

Editorial Page

Our Airline Service

Up and down West Coast Airlines' route complaints are being made that the company's service in recent months has left something to be desired.

To some extent this is understandable—a small line attempting to adequately serve small cities and towns between San Francisco and Seattle; from Boise to Great Falls. At points along the line, some days, no one boards or lands. And in some communities they are up against the "use it or lose it" clause. People either ride the airplanes that land there or give up the service.

What is "bugging" some of the cities on West Coast's route, however, are those sporadic schedules. There have been a number of occasions recently where flights suddenly have been cancelled. A person might sit in the airport in Spokane headed for Great Falls, and have a West Coast passenger agent cordially tell him that his flight to Great Falls will be delayed. Why? Because there is a shortage of planes and the one slated for Montana, first had to make the run from Spokane to Lewiston, Idaho, and return.

In other areas complaints have been made in regard to the company missing or cancelling schedules.

Gov. Robert E. Smylie, Idaho, said West Coast's schedules "are not convenient and the state may acquire its own fleet of airplanes" to transport employees who now must travel the length and breadth of Idaho by automobile.

A West Coast official was quoted as saying in reply to the governor's remarks, "It's no secret. West Coast has gone through the most difficult period in its history."

In many quarters West Coast has been criticized for buying into Pacific Airlines of California when it was having troubles enough of its own. The company is defendant in an action filed by the enforcement division of Civil Aeronautics Board which has ordered the airline to divest itself of majority control of the California company.

West Coast denies it has bought controlling interest in Pacific. CAB contends West Coast in fact does have the control and that it was bought in violation of CAB rules.

Critics explain that the action has no

particular connection with West Coast's service in the area it serves but they do feel that expansion of its service area will hamper its performance even more.

In a November editorial, the Tri-City Herald said:

"The old joke—flying is faster than walking but you don't get where you're going any sooner — has lost its humor for Tri-Citians who used to rely on West Coast Airlines. WCA's service in recent months has not been satisfactory."

The Yakima Morning Herald said in connection with a request that West Coast Airlines be permitted to operate a non-stop service between Seattle-Spokane and Portland-Spokane, that "West Coast should be forced to comply with scheduled operations here before being given 'flyover' privileges across the state."

Part of West Coast's problem has been shortage of equipment. It has been attempting to get F-27 service into all points along the route it serves. DC-3's, however, are still being flown into some of the cities — the cities east of Spokane, for instance.

Montana cities served by West Coast have been promised F-27 equipment for many months but unless they arrived within the last couple of weeks the same old DC's are still doing the job.

The Klamath Falls area has a big stake in West Coast. Many businessmen depend on the service it provides. The same is true of the general public.

We are hopeful that the "dark days" described by one of the company officials when he was confronted by Governor Smylie's threat to buy a fleet of state airplanes is a thing of the past. We believe the governor's proposal is ill advised.

From a positive point of view we can hope that the two F-27 prop jets which were out of commission earlier this month, now are back in service and in good operating condition. Rather than becoming involved with gaining control of another company we feel West Coast should upgrade the service in areas throughout the Northwest it now serves and where people are depending on it.

"Psst---When Does Your Divorce From the West Become Final?"



Letters To The Editor

Thanks To Court

To the parents of the suburban area: We would like to give a rousing cheer for the county court acting as boundary board in its actions toward the new reorganization plan dividing Klamath County into two school districts.

We presented a petition to the county court May 10, 1963, to withdraw our small area from the Klamath Union High School District and place it in the Henley High School District. We found the court members very interested in the overcrowding of Klamath Union High School and in the special problems of the suburban area. We found them very willing to help us and very fair in their ideas and solutions to the over-all problem.

For the past year and a half it has seemed like a hopeless situation with two bickering school boards unable to solve their differences and an unwilling public not ready to vote any relief for the double shifting at Klamath Union. We all know any school which is double-shifting cannot possibly give the quality of education our children need now. Our youngsters are now paying dearly for the procrastination of the past five years.

We were surprised and pleased to find a group of three plucky people ready and willing to take on the almost impossible job of finding and working out an agreeable plan which would satisfy all parties concerned. No matter how controversial a situation was presented to them, the members of the county court found an agreeable solution.

Now their plan is ready to present to parents and the public for approval. We urge you as parents to please attend these meetings planned by the county court to educate the public on their new plan of reorganization. Let us not hear any more answers of "I guess I didn't understand what I was voting for," or "It wasn't written up the way I thought it should have been." Let's give them our suggestions and support now! The county court has spent much time and effort to solve our problem, now it is up to us to fully understand its plan and to give our help. We are also responsible for our children's education.

