

Arbiters Open Study of IR Pay Increase

Any Hike Will Bring Plea for Higher Rates, Utility Says

A three-man arbitration panel today began a study of huge volumes of "evidence" to determine whether Indianapolis Railways, Inc., must increase its employees' wages.

Indirectly, the decision of the panel, which must be made within 30 days, also will determine how soon the transit utility reappears before the Public Service Commission for new rate increases. Railways officials today left no doubt that any wage increase granted by the arbitration panel would result in an immediate new push for higher rates.

Four weeks of arbitration hearings ended yesterday. The arbitration was the last resort in long wage negotiations under the 1947 utility law which prohibits strikes in public utilities.

Named by Governor

The panel was appointed by Gov. Schricker when Division 1070 of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees invoked the arbitration law. The action put the state in the position of having to decide company wage costs on one hand through arbitration and rates on the other hand through the PSC.

At the same time transit spokesmen said that the rate increase of 1 cent in fares and addition of a 2-cent transfer charge granted by the PSC a month ago was "not panning out." At the end of July, with 19 days benefit of the increase, it was reported, the utility still was \$45,000 short of meeting operating costs, bond interest and fixed charges.

14 Per Cent Traffic Drop

The utility reported a drop of 14 per cent in passengers for July as compared with July a year ago. The drop, they said, was in line with similar drops being experienced by other transit utilities over the country. They said little if any of the decline in passengers could be attributed to the recent rate increase.

Members of the arbitration panel are William Dennigan of Vincennes; Joseph Barclay of Muncie and Fr. H. F. Winterhalter of Terre Haute. They have only a month in which to weigh 293 exhibits and 3300 pages of transcript unless granted a longer time by Gov. Schricker.

Indianapolis GI Drowns in Japan

Pvt. Benefiel's Body Taken From Canal

Pvt. Ernest J. Benefiel, 23-year-old Indianapolis soldier stationed in Kyoto, Japan, was drowned recently in a canal behind his quarters. Army authorities advised his parents here today.

Mrs. Ernest J. Benefiel Sr., of 832 S. Senate Ave., his mother said the young soldier had been in Japan for the last 18 months. He served six months at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Dispatches from Kyoto said Pvt. Benefiel, under arrest in his quarters, was drowned when he climbed a fence behind his company area and jumped into the canal. His body was recovered Monday.

Indianapolis Native

A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, Pvt. Benefiel attended School 12 prior to his enlistment. Besides his parents, Pvt. Benefiel is survived by three brothers, Charles, David and Shirley and four sisters, Mary Ann, Betty Lou, Dolores and Mildred.

Whether the body would be returned here for burial was undetermined.

Seven Injured as Bus Takes to Ditch

WELLINGTON, Kas., Aug. 18 (UP)—Seven persons were recovering in hospitals today from minor injuries they received when a Continental Bus Lines bus plunged into a ditch near Haven, Kas.

The Sumner County sheriff's office said 14 persons were injured or shaken up in the accident yesterday, but that half of them were discharged from hospitals shortly after they were given emergency treatment.

The bus driver, who was not injured, said he "took to the ditch" to avoid hitting a truck on U. S. Highway 81, four miles south of here.

Employment Time at RCA-Victor



This employment line at the RCA Victor Division plant in E. Michigan St. supplied nearly 100 workers.

RCA Hiring Force for New Low-Priced Television Set

Lines Stretch for Block at Times; Price of \$199 Assigned for Equipment

Between 75 and 100 new employees at the RCA-Victor Division Plant in E. Michigan St. started work today under the factory's recruiting drive to assemble new workers to produce a new low-priced television set.

The company has planned to hire from 200 to 300 persons between now and Labor Day. About 90 per cent of the jobs to be filled require the "feminine touch" on light assembly lines, employment officials said.

Lines at the company employment office stretched the length of a block at times yesterday as prospective employees passed through the entrance gates. Personnel workers said the applicants filled quotas for today and tomorrow, but additional workers will be hired Monday. Lines were shorter today.

Many Disqualified

Although many applicants have been disqualified for the work required on RCA assembly lines, the company expects to fill its quota by Aug. 23. New workers will undergo a three-day training period before starting production work.

Besides a redesigned television model with a 10-inch screen, the employment spurt at RCA has been boosted by start of production on a new 12 1/2-inch model and a 16-inch set.

A price of \$199 has been assigned to the 10-inch set. Its counterpart sold for \$271. Although RCA has not produced the 16-inch model before, its \$399 price will represent a reduction of \$100 for comparable sets.

