

Paris Fares On Sleepers, Seats Up 10%

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PARIS, Jan. 5 (S&S)—A 10 per cent increase in railroad fares and sleeper supplements between Paris and Frankfurt went into effect today. Simultaneously similar increases were made on first and second class tickets on all French trains.

Meanwhile, the American Express Co. said a new tour arrangement for EUCOM tourists in Paris had been worked out.

The new Paris-Frankfurt, one-way train rates, originally scheduled to take effect tomorrow, are: second class, 1,365 francs (about \$11); first class, 2,107 francs (about \$17.50); second class sleeper supplement, 1,961 francs (about \$17) and first class sleeper supplement, 2,935 francs (about \$25). Old rates were 1,245, 1,915, 1,783, and 2,668 francs respectively.

60 Per Cent Jump

The increase brings to about 60 per cent the total increase since May, 1947, when the French national railroads first took over the train.

The new tour arrangement, American Express said, eliminates the use of the Ambassador Hotel. Unless extra space is needed, EC tourists will be billeted in the Hotel Commodore, on Boulevard Haussman. They will eat at the American businessmen's mess in the Grand Hotel.

Prices for the tour have been increased to \$63.50 for seven days; \$46 for five days, and \$28 for three days.

If arrangements are made upon arrival in Paris, \$30 must be paid in dollar instruments for the seven day tour with the balance in francs; at least \$20 for five days, and at least \$15 for three days. Booking can be made only for these specified periods.

Italy Turns Down Trieste Nominee

ROME, Jan. 5 (INS)—The Italian foreign office revealed today that Italy and Yugoslavia still are in complete disagreement over the nomination for the Trieste governorship.

A foreign office spokesman said that Italy has turned down three Yugoslav-sponsored candidates, while Belgrade has disapproved of Rome's first two proposals. The time limit set by UN for naming a governor expires today.

The Italian official said:

"We are submitting a third nominee today, and if he is refused, we will turn the entire matter over to the United Nations."

3,000 China Refugees Slain

TSINGTAO, Jan. 5 (UP)—Travelers reported the civil war took the lives of 3,000 war refugees recently when they were trapped between Nationalist and Communist lines of fire at Liayang, Shantung Peninsula. The refugees were mostly from villages on the outskirts of Liayang, whose homes were destroyed by artillery fire.

Rhine Nearing 2nd Crest

FRANKFURT, Jan. 5 (S&S)—The crest of the second flood wave on the Rhine river reached the U. S. Zone today, to climax a weekend that brought unusual weather conditions throughout Europe.

One German lost his life when a weapons carrier plunged into the Main river flood waters at Kitzingen, 18 miles south of Wurzburg early today.

Press reports from Vienna said

Numbers Checkup



Cpl. Francis Cannon, of the 545th Transportation Truck Co., Frankfurt, has the engine number of his jeep checked by MP Pfc Jesse Kimball, 709th MP Bn., at the central Frankfurt Mil. Post vehicle registration office. —S&S

Autoists Rush For '48 Tags

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ments will continue to be issued free of charge.

EC registration offices have been stocked with 30,000 new "C" plates, to replace the old "E" plates. The new plates are black with white letters and figures. The words "U. S. of America" are printed under the letters and numbers.

"A" plates for quasi-official agencies are printed with green letters on a cream background, with the words "U. S. Zone" on the bottom. Six thousand of these plates have been ordered.

Motorcycle plates are marked "AM" for quasi-official agencies and "CM" for U. S. and Allied personnel. Trailer plates are marked "AT" for quasi-official agencies and "CT" for EUCOM personnel.

Re-registration applications are being received at provost marshal offices or locations determined by the provost marshal of each post.

2 Germans Killed In Crash With M8

HEIDELBERG, Jan. 5 (Special)—Two German civilians were killed when their motorcycle crashed into an M8 armored car at Lichtenfels near Weiden, New Year's Day, the Constabulary provost marshal reported today.

