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Strikes Closing Oil Refining

CHARGE MAYOR ALIENATED CAMPAIGN MANAGER'S LOVE

LONSDALE, Ark., Sept. 19 (INS).—The Mayor of Lonsdale was named defendant Wednesday in a \$25,000 alienation of affections suit involving his campaign manager who is the daughter of the mayor's defeated opponent in the recent election.

He is John G. Lonsdale Jr., mayor of the town bearing family name and son of the late banker and railroad executive.

The suit was filed by Louis Tarvin, husband of Mayor Lonsdale's campaign manager, Mrs. Valerie Tarvin, mother of children.

Tarvin charges that Lonsdale called on his wife during former's absence and induced her to become his campaign manager in the recent mayoralty election.

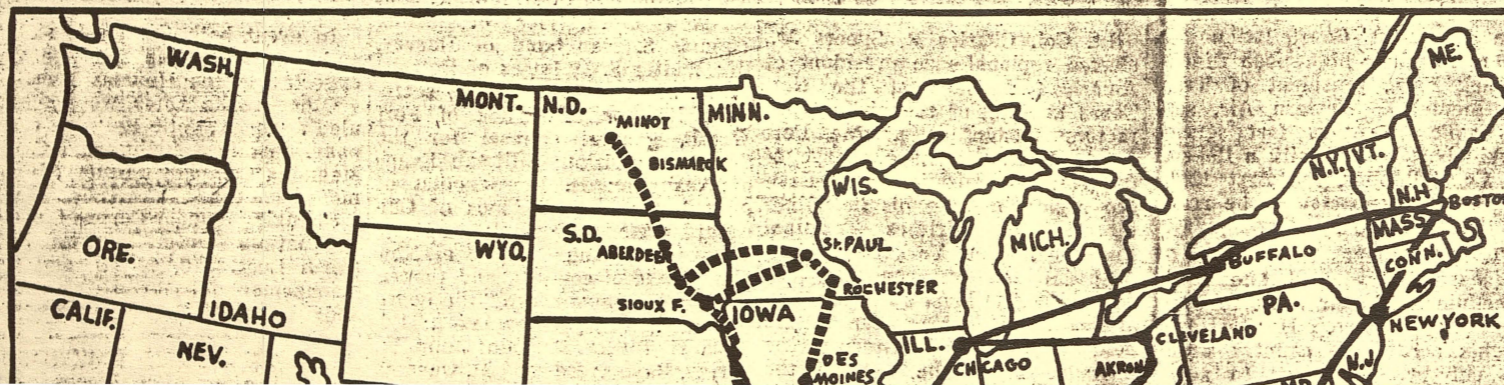
The town attracted nation-wide attention when Mrs. Tarvin joined forces with Lonsdale to help defeat her father. Less than 30 votes were cast in the election.

Tarvin also charges that Mrs. Tarvin and her two children are occupying Lonsdale's colonial house which was built by mayor for the use as a community center seven years ago.

Mrs. Tarvin, it was learned, has engaged an attorney and preparing to file suit against her husband on the grounds of cruelty.

50 Per Cent U. S. Tax Cut Is Advocated

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 (AP).—An ultimate over-all reduction of more than 50 per cent in federal taxes was recommended Wednesday by



3 Generals Land B-29s in Capital

Air Lines Will Step Up Speed In Near Future

By Associated Press.

The speed flight of three Army B-29s from Japan to the United States coincided Wednesday with announcements by three commercial airlines that they hoped to step up passenger transportation to a 300-miles-an-hour level soon. Transcontinental and Western Air said it hoped to become the first 300-mile-an-hour airline and planned to inaugurate a 14-hour New York to Europe service within a few weeks.

Pan American World Airways said it was adding 118 new flights to its Latin American division schedules and had plans for using 300-mile-an-hour craft that would carry as many as 204 passengers. The company said new planes now on order would make possible an 11-hour New York to London service. It said it was aiming later at 400-mile-an-hour speeds.

Eastern Airlines announced through its president, Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, that it had signed contracts for 20 new four-engined planes that would cut the company's schedules from New York to Washington and to Boston to less than an hour; New York to Miami in four and a half hours, and Chicago to Miami in five hours.

