

## Domestic Airlines Play Great Part In Building System

Highly Successful Lines Now Reach All Sections of Country and Every Continent

Washington, Dec. 23. (UP)—The nation's domestic airlines were given credit today for playing a "highly strategic" role in helping the army and navy build an air transport network that has speeded military operations by bridging the "seven seas and reaching into every continent."

In a special report on U. S. civil airlines in war, the Office of War Information said that the 18 domestic and three international American lines converted almost wholly to military and commercial war activities, were making more than twice as much money today as they did before Pearl Harbor and with considerably less equipment.

The report, based on records of the industry and of the army, navy, and other government agencies, related how planes and pilots of the commercial firms helped the army's air transport command and the navy air transport service set up a system

of aerial highways that carry war cargoes by "airline to anywhere."

Navy officials reported that the re-conquest of the Aleutians would have been delayed for months if air transport had not been able to fly in men and material quickly and in great quantity. That job was done in an area where pilots swear their inoculations include anti-freeze shots.

OWI said the system of world airways developed by the war—a network which one pilot called "Buck Rogers stuff on a sound engineering basis"—was made up of four principal routes followed by the ATC and the NATS. These were:

1. The North Atlantic run, which can be covered either non-stop or in several stages.

2. By stages from the southern United States to Africa and across Africa to the Middle East, India and China.

3. From southern California thru Hawaii to military bases in the south Pacific.

4. From the northwest United States to Alaska and the Aleutians. Maj. Gen. Harold L. George, head of the air transport command, said that without the cooperation of the airlines "it would have been nearly impossible for us to carry on the job in the way it has been done."

OWI noted that several airlines operated at a loss before Pearl Harbor but now were earning good profits. While military contract figures are restricted, the report said:

"The Civil Aeronautics board states that in the 12-month period ending Aug. 31, 1943, the domestic airlines made a net profit of \$31,958,072, more than twice the total of the period, Aug. 31, 1941-Aug. 31, 1942."

The report said that paralleling the tremendous expansion of international aviation—which has made any spot in the world less than 60 hours flying from any American airport—were the less spectacular achievements of domestic airline operation. It cited the following:

1. Airlines now carry 25 per cent fewer passengers than before the war, but revenue passenger miles are half again as great because passenger are averaging more miles per trip.

2. Airborne cargo has made tremendous increases. Nearly four times as many pounds of cargo were flown during the first six months of this year as in the first six months of 1941.

3. More airmail was carried during the first six months of 1943 than during all of 1941.

Turning again to the world air network, OWI said the cargoes ranged from royalty and the president of the United States to a queen bee and two worker bees. The planes also have carried 1,700-pound engine blocks, natural rubber from Brazil and Africa, and transported a sawmill needed in the Alaskan wilderness.

When the Alaskan highway was being built, gasoline trucks were urgently needed. They were cut into three parts, shipped by air, then welded together at their destination.

### Russia to be Powerful

New York, Dec. 21. (UP)—Predicting that Russia would be the most powerful post-war nation in Europe, Czech Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk said last night that none of the small neighbors of the soviet union could resume their independence without her aid.

Speaking at a dinner of Russian War Relief, Inc., Masaryk said that Czechoslovakia did not sell out to Russia in negotiating her 20-year mutual aid pact with the soviets.

"We intend to live our own life in our own way and we know that Russia will respect our way of living," he said.

"You and we are going to continue our policy of collaboration, friendship, confidence in a good faith towards Soviet Russia."

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## Greatest Number Of Travelers Jam Nations Railroads

Demands on Transportation Facilities of the Nation Among the Greatest in History

Chicago, Dec. 23. (UP)—The greatest number of Christmas travelers in history jammed the nation's railroads today.

Officials reported the increase mounting as high as 20 per cent over last season. The holiday burden on passenger facilities already strained by war left standing room only in many unreserved coaches, even on transcontinental trains.

Officials reported that a Miami Limited departed with 100 persons standing in the aisles and that many were standing throughout the 700-mile trip to Washington.

The reported increases over last December varied from 10 per cent for the Chicago, Eastern and Illinois to 20 per cent for the Pennsylvania railroad. Spokesmen for both roads, however, said the public's response to pleas to curtail unnecessary travel was noticeable, and that it probably had prevented a breakdown in accommodations.

Officials believed the crowds will pass the crest today and that accommodations would be provided somehow for everyone.

"In many cases, the people who are standing are those unwilling to wait for the next train," a Chicago and Northwestern spokesman said.

Most roads were providing accommodations for civilians in unreserved coaches only after servicemen, in keeping with wartime policy. The large majority of travelers appeared to be servicemen and their families. Pullman and Streamliner reservations were reported booked a month ahead as they have been all year. The only hope for late seekers were cancellations.

All available equipment, for which there have been no replacements since the war began, was pressed into service. A New York Central spokesman said no "extra" coaches were available but that the railroads were doing their best to allocate longer trains on the heaviest runs.

The only substitute for equipment replacements during the war has been conversion of some old-fashioned parlor coaches to increase seating capacity from 28 to 55, he said.

Cross-country bus lines also reported a heavy passenger traffic but believed accommodations will be adequate.

Existence of a black market in reservations referred to by Director J. B. Eastman of the Office of Defense Transportation in Washington two days ago was said by rail officials to be virtually non-existent in the Midwest and apparently limited to the east. Operators were said to have taken block of reservations for last minute customers.

### Additions to Jr. R.C. List

Dues Donations  
Mrs. James Mather .50  
Murray School (2 rms) 1.00  
Platts. Elementary Grades (4 rooms) 2.00 .51  
1. Mrs. Nellie Carlson  
2. Mrs. Lucille Rosencrans' room made donation of 25c.  
3. Miss Lucille Williams  
4. Miss Margaret Rea's room made donation of 25c.

