

Surplus Plane Buyers Think They're Taken for Suckers by U. S. Bureaus

Former War Pilots Buy Craft for \$27,000, Only to Learn They Can't Operate Lines.

By JIM G. LUCAS, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Thousands of world war II pilots think Uncle Sam has played them for suckers.

On the one hand, war assets administration has sold them surplus transport planes at \$27,000 per ship to "start a new industry."

On the other, the civil aeronautics board and civil aeronautics authority virtually has told them they can't operate.

The members of independent air carriers conference of America are fighting back. They say they can muster twice as many—5000 against 2800—trained pilots as the commercial airlines. If Uncle Sam drives them out of business, he will have materially reduced his aviation manpower reservoir.

Principal gripe of the independents is a civil aeronautics board regulation, which was effective Sept. 10, which the independents claim, has grounded two-thirds of them. They have 1972 airplanes working today against an estimated 4500 a few months ago.

They Can't Advertise

The regulation forbids the independents to fly between two points "regularly or with a reasonable degree of regularity." The aeronautics board says regularity is realized when the public relies on non-scheduled airlines. Thus, they can't advertise. If they do, the public depends on them, and CAB will order them to "cease and desist."

On the other hand, CAB requires they publish rates between points they serve.

Since they can't fly regularly between two points, they must publish rates to all cities in the United States. The average independent hasn't the staff to make any such computations. The conference says that kind of tariff list would be approximately the size of the New York City telephone directory.

Furthermore, they claim the established airlines can fly irregular schedules without posting tariffs. They say this is discrimination.

Can't Fly Out of U. S.

Finally, the new regulation forbids independents to fly outside the United States. This has stopped operations of independents on the Canadian border, and those flying to Alaska. It has played havoc

45 States Face Probe on Fair Trade Laws

Charge Legalizing Of High Living Costs

By Scripps-Howard Newspapers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Uncle Sam is preparing to point an accusing finger at fair trade practices laws in 45 of the states.

The government is expected to charge they "enhance and maintain" high living costs. It will say they legalize practices otherwise illegal under the Sherman anti-trust act.

The attack, when it comes, will originate with the President's council of economic advisors. A council spokesman says "You'll hear a lot from us on this subject."

3-Point Program

The federal trade commission started a survey of price fixing on May 29, by sending telegrams to 200 manufacturers requesting:

ONE: Wholesale and retail prices in effect April 1, 1946; Jan. 1, 1947; April 1, 1947, and May 15, 1947.

TWO: Suggested wholesale and retail prices if not fixed by contract.

THREE: Changes in discounts to retailers and wholesalers between April 1, 1946, and May 15, 1947.

The commission limited its inquiry to "prices" in various industries as established or suggested by manufacturers.

It did not go into fair trade practices laws because it said that subject was covered in its report of Dec. 13, 1945.

Council Returns Report

The new report went to the White House in June. Presidential assistant John R. Steelman sent it to the council of economic advisors. The council, dissatisfied with what it considered an "inadequate and piecemeal" job, sent it back to the federal trade commission.

Some confusion exists as to why it was returned. The federal trade commission says there was a jump in prices after May 15 and the White House wanted it brought up to date.

A spokesman for the council of economic advisors says the report went back because the commission "merely breathed on" fair trade practices laws.



MINSTREL—Singing participants in an old time minstrel show scheduled for tomorrow night are (left to right) Roberta Kerr, Mary Alice Peek, Audry Amos, and Mary Gardner. The Senior C. Y. O. of St. Joan of Arc Catholic church is sponsoring the event in Knights of Columbus auditorium.

U. S. Pipe Export Is Strategic Move

Fund Workers To Hear Chicagoan

By MARSHALL McNEIL, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Our large stake in the Middle East, where Russia covets Iranian oil, has been greatly increased with the approval of the government.

Saying frankly it acted for strategic and political, as well as economic reasons, the government has licensed export of steel pipe for the \$150 million trans-Arabian crude oil pipeline.

This is the line the then Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes proposed the government itself finance and build in 1944. His plan was rejected amid protests that it would commit too far.

Approval was opposed by American independents and some congressmen. The former argued the steel was necessary to increase domestic output.