All three of the lines would use Lockheed Constellation airlines for their high-speed flights. Jack Frye, president of Transcontinental & Western Air, said his company's new fast service would be provided with a fleet of 36 Constellations, the first 12 of which were expected to be ready in the next two months.

The new planes would carry 51 passengers, Frye said, and would schedule a 10-hour coast to coast domestic service. He asserted flights across the country would be cut by from four to seven hours and trans-Atlantic flights by from nine to 11 hours.

Pan American reported that some of its proposed 118 additional schedules already had been started, and that it expected its service to South America to be doubled in a few weeks. It plans four fleets of superclippers, with planes carrying 56, 108, 124 and 204 passengers.

LOSER OF JUNE TEENTH ZOOT SUIT WINS HIS COURT SUIT

A Negro man who stated that he was deprived of his "zoot suit on June 'Teenth" Wednesday came out the winner in a case heard in Justice Hurley's court against a Fort Worth laundry.

The man stated that he took his \$67.50, tailor-made suit, which he bought on the time payment plan, to the laundry to be pressed, and that it could not be found when he returned for it in about two weeks.

"I didn't have a thing to wear on June 'Teenth," he told Hurley and the jury. "I didn't get to go anywhere."

The manager of the laundry testified that the Negro had sent a friend after the suit, and that he had been in the habit of sending friends or relatives after his clothing at the laundry.

After short deliberation, the six-man jury announced its verdict in favor of the Negro man, and stated that he should be awarded the sum of \$67.50—for another zoot suit.

AMERICAN AIRLINES

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for expansion of facilities and personnel to meet an expected 100 per cent increase in air transportation service in the next six months.

Smith said new equipment being added includes 50 four-engine DC-4s, airlines version of the military C-54 air transport. Hundreds

of new employes, mostly former servicemen, also are being added, he said, with the number on the payroll increased by 500 in the last month.

While going forward with its expansion plans, the airline is continuing its war transportation job, with 508 crossings of the Atlantic in the last month to carry military personnel, chiefly wounded and high-point veterans.

Directors and officials of the airline were guests of Amon Carter, a director of American, at an informal dinner Wednesday night at Shady Oak Farm.

Others present for the board meeting and dinner were Ralph S. Damon of New York, president of American Airlines; Charles A. Rheinstrom and O. M. Mosier, both of New York, vice presidents; Thomas S. Hammond of Harvey, Ill.; Walter S. McLucas of Detroit; C. W. Jacob of New York, secretary; Raymond E. Buck of Fort Worth, general counsel for the Southern division; Silliman Evans of Nashville; H. E. Benedict of New York; Harold Ames of Chicago; Dr. Hodges McKnight of Fort Worth; Hamilton O. Hale of New York, general counsel, and Carter.

The other members of the board are James Bruce, New York; Edward H. Butler, Buffalo; John W. Farley, Boston; Edward M. Queeny, St. Louis; A. N. Kemp, Los Angeles, and Chandler Hovey, Boston.

Among the guests at the informal dinner were seven from Dallas, Tom C. Gooch, publisher of the Times-Herald; R. L. Thornton, president of the Mercantile National Bank; Sheriff Smoot Schmid, Allen Merriman, editor of the Times-Herald; Fred F. Florence, president of the Republic National Bank; Marcus Greer and L. F. Corrigan.

Smith was presented at the dinner with a 16-gauge Belgian-made gun for bird hunting.

The airlines group will visit Dallas Thursday, and will be guests of Florence at a formal dinner at the Baker Hotel.

Colonel Speers Back to Airline With New Job

Lt. Col. Charles R. Speers Jr., elected regional vice president of American Airlines at the first Texas meeting of the airline's directors Wednesday at the Fort Worth Club, will have charge of the traffic organization in the Eastern region, making his headquarters in the Airlines Terminal Building in New York City.

Speers has returned to the American Airlines organization after a brilliant Army career. He held the position of Eastern traffic manager before he entered the service.

Commissioned a captain in August 1942, on military leave from the airline, Speers' first assignment was with the headquarters of the Air Transport Command as chief of the traffic section, where he was responsible for policy and procedures until December 1943.