The armored car, returning from field operations near Bayreuth, was driven by T/4 Parson P. Davis, of B Tp., 6th Sq. Helmut Polte, a German, was driving the motorcycle which crashed into the left front side of the car as it came around a curve. Polte was killed instantly and a passenger, Punigunola Bischer, also German, was fatally injured.

Rubber Market Takes Jump

SINGAPORE, Jan. 5 (AP)—The rubber bull market continued today with quotations rising another half cent per pound before noon closing.

the suburbs were threatened as melting snow caused the Danube river to rise to dangerous levels. It was reported to have risen 22 feet and was going up at the rate of an inch an hour.

At Dijon, France, a 70-year-old man burned to death when his house caught fire and rescuers couldn't reach him because of Saone river flood waters.

Greek Troops Push Offensive Near Konitsa

ATHENS, Jan. 5 (UP)—Reliable sources in Jannina said today that guerrilla fire on the Bourazani bridge near Konitsa had halted and fighting had shifted from the area to further heights.

The bridge, however, was still out of commission and the only supplies moving into relieved Konitsa were being transported by mules and donkeys over a narrow track. Fifty slightly injured troops were taken by donkeys out of Konitsa yesterday and transferred to ambulances for evacuation to Jannina.

Military authorities in Athens said the Army opened a new attack against the guerrillas, using planes, artillery and bayonets to take Lykomoro heights northeast of Konitsa. The air force reportedly inflicted heavy losses on General Viftades Markos' men.

However, guerrilla artillery firing from the Nikanaroso area northwest of Konitsa continued to drop shells into the town. Press dispatches said another guerrilla force yesterday attacked Edessa near Florina using heavy machine guns and mortars, but no casualties were reported.

It was reported that the commander of the 8th Div., operating in the Konitsa area, had ordered his troops to pursue the guerrillas right up to the Albanian border instead of stopping a kilometer away as previously ordered. An observer who witnessed the skirmishing from a distance said it consisted mainly of mopping-up operations but that there were still considerable guerrilla forces in the hills.

Battle on Veto Opened by U.S.

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 5 (INS)—The U. S. opened the battle against the veto in the UN today by calling on all members to submit proposals to the newly-inaugurated "Little Assembly" by March 15.

Warren R. Austin, chief U. S. delegate, outlined his plan shortly after the opening of the new body's initial session at Lake Success. The American delegate at the same time gestured to the Soviet bloc to drop their boycott and join in the work "with nothing to fear."

Luis Padilla Nervo, of Mexico, was elected chairman.

Austin said: "Members of the United Nations who act in the spirit of the charter have nothing to fear from any of the activities of the interim committee. As members of the United Nations they should participate wholeheartedly in the work of its organs in order to insure the attainment of the purposes and principles of the charter."

The inaugural meeting was ignored by Russia, Yugoslavia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Byelo-Russia and the Ukraine.

Danish Food for UK

LONDON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Denmark's food production has been freed from commitments to other countries to meet Britain's need for butter, bacon and eggs, a Danish spokesman said tonight on the eve of the Anglo-Danish trade conference.

S&S In Bremerhaven Wants U. S. Newsboys

American dependent boys are wanted by the Bremerhaven district office of *The Stars and Stripes* to make home deliveries in the Steckenbittel, Lehe, and Burger Park areas.

Interested applicants should apply to Robert L. Fry, telephone Bremerhaven 22269.

Lady Commander



Edna Lou Callan, ex-Wac and University of Texas junior, has been elected commander of the University American Legion Post at Austin, Texas. —Acme

Commissary Price List Up

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ham, 65 and 58; beef liver, 55 and 49; lamb (carcass), 49 and 45; fresh pork ham, 60 and 50; chicken, 44 and 47; turkey, 46 and 48; milk (liter, more than a quart), 16 and 18; dried whole milk (five pounds), \$1.73 and \$2.21; eggs (dozen), 67 and 72; coffee, 20 and 20; and veal, 37 and 37.

The officials added that commissary food is sold at wholesale prices plus only enough to ensure the Army will not lose by cutting and spoilage. There are no handling, transportation, personnel or processing charges, they said, and individual commissary profits are limited to \$100 a month.