Again we would like to thank the county court for its tireless effort and determination. Klamath County needs more people like you! Let us hope your efforts have not been in vain. Elton and Lorraine Storey, 3031 Hope Street.

What Effect?

It will be interesting to watch just how the defeated income tax bill will affect education in the state. Legislators, educators, and some others predict an efficiency drop, curtailment of certain activities and subjects usually offered by our schools, and various other economy moves pending.

This might indicate a return to teaching the three R's with more time devoted to the same and the lace removed from the book binders. Savings realized by the lace removal might be aptly applied to increasing teachers' salaries. Good brains sell high!

In any event, a return to economical ways would beneficially affect the state as a whole.

including school systems. But one wonders if all that would have any effect on a school employing a teacher who frequently removed an obedient student from his class functions because the student disturbed his methods by asking questions; or whether it would affect a teacher who, assigned to teach a certain basic subject, chose to dispense with that subject and embark on a course entirely alien to that assignment; or whether it would affect a prevailing lack of teaching policy, faculty discipline apparent throughout an institution; whether it would affect one major school in a county that has minimum athletic facilities when most other similar county schools are amply equipped with such facilities by taxpayers' money; whether it would affect athletic supervision that favors unnecessary roughness; whether it would affect the uncanny foresight reflected in a school psychologist's opinion that a pre-high school student is under the finest teacher he will ever have; or whether it would affect a high school that provides totally inadequate mathematics and science curriculum necessary for college entrance requirements?

If the tax defeat effects any change at all in academic approaches some might think it all for the best.

Robert C. Moore, Box 735, Gilchrist, Ore.

Appreciation

I would like to express my deep appreciation to the long distance operators of the Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company in Klamath Falls and out of town, who gave their help on difficult telephone connections during the last six weeks while my husband, Jack Marsh, has been seriously ill in Pendleton.

It has been necessary for me to locate Navy personnel that I did not know and to make other calls that were difficult to put through. Not once did any operator complain, or lack in courtesy during the crisis. I thank you all sincerely. Mrs. Jack (Jane) Marsh, 2022 Homedale Road.

No Christmas

I can't imagine what this holiday is coming to. With the holidays so close, I was looking forward to seeing the Twyla Ferguson School play. Tonight, my sister, who attends this school, told me there wouldn't be a play. Why? Because they are not allowed to portray Jesus Christ.

Where is the true meaning of Christmas? Is it not to celebrate the birth of our Saviour? Has it come that Santa Claus is to replace Christ? Yes, the young learn about Christmas first by being told about Santa. But while they are still young, that is the time to teach them that there is more to it than just fun, presents and Santa Claus.

May God forgive us. As a free people, we should express ourselves in our schools, as well as our homes and churches. Those who do not wish to do so, don't have to. For those of us who believe, let us have our freedom of speech and worship. These rights are ours through the Declaration of Independence.

For those of us who wish it, let's keep the true meaning of Christmas in our schools. The plays the children put on can help to keep our faith in mankind.

Mrs. Joe Ait, 809 Owens Street.

Happy Mother

Thanks to a very sweet story written in your paper about a "lost doll," our little girl will get a doll for Christmas.

The last one was not returned but a very kind person saw it that she would get one anyway.

This should be a good lesson to other shoppers to keep an eye on their packages and by all means lock their car doors also, for there are those who will take what does not belong to them without a second thought.

Then again there are others that give with their hearts and, though unknown, I would like to wish them the same Merry Christmas they have given my little girl.

A Happy Mother.

Tell Us How

In a recent letter to the editor by "Name Withheld" seven suggestions were made to improve Klamath County. Probably all had merit, but all cost money.

If "Name Withheld" would just tell us how to raise the money instead of merely budgeting it, we could get on from there. Unless, of course, the answer is higher taxes, something citizens have turned down recently.

T. S. Durment



Purely Personal Prejudices: Our understanding of the nature of "law" has sunk so low in this country that Dallas lawyers were afraid to accept the defense of Oswald for fear that public disapproval would ruin their careers—a pathetic commentary on the ignorance and prejudice so deeply imbedded in this presumably "civilized" nation.

Another illuminating aspect of the recent tragedy was the way in which people spoke of "history" in the sense of "I thought such things happened only in history" — without any consciousness that today is history, also, and that each individual act performed in the present is an integral part of the closely-woven fabric of history.

Speaking of this short-sighted attitude, we ought to keep in mind the remarkably apt saying of Thomas Arnold a century ago: "Two things we should learn from history — one, that we are not in ourselves superior to our fathers; another, that we are shamefully and monstrously inferior to them, if we do not advance beyond them."

And the final twist of irony in the whole macabre episode is the general agreement that President Kennedy would have been safer parading down the streets of Moscow than he was within our own national borders.