Speers then joined the air staff at headquarters of the Army Air Forces, serving as chief of the air transportation branch. He flew around the world between May and July of this year visiting bases in Hawaii, the Marianas, the Philippines, China, India, Cairo, Casablanca, Paris, London and Iceland. Studying air priority policies in the various war theaters, Speers also spent several weeks in the Pacific theater studying the air transport requirements of the United States Strategic Air Force. He was released from service on Aug. 6, exactly three years from the date of his commission.

After graduation from the University of Minnesota in 1928, Speers joined the Trust Department of the Continental National Bank in Chicago. In March of 1929, he served with the Thompson Aeronautical Corporation in Detroit, then with Transamerican Airlines Corporation, and finally with American Airways, all of them predecessor companies of American Airlines.

TAX CUT

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TOTAL OF TOPS 205

By Associated Press.

The national total of strikers inched above 205,000 Wednesday night as new stoppages offset gains to work.

The Nash-Kelvinator plant employing 2,600 persons, was at Kenosha, Wis., by a strike the company called "wildcat." CIO United Automobile Workers announced Monday the local leadership had sanctioned strikers.

STRIKES

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plants would be a violation of union's contract with the company.

He indicated the Sinclair companies would consider the wage demands, but that long-acting Sinclair policies were a closed shop.

"The management of Sinclair companies feels an obligation returning servicemen to keep gates open so they may enter employ as free American citizens if they desire to do so," he declared.

Also in the Houston area, 367 of the Oil Workers International Union, which holds contract with the Shell Corporation, Pipe Line Company, Texas Company's Galena Park refinery, the Texas Company production department, will hold a strike Friday.

In event both the locals strike an oil and gasoline shortage expected in the Houston area.

Other strike votes were scheduled at the Atlantic Refining Company, near Port Arthur and Magnolia Company refinery, Monday.

At Ingleside, near Corpus Christi negotiations were underway between Local 316, OWIU, and management of the Humble and Refining Company refinery there.

Port Arthur service stations depleted of gasoline stocks, two-day run by motorists. Otis strategy committee chairman Local 23, said permits will be issued to public services, doctor food and milk distributors allow them to buy gasoline and certain stations. These stations would be named by the Port Arthur City Commission.

Mother Dies After Struggle Hears of Sons' Rescue

ALBANY, Texas, Sept. 19 (INS). Mrs. Louise Lillian Crosby, who lived to hear of the rescue of her two sons from Japanese prisoner camps, died here Wednesday.

She had been in ill health five years. Born in Canada, she married L. Crosby in Mexico City in 1914 and moved to San Antonio in 1917. Later she lived at Brownwood, normally moving to Albany to live with her daughter, Mrs. Louise Green.

When the Philippines fell, mining engineer sons were captured. They were Ralph W. Crosby and Allen Foster Crosby. They were later released by American troops on Luzon.

Survivors include her daughter Mrs. Green of Albany; the sons, Ralph W. Crosby, Manila, whose wife lives in Berkeley, and Lt. Allen Foster Crosby, El Paso; four grandchildren; and brothers, Robert Auld of San

Senate Rejects Jobless Pay Hike

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (INS). The Senate turned down Wednesday night the recommendation of President Truman that unemployment compensation for former war workers be increased to a maximum of \$25 a week.

By a vote of 51 to 29 the Senate rejected an amendment by Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky, which would have restored the \$25 provision to the bill.

It was the second Senate defeat of the day for the president. Earlier the upper chamber voted 56 to 23 to return the facilities of

