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Holiday Travel

Christmas won't be entirely merry for those whose plans include train travel. At least, it won't be unless the traveler decides in advance that he is going to make the best of conditions that are almost certain to be crowded and uncomfortable.

Rail travel is at its wartime peak right now. Some 2,000,000 veterans will have arrived in east and west coast ports in November and December headed for home and civilian life.

Some recent figures put out by the Pullman company give a rough idea of a war time transportation job that is continuing at peak level more than three months after V-J Day.

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THE WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

WASHINGTON—If there were more men in the army like General Eisenhower, this newsman would not be so swamped with soldier mail.

The other day Sgt. Samuel Cohen of Philadelphia, stationed in Berlin, received a cable telling of a serious emergency at home. Physicians advised his return immediately. Two weeks passed and all Cohen got was the usual army run-around.

When he asked the GI operator for General Eisenhower, the operator asked with no surprise in his voice whether he should ring the general at his home or his office.

An aide to Eisenhower answered and listened to Cohen's story, excused himself for a few minutes, came back to the telephone and said, "Sargeant, if you will call the office of Gen. Clay, perhaps something can be arranged for you."

"You had better wait about ten minutes before calling General Clay," he added, "to give General Eisenhower a chance to talk with him first."

Ten minutes later, Cohen called General Clay where an aide said, "Oh, yes, Sergeant, we've been expecting your call. Now can you come in at eight o'clock tomorrow morning? We'll see about transportation then."

Truman Turns Reporter
Congressional leaders who met with President Truman last week to discuss serious legislative problems got a chuckle over Truman's story about his surprise flight to see his mother on her 93rd birthday.

Newspapers have already told how Truman called the Kansas City Star to announce his arrival in Grandview, Mo. But in addition, here is what Truman told his congressional leaders really happened:

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Report On the War By General George C. Marshall

Biennial Report of the Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army 1943 to 1945, to the Secretary of War

This is the 14th of 42 installments of material selected from General Marshall's Report on the winning of World War II.

troops Ready

Three weeks before the invasion General Eisenhower wrote: "There is no question at all as to the readiness of the troops. They are well trained, fit, and impatient to get the job started and completed."

air War

AT the time of the QUADRANT Conference at Quebec in August 1943, there had been but a single United States division in the United Kingdom and our trans-Atlantic shipping effort was concentrated on filling the heavy requirements of the Mediterranean campaign.

Army Hoarding

It was like pulling teeth for the hard-working Mead committee to get the army to admit that it was hoarding 600,000 pairs of dark glasses, 116,000,000 pairs of cotton shorts, 42,000,000 pairs of men's woolen drawers and that it still had saddles and bridles stored up in Hawaii from the Spanish-American war.

air Targets

From the time of the Eighth Air Force's first heavy bomber attack on 17 August 1942 until V-E Day, United States airmen had dropped more than 1,550,000 tons of bombs on western European targets.

1946 Youth Week To be in January

CHICAGO—Eight college scholarships, with a total value of \$9,200, will be given as part of the 1946 Youth Week observance, January 27, February 3, according to Dr. Isaac K. Beckes, executive secretary of the United Christian Youth Movement.

Quoting Odds

TO START A CLOCK OR END A GAME, YOU WIND IT UP," Says R. H. REDUS, Starkville, Mississippi.

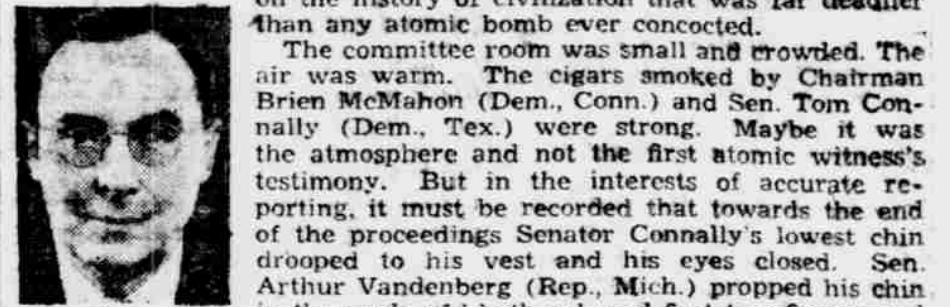
A HALF CENTURY AGO

THERE WERE ONLY FOUR AUTOMOBILES IN THE U.S.

EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMN

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Senate's atomic bomb investigation got off to an awful start Tuesday when a self-styled economic Jeremiah named Alexander Sachs took the witness stand and for two hours refused to let go.



Edson

Anyway, when the quorum call came for the senators to get back to the floor of the Capitol at high noon, Brother Sachs still had five years to go.

CHAIRMAN McMAHON at the end, getting in the next-to-the-last words, said Mr. Sachs might come back at some later time, to finish his statement, but he wasn't very specific as to when.

At one point Sachs said his role was to be a "resonator" to the President's ideas. At another point Sachs said Roosevelt said to him, "Pa Watson's going to be too busy to be historian, you've got to be it."

SACHS is quite a guy, no fooling. He was born in Russia 52 years ago, came to America in 1904, graduated from Columbia and Harvard and became vice president of Lehman Brothers, bankers.

Elmwood

MRS. GRACE PLYBON, Correspondent

Work on the water main extension began this week. The Vlastic Construction Co. of Lincoln is doing the work, which will take around thirty days.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rhine and Mr. and Mrs. Yonkers and baby, all of Sterling, Colorado, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barber. The Rhines are relatives of the Barbors. Both men have been in the army.

On Tuesday evening at the Methodist church occurred the marriage of Miss Idella Buell and Mr. Darrel Pyle, Rev. C. H. Lind reading the rites. Many friends were in attendance, there being around 100 at the reception that followed.

Junior class play "Here Comes Hattie" was held at the community building on Thursday evening at 8 p. m. Miss Steffin was the coach and the players put on a very good program.

The funeral of Mrs. Maudie Thibing was held on Friday afternoon at the Methodist church. She passed away suddenly at Wabash Sunday evening. She leaves one son and four daughters, one of whom, Miss Evona, came from Washington state to be present.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Ruth Monning entertained at a six o'clock dinner the friends who have helped her in getting ready her house for moving into last summer. They enjoyed the feast, attended the church wedding, and then some of the eleven went back for more visiting.

Miss Oqual Hunker went to Lincoln on Friday, preparatory for doing office work for a doctor there. She will also take some commercial work in the evenings.

Miss Pearl Fleischman and Mr. Lawrence Stubbendick were united in marriage on Wednesday evening at the Evangelical church. A large gathering of relatives and friends were present. A reception for them was held in the Methodist church basement at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Other characters were Maxine Schlanke, Marianne Parish, John Hayes, Eldon Oehelking, Virgil Irons, Margaret Peterson, Delores Ebeler and Loretta Kunz.

Medium bombers and fighter-bombers of Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton's Ninth Air Force, which moved from the Middle East during the fall of 1943, struck enemy airfields in diversionary attacks so timed as to reduce the concentration of enemy fighters which might oppose the passage of the heavy United States bomber formations.

As the aerial offensive mounted the enemy was forced to withdraw fighters from the support of his armies in the East to meet the threat from the West. This was an important factor in enabling the Soviet air forces to maintain superiority on their front.

Special services are going planned both in individual churches and in community-wide rallies and forums with attention centered upon winning youth for Christ and of the need of building Christian character.

The observance of Youth Week began more than 30 years ago in the annual celebration of the birthday of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. In later years various church groups observed an annual youth Sunday or youth week. With the growth of UCYM since 1934 to a continent-wide, interdenominational movement representing Protestant young people in the United States and Canada and administered through the International Council of Religious Education, the need for a united observance has arisen.

(NEXT: D-Day)

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