

American Airlines to Open 2-Day Meeting Here Today

Officials of American Airlines from many parts of the nation and from Mexico began arriving here late Sunday to attend a two-day session at the Blackstone Hotel when future plans for the organization will be discussed.

The meeting will precede a Civil Aeronautics Board hearing on Texas and Oklahoma airline applications which is scheduled to begin Wednesday. Several of the American Airlines officials here will testify before the CAB.

The session, which begins Monday at 10 a. m. at The Blackstone, probably will be annual, Carrol Hinners, the airlines traffic manager for Fort Worth, said Sunday.

He said Fort Worth was selected for the meeting because of its central location between Mexico City and Chicago and the East and West Coasts.

Regional vice presidents of the airline, appointed five months ago, will be meeting for the first time. Charles A. Rheinstrom, vice president in charge of traffic for American Airlines, will preside.

The officials here include C. W. Jacob, secretary of the company; Rheinstrom; Hamilton C. Hale, general counsel; Willis G. Lipscomb, assistant vice president and general traffic manager; Amos Culbert, vice president in charge of properties; W. N. Bump, regional vice president from New England; Jose Maguerza, regional vice president from Monterey.

Others are A. R. Bone Jr., region-

al vice president from the West Coast; Lewis W. King, regional vice president from Chicago; M. D. Miller, regional vice president from the South; J. A. Wooten, cargo traffic manager; J. Herman Theilig, manager of the agency department; R. W. King, manager of reservation and ticket offices.

Also included are Herbert Lyall, regional traffic manager from New York; George Corey, regional traffic manager from Mexico City; Herbert Fort, regional traffic manager from Chicago; Frank Burg, regional traffic manager from Dallas; Fred Kimball, research analyst from New York, and Thomas J. Deegan, director of public information.

Fires Behind Nazi Line

ROME, Jan. 28 (AP).—Large fires were seen just behind the Germans' Senio River winter defense line in the 8th Army area, it was announced officially Sunday, as ground activity on the Italian front was limited to patrolling for the 22nd straight day.

The meaning of these destructions was not explained. The fires, seen burning at Cuffiano on the west bank of the Senio River, six miles west of Faenza, constituted part of the unexplained activity observed behind enemy lines recently. There were a series of heavy explosions in Lugo Saturday.

(This dispatch did not indicate whether the demolitions were made by the Germans or by Allied patrols or Italian resistance forces. If the Germans had set the fires it would appear to indicate a forthcoming withdrawal, but there has been no indication that the Germans intended to give up their present defensive positions.)

During the past 24 hours patrols have been active along the entire front. In the 5th Army area aggressive parties, operating over hazardous trails and swollen mountain streams, have engaged the enemy in several places particularly in the Appenine Line before Bologna and in the mountains to the west.

Near the west coast German patrols stabbed deep into 5th Army defenses in the Serchio River area

Nine More Soldiers Sentenced in Paris

PARIS, Jan. 28 (AP).—A. U. S. general court-martial trying railway battalion black market cases sentenced nine more enlisted men Sunday to prison terms ranging from 10 to 15 years.

The group was convicted of looting trains of cigarets and other Army supplies valued at hundreds of thousands of francs and selling them on the black market.

Monday the first of six officers accused in the railway battalion cases in Paris is scheduled for trial. Several others may face court-martial this week.

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