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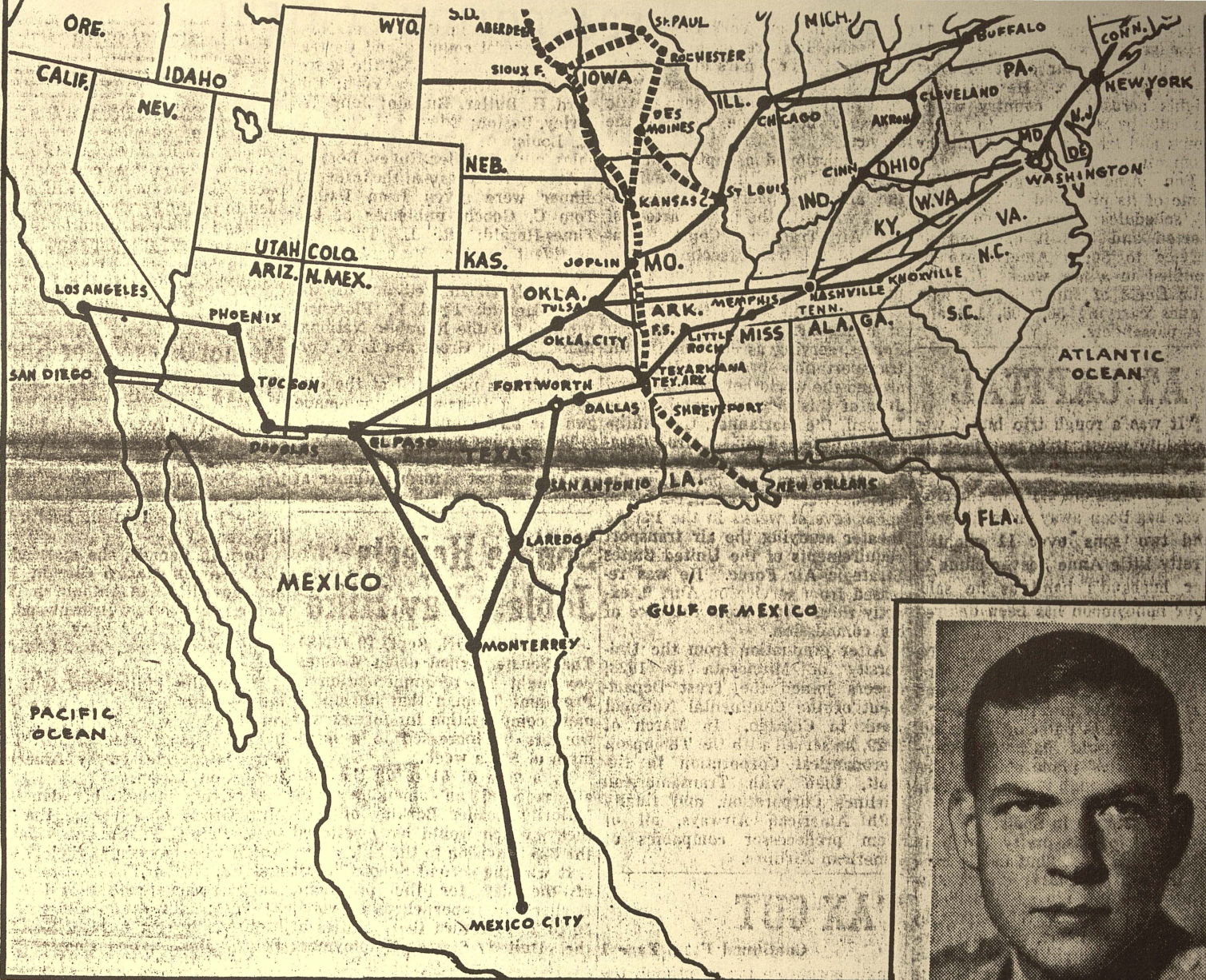
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AT AMERICAN'S FIRST TEXAS SESSION—Directors and other officials of American Airlines attended the board's first Texas meeting Wednesday at the Fort Worth Club, at which approval was given for consolidation of American Airlines and Mid-Continent Airlines into a single carrier system. Solid lines on the map show American Airlines' present system, and the dotted lines show the network that would be integrated into it by absorption of Mid-Continent, which serves such Mississippi Valley cities as Minneapolis, St. Paul, Sioux City, Rochester, Des Moines, St. Louis, Omaha, Kansas City, Shreveport and New Orleans. The merger of the two systems is contingent upon approval of the Civil Aeronautics Board. (Staff Photo.)

AMERICAN AIRLINES DIRECTORS OK ABSORBING MID-CONTINENT

Acquisition by American Airlines, Inc., of Mid-Continent Airlines, Inc., an air network extending through the Midwest from North Dakota to New Orleans, was approved by directors of the former company at a meeting here Wednesday.

