award Given KF Girl

Janice Friedrich, an active member of the High School Christian Endeavor Society of the First Christian Church of Klamath Falls, received a special award at the recent Oregon Christian Endeavor Society Convention in Oregon City.

She was announced winner of the International Society's Citizenship Contest for the Pacific Coast region.

Her entry, "An Open Letter," on the subject, "Christian Citizenship—Unlimited," and her service record which indicates her character and activities as a Christian Endeavor member, will be sent to the International headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, for competition with other regional winners.

Hope Lutheran

Hope Lutheran Church, South Sixth at Homedale Road will conduct the Order of Confirmation for six young people who have finished the prescribed course of study, on Palm Sunday, April 10, at the 11 o'clock service. The Rev. Albert C. Neubauer, pastor of Hope Church, will officiate.

To be confirmed are Chester Rutledge, Kenneth Rutledge, Wesley Boyles, Mary Kay Voss, Rae-Anne Davis and Louise Wheeler. These young people, and the congregation will observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the 7:30 service on Holy Thursday, April 14.

Mrs. William Hagerman, organist, will present a dedicatory concert on the new electronic organ recently given to the church by two member families, on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. Her program will include both sacred and classical selections.

She will be assisted in the concert by a flute soloist and a woman's trio. The public is invited to attend the concert on Palm Sunday evening.

Indirectly, fear that the government would press mergers caused railways to invest heavily in each other's stocks and bonds. The idea was to protect the interests of the top management teams. A lot of railroad money was invested this way that might more profitably have gone into better rolling stock and other facilities. And when the 1929 crash came, many railroads found their capital depleted because they had tied up so much money in each other's shares.

The second ICC effort in the 1930s was successfully resisted by what looked like sheer inertia until the outbreak of war in Europe put the railways temporarily on their feet again.

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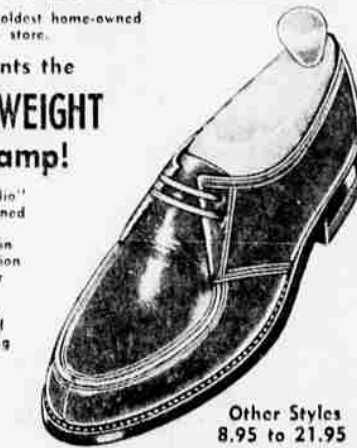
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ANTIRED BILL

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) introduced a bill Wednesday that would ban federal employees who refuse to answer questions about Communist activities.

RETURNING TO U.S.

LE HAVRE, France (UPI)—Amory Houghton, U.S. ambassador to France, and Mrs. Houghton would sail from Le Havre Wednesday night aboard the liner United States for a vacation at home.

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