Many people are willing to be generous who are not willing to

Demos National Meet To Open Veep Choice

By DORIS FLEESON

WASHINGTON — The Democratic National Committee meeting scheduled here for Jan. 4 seems destined to open to the loud beat of vice presidential drums.

This could prove greatly to the disadvantage of President Johnson as he seeks to establish himself as leader of his party. Everywhere he looks, including his own South, there are political holes to be plugged and factions to be conciliated. Nor can he be sure in what area his major problems will lie by the time of the national convention next summer.

First in the vice presidential field are backers of big-state officeholders who happen to be Catholic. The list, which is growing fast, includes Govs. Edmund (Pat) Brown of California and Richard Hughes of New Jersey, Mayors Robert Wagner of New York and Richard Daley of Chicago.

The claims of others who thus qualify are sure to follow.

Massachusetts has two Kennedys: The Attorney General and Senator Edward, Illinois has a Kennedy brother-in-law, Sargent Shriver, widely admired for his job with the Peace Corps. Ohio offers the experienced ex-mayor of Cleveland who is HEW secretary in the present Cabinet, Anthony Celebrezze.

While Minnesota would surely put first its senior senator, Hubert Humphrey, it has a dark horse in its junior senator, Eugene McCarthy, who is a liberal like Humphrey and a Catholic like the Kennedys.

The Johnson pitfalls in dealing with this situation are obvious. It is early, but once men-

tioned for high place, the best of men tend to develop a vested interest in their absolute claim to it.

As might be expected, a small rally is taking place among liberals backing Senator Humphrey. They argue his case on the ground of experience and ability to take over as president, asserting a belief that under the circumstances the country can be expected to pay much more attention to the vice president's capacity to lead the country.

The President's doctors are going on bond for his present good health, but it is, of course, a fact that he had a serious heart attack some years ago.

The claim of some Democrats that a Catholic has some kind of vested right to join Johnson on the 1964 slate is called invalid by others. One pro-Humphrey senator puts it that "our credentials on the Catholic question are settled. We have just given the country its first Catholic president. The next man in the presidential succession, Speaker McCormack, is a Catholic. He is Senate Democratic leader Mansfield. Our national chairman is Catholic."

A labor admirer of Senator Humphrey suggests that the President is stamped a conservative by reason of his long career when representing Texas. He points darkly to business admiration for the new Chief Executive and argues that a liberal identification on the ticket will be more useful than a man's religion.

Vice presidential discussion of this type is inevitable when the country has no vice president. It does offer a hard test of Johnson's domestic diplomacy.

WASHINGTON REPORT . . .



Top Ranking Red Oswald Pen Pal

By FULTON LEWIS JR.

WASHINGTON — The heretofore unidentified "top-ranking Communist" who swapped letters with Lee Harvey Oswald is a veteran revolutionary once convicted of teaching the violent overthrow of the U.S. government.

He is Arnold Samuel Johnson, who, it can be revealed on excellent authority, wrote Oswald from Communist Party headquarters in New York.

Johnson urged Oswald to "keep in touch" as he moved back and forth from Dallas to New Orleans. While the Johnson letters indicate Oswald was not under Communist Party discipline, they do show him to be a dedicated Marxist.

Johnson was indicted in 1951, and convicted in 1953, of violating the Smith Act. The prosecution showed that Johnson was loyal to a foreign power and that he had taught the violent overthrow of the federal government. He served three years in prison, getting out in 1957.

Johnson acts now as the Communist Party's legislative director and serves as a member of the party's national committee.

STRICTLY PERSONAL

By SYDNEY J. HARRIS

be just; their generosity is the price they agreeably pay for withholding justice when it suits their purpose.

For all the furor about "education" in this country, ask a dozen persons what, in their estimation, the proper end of education is, and you will receive a dozen different answers: until we can agree on the goal, how can we evolve any rational program or even know what we are talking about when we use the word "education"?

A marriage will flourish when it is composed of two persons who will nurse each other; it may even survive when one is nurse and the other an invalid; but it is sure to collapse when it consists of two invalids, each needing a nurse.

Those who inordinately enjoy Mardi Gras and such masked festivals must feel extremely repressed when dressed in civilian clothes with their faces showing; for it is only when they are costumed and masked that they feel free to express themselves — a curious psychological reversal, when concealment becomes a form of disclosure.

We succeed best in those enterprises which not merely call upon our virtues and talents, but which also in some way are able to make use of our defects; as, for instance, the neurotic psychoanalyst who employs his defect in the service of his craft.

When my associate, Bill Schulz, phoned Johnson to ask about the Oswald letters, an aide informed Mr. Schulz that Johnson was "unavailable for any comment."