The proposed merger of the systems under American Airlines' banner is subject to approval by the Civil Aeronautics Board, to which C. R. Smith, American's board chairman, said it would be submitted shortly. Involved in the deal is an exchange of stock which will require approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Absorption of the new network would add 2,512 miles to American Airlines' present air route mileage of 8,658, consolidating the two lines into what Smith termed a logically integrated system.

From its northern terminus at Minot, N. D., Mid-Continent's line extends by way of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Omaha to Kansas City, and hence south by way of Fort Smith, Texarkana and Shreveport to New Orleans. From Huron and Sioux Falls, S. D., and Omaha, connecting lines extend to St. Paul and Minneapolis. A line extends from Rochester, Minn., to Kansas City by way of Des Moines, with an-

other connection between Des Moines and St. Louis.

Addition of these lines to American Airlines' system would give Fort Worth air service to New Orleans by way of Texarkana and Shreveport, and would provide a new route between Fort Worth and Kansas City.

The merger also would provide air connection between Fort Worth and St. Paul and Minneapolis, Fort Worth and Rochester, Minn., Fort Worth and Omaha, and between Fort Worth and other cities in North and South Dakota.

It also would supply air service from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester, Omaha and Des Moines to California through Texas.

These cities would be linked with the transcontinental route operated by American Airlines from Boston, New York and Washington to Los Angeles through the southern section of the country, and with the company's international route to Mexico.

"When consolidation is approved," Smith said, "American expects to increase service to the affected cities substantially by closely integrating the two systems. I believe the two systems logically fit together, and that their merger is in conformity with the national objective of linking

American cities by means of a superior air service."

Smith said it is hoped to win CAB approval for the plan in time to make the consolidation with "reasonable promptness."

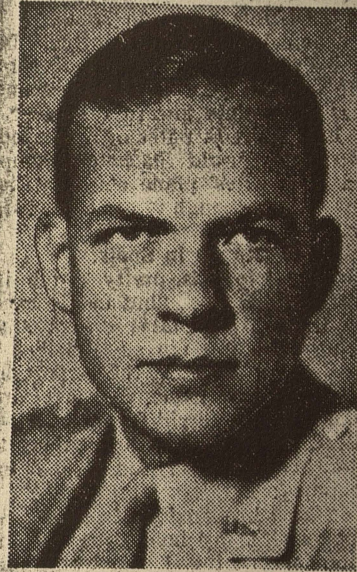
He said no cash is involved in the transaction, but that American is offering to exchange one share of its stock for four shares of Mid-Continent stock. He said the offer is available to all Mid-Continent stockholders and that acceptance has been signified by William A. Zock of New York, representing holders of more than 51 per cent of stock of the Mid-Continent concern.

Meeting for the first time in Texas, American Airlines directors elected Lt. Col. Charles R. Speers Jr., recently released from the Army Air Forces after three years of service, as regional vice president, with headquarters in New York. It also mapped plans.

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Shirley Temple Is Wed

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 19 (AP).—Without the usual Hollywood fanfare, Shirley Temple and Sgt. John Agar of the Army Air Forces were married Wednesday night in a quiet, dignified ceremony in Wilshire Methodist Church by Dr. Willis Martin.



COLONEL SPEERS.

Man Robs Loan Office of \$40

A khaki-clad man, about 30, entered the office of the Standard Finance Company, 216 Bewley Building at 11 a. m. Wednesday, and demanded of Mrs. Lois Regan, assistant in charge at the time: "Give me the money out of your cash drawer, and don't say a word."

Mrs. Regan stated that she gave the man \$40, and that he turned and left the office. She was unable to say whether or not he carried a pistol, but stated that "he held his arm down at his side all the time he was there." She described him as being about 30, of medium heavy build, with curly hair. He wore khaki shirt and trousers.

Witnesses in the lobby of the building told Deputies Williams, Ferris and Prater that they saw the man enter and leave the building, and that he used the stairs, avoiding the elevator.

Firemen Battle Blaze In Lake Worth Area

Firemen from Station 12 were credited with saving several houses, 400 turkeys and pasture lands Wednesday when they answered a call to fight a grass fire on city property at Lake Worth, and found the flames had spread to the property of E. G. Wallace of Rockwood Farm.

Wallace said the loss was kept to a minimum by the alert action of the firemen who were led by Battalion Chief Whittenberg.

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