

Arbiters Open Study of IR Pay Increase

Any Hike Will Bring Plea for Higher Fares, 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 2070 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 10 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 Deneen 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 to-day.

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

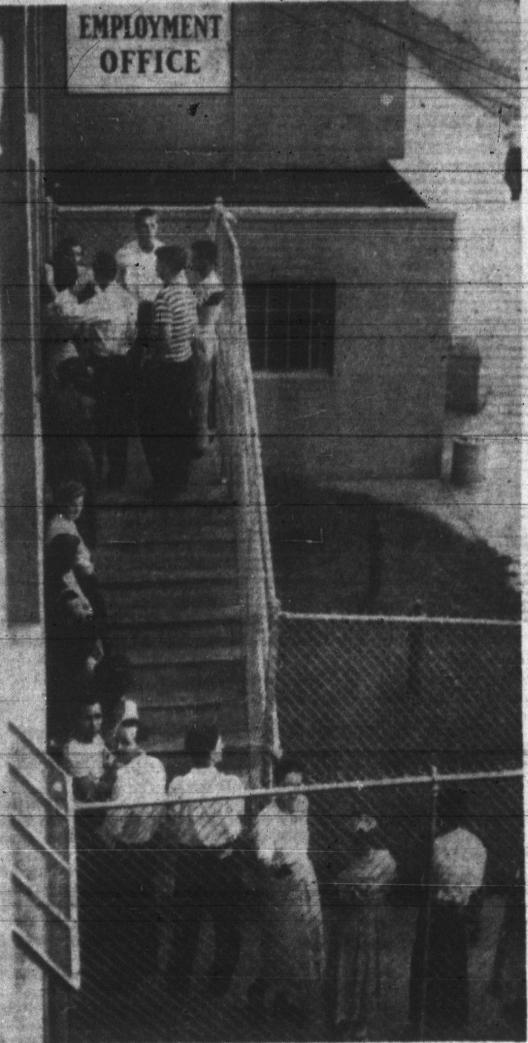
WELLINGTON, Kas., Aug. 18 (UPI)—Seven persons were recovering in hospitals today from minor injuries they received when a Continental Bus Lines bus plunged into a ditch near Haven, Kas.

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.

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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."

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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 '99, 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

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 marketers gave Bird an unmentioned sum of money.

Charges Bearing

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

Marie Hoecher, 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 marketers testifying for the prosecution.

He didn't fool anyone, however,

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, had promised himself that he was going to this last gathering of the Boys in Blue. But as 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.

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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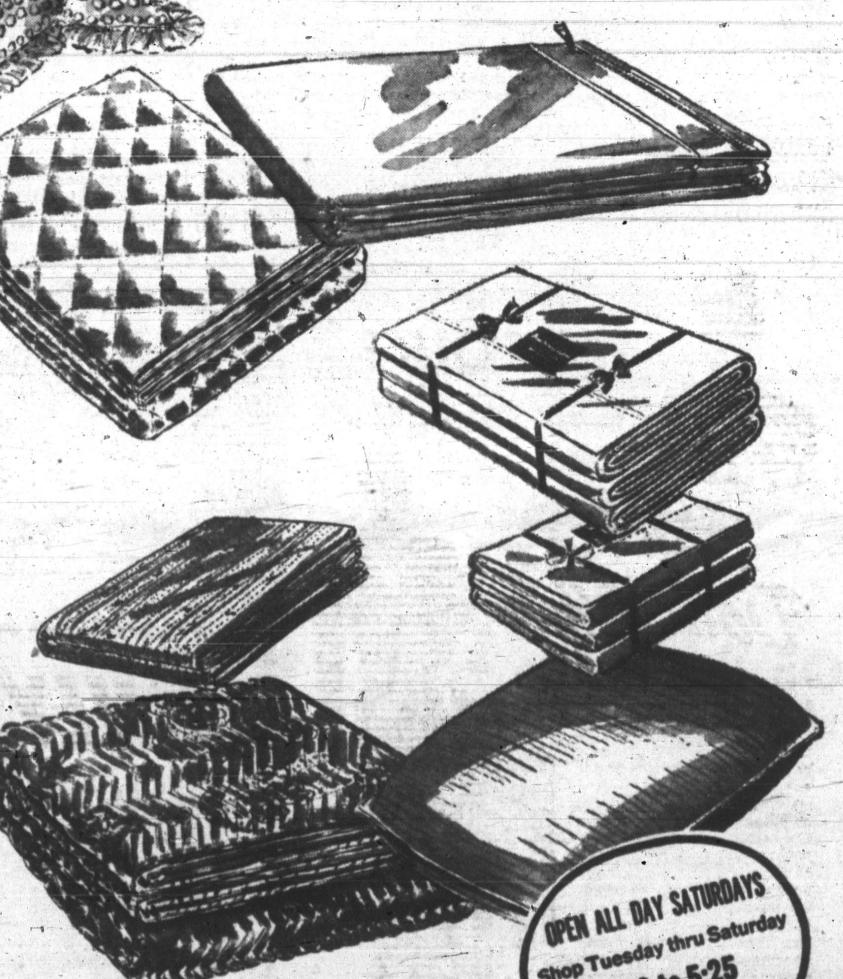
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