

Great Northern Throws Its Weight Behind Santa Fe In WP Controversy

CHICAGO (AP) — The Great Northern railway is throwing its weight to the Santa Fe railroad in the contest for control of the Western Pacific railroad.

Competing with Santa Fe for control of Western Pacific is the Southern Pacific.

The Great Northern entered the contest by filing petitions with the Interstate Commerce Commission, supporting the Santa Fe.

"We are intervening," a Great Northern spokesman said, "to protect our own interest in traffic moving from California through the Pacific Northwest and to preserve competitive routes that we participate in between points in California and the Pacific Northwest."

Great Northern connects with Western Pacific at Bieber, Calif. The spokesman said that in his line's only gateway into the key San Francisco and Bay area markets.

The Western Pacific connects with the Santa Fe at Stockton, Calif. Through this link, the spokesman said, Great Northern receives important traffic originating on the Santa Fe in heavily industrialized Southern California.

Great Northern said in its petitions it may apply later for authority to control Western Pacific jointly with other carriers.

or to acquire ownership or trackage rights over the portion of Western Pacific main line extending from Bieber to Oakland and San Francisco.

Ernest S. Marsh, president of the Santa Fe, called the Great Northern action gratifying and said:

"The Great Northern has a substantial interest in the Santa Fe aim of perpetuating the Western Pacific's connection over the Bieber route and we believe the Great Northern is right in apprehending that the continued existence of the Bieber line would be placed in jeopardy if the Western Pacific ever went under control of the Southern Pacific which already owns the only competing line."

The Great Northern reported to the ICC that as of Dec. 28 it owned 156,100 shares of Western Pacific common stock, or nearly 10 per cent of the outstanding shares. This ownership, the spokesman said, will be used to give weight to Great Northern's position as an intervener.

Santa Fe has announced acquisition of 20 per cent of Western Pacific's outstanding common shares. Southern Pacific said it has about 10 per cent. Santa Fe has offered to exchange 1 1/4 shares of its stock for each

share of Western Pacific. The Southern Pacific offer provides for an even exchange of Southern Pacific shares for Western Pacific.

A statement by President F. B. Whitman of Western Pacific said: "Western Pacific is very pleased to welcome the wholehearted support of the Great Northern in this crusade to maintain the competitive rail service which is so necessary to the continued prosperity of the West."

"It is to be recalled that it was the Great Northern which, with Western Pacific and Santa Fe, brought the Southern Pacific monopoly of rail service between California and the Pacific Northwest to an end in 1931 by building to connect the W.P. at Bieber, thus establishing the 'inside gateway'."

"The Great Northern's support of the Santa Fe-W.P. proposal should be of great assistance to the ICC as convincing evidence of the importance of maintaining dynamic rail competition in the public interest."



FIRST TULELAKE HIGH SCHOOL, abandoned and windowless, is an eyesore in the center of the town. The school was built in the early day of the town's history on land provided by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation which provided land for a town-site when Tulelake Basin was opened to Veterans of World War I for homesteading. Veterans received land in other openings as late as 1948. Attempts to settle country by homesteading in earlier years were not successful.

Tulelake High School Building Will Be Sold

By RUTH KING

TULELAKE—Plans for the sale of Tulelake's original high school building and adjacent buildings added to the campus later have been announced by the Tulelake Joint Union High School District.

Bids on the school, including the gymnasium, wood and metal shop and veterans' building in which classes in farm management were held for veterans of World War II, will be opened at a meeting of the school board of the district at 8 p.m. Jan. 10.

The present principal, E. L. Coyner, in announcing plans for the sale, said that in event no acceptable bids are received the buildings will be demolished through agreement of the high school and Tulelake elementary

school boards and the ground adjacent to the elementary building will be held for elementary school expansion at a later date.

The high school was built on U.S. Bureau of Reclamation land under stipulation that the property would revert to the federal bureau if not used for educational purposes. The agreement further contended that the land must "be returned to the USBR in the original condition, should it be of no further use to the school district."

The buildings have been vacant since completion of the new Tulelake High School some time ago. George Reiben, first high school principal who served from 1933 through 1944, still living in Tulelake, recalled this week some of the early history of the high school.



GEORGE REIBEN, first principal of Tulelake High School, now owns and operates Tulelake Cabinet Shop. Reiben was principal for 11 years.