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Woods Calls Decontrol Aids To Washington

Housing Chief To Sift Areas For Lifting Rents

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (UP)—Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods called in his regional experts today for a series of conferences to help him decide where to decontrol 4.5 million homes and apartments.

Housing officials said these conferences will last the rest of the week. On the basis of these parleys and a list of "borderline" housing areas, Mr. Woods will determine what areas of the nation can be removed from rent controls most readily.

Mr. Woods announced in Cleveland yesterday that, because of congressional cuts in his budget, he has decided to decontrol one-third of the 1000 counties and 13.5 million housing units where rent ceilings are still in effect.

Effective at Once

Housing officials said that the first wholesale decontrol order will be issued in a week or 10 days. They said the second list, completing the decontrol program, would be released around Oct. 1. The orders will be effective immediately.

Mr. Woods said in his Cleveland speech that sparsely-settled areas would be the first affected. He said that, in any case, he wants to avoid removing rent ceilings on cities with an actual population of more than 100,000.

"The smallest communities will feel the effects first," he said. "There are many such places along the East Coast and West Coast and in the Southwest."

Joins Airlines



Miss Doris M. Hurt . . . Sales representative.

Miss Hurt Named To Sales Post

Miss Doris M. Hurt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hurt, 3229 Sutherland Ave., will become sales representative of Trans Canada Airlines in Chicago after her graduation from Purdue University tomorrow. She takes over her new position on Aug. 26.

A Tech High School graduate, Miss Hurt learned to fly when 15 years old and holds instructor's ratings in flight and ground school. She is one of few women who have completed the Air Transportation Engineering course offered by Purdue University.

She is a member of the '99s, International Organization of Women Pilots, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Institute of Aeronautical Sciences and Pi Omicron, honorary organization of women engineers. Miss Hurt was also listed on the Purdue University distinguished senior rolls.

Army Refuses Bird Trial Delay

Declines to Wait for Washington Hearing

FRANKFURT, Germany, Aug. 18 (UP)—The Army Department told Russell G. Bird today that it will not postpone his trial here pending a habeas corpus hearing in a District of Columbia court, Sept. 19.

Bird, a former manager of an Army post exchange who is accused of embezzling cigarettes for sale on the German black market, was returned here from the U. S. for trial after he left Germany while under arrest.

His attorney, George Davis, had requested a hearing in the U. S. District Court in Washington on grounds that Bird was extradited illegally.

The hearing was granted, but the Army Department said in a cable read into the trial record that Bird's presence was not required at the Washington proceedings.

Fritz Mantel, a former employee in the post exchange Bird managed, testified for the prosecution yesterday that he stole cigarettes from the PX and after one transaction with German black marketeers gave Bird an unmentioned sum of money.

Charges Beating

Mantel said he was beaten by two German agents of the American Army after his arrest in a roundup of black marketeers last month.

Maria Hoelcher, another former PX employee, said she destroyed records of cigarette stocks at Bird's request.

The Mishawaka, Ind., youth is accused of misappropriating 5700 cartons of cigarettes for sale on the black market.

Defense Counsel Davis said the Army had promised immunity to any German black marketeers testifying for the prosecution.

Celebrate 65th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hendrickson of near Shelbyville celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary recently. They have eight children, 28 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. He is 84 and she is 80 years old.

Doctor Bans GAR Veteran Meeting His Buddies Here

SEATTLE, Aug. 18 (UP)—Hiram Gale, 102-year-old Civil War veteran, learned today that he won't be able to meet with his old buddies at the final encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Indianapolis on Aug. 28.

Mr. Gale's doctor said he was too frail for the trip. He ordered him to remain in bed.

Mr. Gale, who once was national commander of the GAR, sent him hopping to his window, had promised himself that he was going to this last gathering of the Boys in Blue. But he tried to take his doctor's orders like an old soldier.

"Calculate it's just too darn long a hike to Indianapolis for a man turned homebody anyway," he said.

He didn't fool anyone, however, and least of all his doctor and

nurses who remember last July 4th when the strains from a band sent him hopping to his window. "Indianapolis ain't the hop, skip and skidaddle it was to get to in 1865 when the first encampment was held there," he said.

Only 17 men survive of the Grand Army that once numbered 400,000.

Six of the famous "last man's club" had planned to attend the meeting this year. Now, with Mr. Gale out, there will only be five.

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