The government okay came after the recurrence of rumors that Arabian states had threatened to cancel oil concessions in the Middle East if Palestine were partitioned, as proposed to the United Nations.

Our navy is the largest single consumer of Arabian oil, and this was cited by the commerce department in approving the export license. But if the oil is to be useful to us, we will have to keep the Mediterranean open.

Gallahue Heads Insurance Board

Dudley R. Gallahue was elected chairman of the board and treasurer of American States Insurance Co. today at the firm's annual directors meeting.

Edward F. Gallahue was chosen president of the company and Kurt P. Pantzer, vice president and secretary.

The company also announced it had taken over the assets and liabilities of its wholly owned subsidiary, American States Fire Insurance Co. Fire and inland marine lines will now be written by those departments in American States company.

Company directors are Dudley and Edward Gallahue, Mr. Pantzer, Edward J. Bennett, Otto N. Frenzel, William C. Griffith, Fred T. Holliday, Herbert J. Reade and William Geo. Sullivan.

LOCAL SPEAKERS LISTED

K. Mark Cowen, city recreation director, and J. Chester Long, also associated with the city park department, will speak at the 29th National Recreation congress to be held soon in New York City.

BACK FROM VACATION

Dr. C. Richard Schaefer, whose offices are at 224 N. Meridian st., has returned from a month's vacation in Michigan.

Class Lecturers Listed at Butler

Al Beind of P. R. Mallory & Co. will lecture Oct. 7 at a class in cost accounting at Butler university.

The class is studying the subject, "Accounting for Overhead," under joint sponsorship of the college of business administration and the Indianapolis chapter, National Association of Cost Accountants.

Other lecturers will include John H. Nagle, Muehlhausen Spring Co., Logansport, Oct. 21; W. Don Hathaway, South Wind division, Stewart-Warner Corp., Nov. 11; Prof. William F. Shors, Butler university accounting division, Nov. 25, and Edward J. Dowd, Schwitzer-Cummins Co., Dec. 9.

Ask Mrs. Manners— Woman, 63, Is Troubled Over 'Too Much Courtesy'

Wonders Why Younger People in Office Won't Call Her by Her First Name

Dear Mrs. Manners:

IT SEEMS to me that an elderly woman like me is in constant danger of developing a sense of inferiority. I am active—for my 63 years, still brown-haired, attend Indianapolis clubs and church societies and add to my income with a part-time position.

In the office, younger men and women surround me. They seem to like me but treat me with very great courtesy. I wish they'd call me "Mary" and forget I have three grandchildren. But don't think I fail to appreciate the grandchildren. I don't know what I would do without them.

My young friends in the office are very nice and capable. I admire them. Please tell me how to adapt myself and feel less isolated.

PUZZLED 63-YEAR-OLD.

You aren't isolated—you are included. Courtesy doesn't age you—it compliments you. Your young associates probably treat you courteously because they respect and like you. You have adapted yourself. Don't try to recapture youth—just hang on to your personality. It has carried you far. Accept your years—keep them becoming.

How Can I Clear My Face Up?

In reading your column every day I thought perhaps I would write to ask your advice on my problem. I hope that you may be able to help. I'm 16 years old and a senior in high school. For over a year now my face has been broken out with pimples. They mostly occur on my forehead and my chin. Thus it makes me feel very uneasy whenever I go some place. Do you have any recommendations on how I might be able to clear my face up?

My doctor just told me to watch my diet. This I do but it doesn't seem to help and I know that the fellows don't like to date girls with broken out complexions, when there are lots of girls with clear complexions. Could you give me some advice?

INDIANAPOLIS TEEN-AGER.

Your doctor knows your case. Are you certain that you don't sneak in a little forbidden food once-in-awhile?

Expenses of Infantile Paralysis Victims

How are expenses of persons with infantile paralysis handled? We have a neighbor whose child is quite ill with the disease. The family has little money and the father is so worried and timid that he hasn't asked about payments.

INDIANAPOLIS READER.

Marion county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis sends a trained investigator to aid the family of the stricken person. If the case is diagnosed as infantile paralysis, the chapter provides hospitalization, medical service, surgery and any other treatment needed to help the patient recover, in hospital of the family's choice, free of charge.

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