Hunt Negro For Murder Of Student

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Police today pressed a manhunt for a Negro who slashed to death a pretty young modeling student in her bedroom.

Donna Trussell, a cousin of 1960 Miss America Lynda Lee Mead, was slain just a few hours before she was to return to New York where she was trying to launch an acting career. It was her 18th birthday.

Another cousin stumbled on the slaying Tuesday and fled in terror. Police later found Miss Trussell's nude body in her bedroom.

Her father said it "looked like a slaughterhouse."

The coroner's office said the girl died from multiple stab wounds of the chest, throat and abdomen.

Capt. Myron Weysham, homicide division chief, said the killer probably was scratched on the face or neck and cut on the right thumb.

Police questioned three Negroes picked up near the scene.

Lynn Bulliard, 25, cousin of Miss Trussell, said she dropped by to wish her a happy birthday and saw her struggling with a Negro.

She said she was no more than 10 feet from the death struggle. A TV set was knocked down and a heater pulled from the wall.

"Part of her clothes were off and she was lying on the floor," Miss Bulliard said. "I didn't know what to do. I don't think he even saw me there was so much noise. A TV set was knocked down and I ran down the stairs and out to Allen."

Allen Rothbart of New York had accompanied Miss Bulliard and waited outside. He said he saw the assailant flee on a bicycle, carrying a bundle of clothing under his arm.

State Senator Is In Hospital

CORVALLIS (AP) — State Sen. Francis Ziegler, R-Corvallis, the chairman of the Interim Committee on Agriculture, has been hospitalized with a diabetic condition, his wife said Tuesday.

Mrs. Ziegler said her husband has been in Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland since last Friday, but has responded to treatment and expects to be released in time to attend the opening session of the legislature Monday.

Ziegler has been in the legislature since 1950.

Holmer Comes To Defense Of Plan To Abolish State Board Of Control

SALEM (AP)—Institutions such as the state mental hospitals should be under an agency concerned primarily with mental health and not an agency for the management of institutions, Freeman Holmer said Tuesday.

Holmer, director of the state Department of Administration, came to the defense of the proposal of Gov. Mark O. Hatfield to abolish the Board of Control.

Mental health institutions "shouldn't be under the control of an agency whose primary function is the management of institutions as contrasted with the treatment of individual problems," Holmer said.

Both Secretary of State Howell Appling and state Treasurer Howard Belton, who sit with Hatfield on the board, have opposed the Hatfield proposal that would abolish it. All three are Republicans.

Appling said the institutions have more problems in common and should be supervised by the board.

Holmer said mental health "is not a problem divorced from home, society and economic conditions."

"We should not be building warehouses for the ill but be treating them; if possible in their local community," he said.

He said both mental health activities and correctional activities should be treated as units.

The Hatfield proposal would put mental institutions under a department of mental health and correctional institutions under a department of public safety.

Holmer said that this was recommended by both the governor's Advisory Committee on Mental Health and the governor's Advisory Committee on Reorganization.

Missionary To Be Speaker

Guest speaker at Immanuel Baptist Church at 7 p.m., Jan. 4, will be the Rev. Frank Dobra, missionary to West Pakistan. He will also speak at the 11 a.m. worship service at Bible Baptist Church Sunday, Jan. 8.

Dobra worked in the Sind region of West Pakistan where the majority of the people are Sindhi. In Jacobabad, where he lived, there was also a group of Christians who could speak only Punjab.

Since Dobra had learned Urdu, the national language of Pakistan, and his co-workers Sindhi, predominant language of Sind, neither could speak directly to the Punjab Christians.

Plight of these unfortunates was pitiful and the speaker will bring a vivid story of his work abroad. He hopes that a Christian church can be built in West Pakistan in the near future.

He is sponsored by the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society. He is at present on leave with his family from his missionary efforts.

Ask Refund

PORTLAND (AP) — Three Northwest couples operating a partnership known as the North Fork Timber Co. filed suit in U.S. District court Tuesday asking for a refund of \$35,001 paid in 1958 income taxes. They said they should have been given tax allowance on a 1956 timberland purchase.

Orville and June Smith, Seattle, ask for a refund of \$15,709. James L. and Annette Kraft, Portland, asked \$12,086, and P.W. and Hazel Mahoney, Heppner, Ore., \$7,205.

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