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## Nehawka

By Journal Field Representative

### To Spend Christmas at Home

Cpl. "Jack" Wunderlich, who has been located at Fort Benning, Ga., arrived home on last Friday, and will visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wunderlich, and also visit with other friends here, over the Christmas holidays. Lt. Robert Wunderlich, brother of Jack, is in England with the air corps.

### Visits Son at Murray

Herman Smith was a visitor in Murray the past week, going to see his son, Lawrence Smith, who has been ill. Lawrence was returned to the Omaha hospital on Monday afternoon, having suffered a relapse.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kime and Alvin McFeynolds were in Platts-mouth on last Sunday afternoon to attend the wedding of Miss Louise Rishel to Ellis Schlichtemier. Many from Nehawka and Union attended the ceremony.

Herman Smith was laying some pipe for the perfection of a water system at the Nelson Berger home northeast of town.

J. M. Philpot was in town early Monday looking for help to bale some twenty stacks of hay. He found help very difficult to secure.

Harry Ingwersen was attending to business last Monday in Union and Nebraska City, driving down in his car.

Robert Chappel, who is in England, is serving as a bombardier on a large plane which has been on flying missions over Germany.

### Buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

John Elmer McConaha, formerly of Cass county but for many years making his home in Denver, passed away last week at the age of 89, and his body was brought to Cass county for burial. The wife accompanied the remains. The funeral was held in Denver, with interment at Mt. Pleasant cemetery. The deceased was a son of Dr. John McConaha, former physician at Rock Bluffs.

### Dogs, Dogs, Dogs, Dogs

Yes, many dogs—puppies, well marked, chubby dogs, both male and female, for sale cheap. Celebrated stock. Nine well marked pups for sale cheap. See me for choice selection. Julius Rheuman, Nehawka.

### Report on Christmas Seal Sales

Total Receipts	\$743.50
Expenses:	
Clerical Help	\$15.00
Supplies	2.80
Postage	51.00
Check Exch.	3.64
	\$72.44
Bal. on hand, Dec. 22, '43	\$671.06

Lora Lloyd Kieck, chm. Cass County Tuberculosis Seal Sale

## White Christmas Not Seen For Nation Despite Cold

Cold Wave Spreads Southward and Eastward Toward the Atlantic Coast Today

BY UNITED PRESS

A new cold wave starting in the north-central states spread southward and eastward today, but there was little snow fall and weather forecasters said the possibility of a white Christmas was remote.

The U. S. weather bureau at Chicago reported that a mass of cold air was moving across Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania, and that soon it would reach the Atlantic coast.

Sub-zero temperatures were recorded throughout the north-central tier of states, and temperatures slightly above zero prevailed through out the rest of the cold wave area, which was bounded on the south by the Ohio river and on the west by the Continental divide.

The coldest spot in the nation was Rosseau, Minn., where the thermometer recorded 20 below. Bemidji Minn., reported 19 below, and International Falls, Minn., 19. The temperature at all three points was expected to reach 25 below today.

As the cold wave moved east, the mercury dropped toward zero at Cincinnati and Toledo, O. A low of five above was expected at Cincinnati.

Cuyahertown, Pa., reported 5 above. At Washington, D. C., the temperature dropped 12 degrees in 10 hours, and the thermometer stood at 24 degrees with 18 above or lower predicted for today.

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## DEAR FOLKS

In the words of the popular song, I "Don't Get Around Much Anymore." So until Uncle Sam says we don't need gas rationing anymore—this reporter is staying home. BUT, there isn't any rationing on Season's Greetings, and the Vandervoorts send loads of them to their friends, everywhere!

Paul II Edith Paul III

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### Burlington Liars' Club.

Burlington, Wis., Dec. 28. (UP) Two lawyers, with long experience in helping clients fill out their income tax returns, were selected today to judge contestants for the title of world's champion liar.

Otis C. Hulett, president of the Burlington Liars' club, announced that Attorneys Gilbert A. Karcher and E. J. Cook will judge civilian entries.

"If anyone tries to slip over an entry that isn't a bona fide fib, Karcher and Cook will spot it immediately," Hulett said.

Hulett and L. J. Stang will judge the entries of American and British servicemen.

"In the past two years we have been getting more and more entries from the men in service," Hulett said. "Even a total war can't wipe out the old American sense of humor."

Hulett cited the prevarication entered by Howard Fleming, San Jose, Cal., as a sample of what to expect in the 1943 contest which will be conducted New Year's Eve.

According to Fleming, "old smoothie," a killer wolf, decimated the herds of Montana sheep ranchers. For months, the ranchers sought unsuccessfully to trail the sly beast to his den.

A tenderfoot Easterner accomplished the feat with a home movie camera. He photographed "Old Smoothie" as the wolf loped over a hill. Then he projected the film backwards on a screen and back-trailed the wolf 18 miles to his hideout.

Howard L. Porter, Des Moines, Ia., wrote that, while playing golf alone, he made a hole in one, but he had no witnesses so he never mentioned it to his friends.

### Christmas Services

The services at the Holy Rosary church for the Christmas season, open at 12 (midnight) Friday with high mass. Second mass Christmas day at 8:30 and third mass at 10:00 Christmas.

Confessions will be heard Friday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 and from 7:30 to 9:30 Friday evening.

Father J. R. Sinkula will be assisted in the confession and the masses by a priest from Lincoln.



## GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

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To Our Customers And Friends

Standard Station Floyd H. Gerbeling



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