At the same time, they pointed out that all beef sold in the commissaries is boned, with a consequent weight-saving to the customer of 30 per cent. "Fabricated" veal—partially boned—has a similar saving of 15 per cent, they said.

The quartermasters said that a staff study is being held by EUCOM officials on the question of raising the present monetary allowance of \$45 for each of the first two consumers in a family mess. They declined to say how much the increase would be, but it would be at least enough to cover the December-January price jump.

At the same time, the quartermasters announced that all commissaries are now carrying a line of quick-frozen vegetables and fruits, including corn-on-the-cob, cucumbers, spinach, corn, lima beans, broccoli, cantaloupe balls, black cherries, applesauce, plums, strawberries, asparagus, and string beans.

They also asked all consumers to return milk bottles without delay in order to keep up the flow of fresh milk from Denmark.

Funeral Mass for Ex-King Starts Violence in Naples

NAPLES, Jan. 5 (UP)—A funeral mass for the late King Victor Emmanuel brought violence in Naples today when Communists attempted to interrupt the ceremony at the Cathedral of Juan Ferdinand.

Police intervened and arrested several Communist demonstrators and the mass was resumed by the archbishop of Naples, Alessio Cardinal Ascalesi.

Upston Hamilton Chief

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (UP)—Brig. Gen. John Upston has been assigned to command the Fourth Air Force at Hamilton Field, Calif., the Air Force said today.

Haganah Hits Arab Hotel in Second Attack

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started away a few minutes later. Witness said a grenade was thrown from one car at the side of the building, detonating the explosives.

Windows over a wide area were shattered from the blast which rocked southwestern Jerusalem. The Semiramis is located 200 yards from the gate of British Security Zone B and in the neighborhood where four Arab houses were bombed last week.

According to Arab sources, the hotel was owned by a Greek woman. The sources called the blasting of the hotel and the bombing of Arab headquarters in Jaffa yesterday, "reprisals" for the Arab-Jewish riot in the Haifa refinery in which 47 Jews died.

Arabs Demand Papers

A Jewish agency spokesman said British army truck drivers and passengers were showing identification papers to armed Arabs blocking the gates to the old city of Jerusalem and a British military spokesman replied: "If soldiers are doing it, it is entirely unofficial and without our knowledge and it will be stopped as far as possible."

From Jaffa, police reported four more Arab deaths as a result of the bomb attack yesterday. The toll now has risen to 18 Arabs killed, 20 seriously injured and 78 slightly injured.

One Jew was killed and another wounded by gunfire from the orange groves near the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border. A British army sergeant was shot and killed in Haifa today, bringing post-partition deaths to 581.

Arabs Try to Execute Newsreel Cameraman

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5 (UP)—Arabs tried to kill a newsreel cameraman filming the wreckage of the Semiramis Hotel today and Anglo-American correspondents are wondering if this means the end of their immunity as noncombatants.

Rickard Kirby, of Pathe News' London staff, had guns poked into his ribs by Arabs and was ordered to go behind the wreckage of the hotel. He refused and the Arabs started to drag him.

Kirby finally satisfied the Arabs that he was not Jewish, but two other Arabs leaped into his automobile, thrust a pistol against his back and ordered him to follow another carload of Arabs. He argued again that he was not Jewish and persuaded the Arabs to allow him to drive to the offices of the Arab Higher Committee for identification.

There was no one at the offices and the Arabs prepared to execute him when Kirby again went through the procedure of proving his Christianity. He was then freed.

Harrison's Widow Dies in New York

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, 89, widow of President Benjamin Harrison, died today.

Mrs. Harrison, second wife of the 23rd President was the niece of the first Mrs. Harrison, who died in the White House in 1892. She lived in retirement in recent years, making her home in New York with her one child, Mrs. James Blaine Walker.

Mrs. Harrison's death leaves only four living widows of former Presidents: Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Born Mary Scott Lord in Honesdale, Pa., in 1858, Mrs. Harrison never occupied the White House as first lady, but lived there for two years during the illness of her aunt. Her first husband, Walter Dimmick, had died in 1882.