It was not the first time that Johnson has clamored up. On May Day, 1962, the grey-haired party official was scheduled to appear on a New York radio show. The program host, Barry Gray, had arranged to have Herb Romerstein, a staunch anti-Communist, debate with the party spokesman. Johnson stalked off the program when told he would share the mike with Romerstein, a former Communist who serves now as an expert consultant to various government security agencies.

Note: Another Oswald pen pal was Vincent Theodore Lee, head of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. Lee first denied any knowledge of Oswald, who was arrested once for passing out Fair Play leaflets in New Orleans.

Lee then discovered in his files six letters from Oswald, and turned them over to the FBI. Meanwhile, federal authorities had uncovered letters from Lee among Oswald's effects. The letters carried instructions on setting up local Fair Play chapters.

Lee has never been identified as a Communist. In an appearance before the Senate Internal Subcommittee, however, Lee took the Fifth Amendment more than 75 times in refusing to answer questions. He ducked queries on Communist Party membership and on Cuban assistance to his "independent" group.

Nelson Rockefeller has served notice he will seek convention delegates from the District of Columbia in his fight for the Republican presidential nomination.

Rockefeller has not said so publicly, but Carl Shipley, the local Republican chief, has announced flatly that Rocky will run in a District of Columbia primary. Shipley, a lawyer, has close legal ties with the Rockefeller family and is thought favorable to Rocky.

Barry Goldwater has long been considered a top-heavy favorite in any DC primary contest with Rockefeller. One Republican leader said shortly before the assassination of President Kennedy that Goldwater had 70 per cent of the local GOP behind him.

Rocky has no organization in the District. Neither does Goldwater. Leaders of the Local Young Republican Organization, however, can be expected to throw their support behind Goldwater. In many sections of the District, Young Republicans make up the only precinct organization for the GOP.

The current Young Republican National Chairman, Buzz Lukens, is a District resident. He won election earlier this year by labeling himself a Goldwater man.

WASHINGTON NOTEBOOK . . .

Gagsters Aim At LBJ



By WASHINGTON STAFF
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.
WASHINGTON (NEA) — First Republican gag on new President Lyndon Baines Johnson:

"They're rushing to bring out a new L.B.J. doll in time for the Christmas trade. Have you heard about it?"

"No. What does the doll do?"
"You wind it up and watch to see how fast it dances back and forth, from North to South, across the Mason-Dixon Line."

Victor Johnston, executive director of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, did not realize until recently how far Gov. James Rhodes of Ohio has carried his economic drive.

Visiting the governor in Columbus, Johnston got a hearty invitation to lunch. He demurred, saying he did not want to take up Rhodes' time.

When the governor insisted, Johnston gave way. He turned to leave the office, sure they were heading for one of Rhodes' favorite restaurants.

Johnston was met at the door by a secretary bearing two paper sacks containing hamburgers. Said the governor:

"Come on, Vic. Let's eat at my desk."

A group of Pentagonians were discussing the report that Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara might be the Republican presidential candidate in 1964.

"Who would he get as campaign manager?" someone asked.

A voice from the rear answered:

"He wouldn't need a campaign manager. He'd just rent a computer."

The postman dropped a tired-looking letter on the desk of Marsha Brock, receptionist at the Draft Goldwater Committee headquarters in Washington. The envelope was stamped like a well-traveled suitcase.

The letter contained an announcement of the July 4 Gold-

water rally held in the capital under draft committee auspices. It had been sent June 3 to the Cambridge, Mass., home of Harvard Prof. J. Kenneth Galbraith, then still serving as ambassador to India under President Kennedy.

Altogether the envelope bore 15 separate post office markings, including Bombay and New Dehli in India, where it just missed Galbraith.

Granting all its travels, Goldwater workers were puzzled over the letter's long orbit stretching over six months. A bigger mystery was why it was ever sent to Galbraith in the first place.

For those congressmen who have never been through an adjournment and for those who have forgotten what adjournment is like, Rep. Joe Pool, D-Tex., quotes a description of

how conferees look in the chamber on the last day of session. "It's right odd to look around and see the differences of faces on this occasion. Some quit, thinking they have established a name in the nation and look satisfied; some quit, right glad to get home, and know they are coming back.

"Some are restless and fidgety, with a journal under their arm to take home, to prove how punctual they were; others are soberly and sadly calculating how they can travel down from their heights of political dignity to the level of their constituents. Few have got more honor than they expected; many have got less."

The author of this clear picture? Rep. Pool reveals it was none other than the famed frontiersman, Davy Crockett who penned these words while congressman from Tennessee in 1831.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Just think of it as the first thing on our Christmas list!"