

Offer to Let U. S. Run Shipyards Is Subject of Parley

General Strike Situation Over Nation Presents Dark Picture For Defense Program

By the Associated Press
Navy Secretary Knox and L. H. Korndorff, president of the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock company, conferred today on the company's offer to turn over its strike-bound Kearny, N. J., yard to the navy, then adjourned their discussions.

Other than a brief announcement by Korndorff that the conference would be resumed at 2 p. m. (EST), there was no disclosure regarding the meeting. The shipyard executive declined to say whether the navy intended to accept his offer, made yesterday, and thus restore work on \$493,000,000 of defense shipbuilding contracts.

Sidney Hillman, associate director general of the office of production management, participated in the conference for a time, but left ahead of Korndorff.

Knox withheld any hint of his attitude toward the company's offer, affecting the big plant where 17,000 workers have been idle since Thursday.

Open Shop at Issue
In proposing the drastic step yesterday, Korndorff declared that the strike "involves no issue but the maintenance of the open shop. We are unwilling to abandon the defense of the freedom of the American worker to choose whether he will belong to a union or not."

Peter Flynn, vice-president of the CIO local which called the strike, quickly issued a counter-statement in which he declared that the company's "arrogant insistence on the 'open shop' stands exposed as merely another exhibition of the 'dollar patriotism' of the Kearny concern."

"It is already pretty general knowledge," Flynn said, "that the company has received an ultimatum from the navy department to capitulate to the national defense mediation board's recommendation for a modified union shop."

At the heart of the dispute is the union's insistence on a contract clause providing that a union member must maintain his union membership in good standing if he is to continue as an employee.

The mediation board recommended such a clause, along with increased wages. The company granted the wage boosts but balked at the maintenance-of-union proviso.

Propeller Strike Hangs on

An AFL-called strike continued to hamper operations at the Curtis-Wright corporation propeller division at Caldwell, N. J. The union claimed that only 50 of 800 day shift production men passed the picket line yesterday, but the company insisted that the plant was open and operating. Two hundred and thirty men reported for work today.

Several current labor disputes involved workmen in the south. About 2,500 employees of the Erwin Cotton mills at Erwin, N. C., struck yesterday, protesting, they said, against an increased work load.

At Camp Lee, Va., 1,500 AFL carpenters asked to have their wage scale raised from \$1 to \$1.12½ an hour. The request was discussed by army officials and representatives of the union and two contractors, then referred to the quartermaster-general's office for decision. A union spokesman said there would be no strike pending that decision.

M. O. Dabbs, president of a CIO local at the Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing company, Bessemer, Ala., said last night that the union had voted not to return to work today. He said he thought the company had had sufficient time to act on a contract presented two weeks ago.

Other Plants Paralyzed

In the east, the Jersey City and Dover, N. J., plants of L. O. Koven and Brothers were struck, halting work on \$1,000,000 navy contracts for submarine masts and gasoline and water tanks.

Employees association, an independent union, called the strike last night alleging anti-union discrimination and company refus-

Dated at Northwest Power Sites



Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, above, will be the principal speaker addressing the Northwest Public Ownership convention at Tacoma, September 5.

The convention opens Thursday, September 4, at Grand Coulee dam, where the secretary and delegates will inspect the giant new 150,000-horsepower

generator and other features of the dam. On Monday the secretary will be the guest of the Bonneville Power administration at the dedication of the ampere substation near Vancouver. al to sign a contract based on an oral agreement. The association claimed that 400 of the plant's 450 employees were union members and had joined the protest.

Otto Fisher, company vice-president, said Koven increased wages 10 cents an hour to provide a new scale ranging from 50 cents to \$1.53 hourly. He added that the union now was demanding a closed shop, although union members termed it a modified union shop.

Explosion Approaches In Far East Situation

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break off all commercial relations with Japan.

4. In Shanghai, Japanese army spokesman Lieut.-Col. Akiyama declared his government was gravely concerned over the possibility that Russia's big Pacific port of Vladivostok might become "America's first line of defense against Japan."

"With the United States following a virtual policy of encirclement of Japan, it is only natural that Japan is concerned that American arms and munitions might reach the soviet Siberian forces," he said.

Akiyama asserted that current Japanese military preparations in Manchukuo, where upward of 500,000 Japanese troops are reported massing along the soviet frontier, were "purely defensive."

Sees Britain Defeated
The newspaper Kokumin, professing that Japan's policy is being worked out along peaceful lines and that she has no aggressive designs, urged that the United States approach questions of the far east calmly.

Britain is putting forth "frantic efforts to cause friction between the United States and Japan" and is resorting to all sorts of moves to disturb the peace of the Pacific, said the paper.

Kokumin compared Britain's policy to the grasp of a drowning man for a straw and said she had been on the verge of defeat by Germany for two years.

In an evident reference to Thailand, the newspaper Yomiuri said "we are extremely sorry for any country joining the Anglo-American camp. If Anglo-Americans are only clamoring from a distance without serious intentions, countries which plunge into the fire will only be sacrificed."

At the same time Koh Ishii, cabinet information bureau spokesman, expressed concern over United States shipments of war materials to Vladivostok, so-

Blitzkrieg Closing in On Sea Port of Odessa

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showed the nazi push forming a huge bulge deep into the southern Ukraine, below Kiev, and nazi front-line dispatches asserted German troops also were closing in on the Ukraine capital.

Russian Rout Pictured.

Violent aerial battles were reported over the blood-drenched field as soviet warplanes smashed at German infantry and motorized forces and nazi pursuit planes attempted to fight them off. DNB said luftwaffe fighters bagged 27 Russian planes in the Kiev region alone this morning.

All major arteries behind the soviet lines in the southern Ukraine were reported jammed with retreating red army troops, under flailing attack by German warplanes. The Germans said rail traffic was disrupted, with seven trains derailed or damaged in a single sector.

Berlin dispatches said German troop columns advancing on Kiev were rolling along "well-paved broad highways leading straight to the city."

The Russians made no mention of Odessa. They declared the red army still holding firm in the Smolensk salient as fighting there went into its 28th day, and in the Bel Tserkov sector 50 miles south of Kiev.

A Moscow communique said the red army was putting up a stubborn fight against strong German drives on the north and south flanks—in the Soltsi sector 120 miles south of Leningrad and the Uman area midway between Kiev and Odessa.

Berlin, Moscow Raided.

The Germans acknowledged a new Russian raid on Berlin last night but said only two planes reached the general region of the capital.

The Russians said fires were started in their bombing of central Berlin the night before. Moscow also was raided last night—its 17th air attack—but the Russians said it was one of the shortest and weakest their capital had experienced.

The Russians said 60 to 70 German and Finnish planes struck at the far northern port of Murmansk in the 31st attack there. The red air fleet reported bombing shipping at Constanta and wrecking a big Danube railway bridge on the oil shipment line from Constanta to Germany at the Rumanian town of Cernavoda.

The Stockholm newspaper Social Demokrat reported today that the Russians on the Finnish front are using shells loaded with gasoline which burst 200 feet from the ground and ignite forests.

A shower of these shells, it was stated, is usually followed by a heavy artillery barrage in order to prevent the Finns from extinguishing the flames.

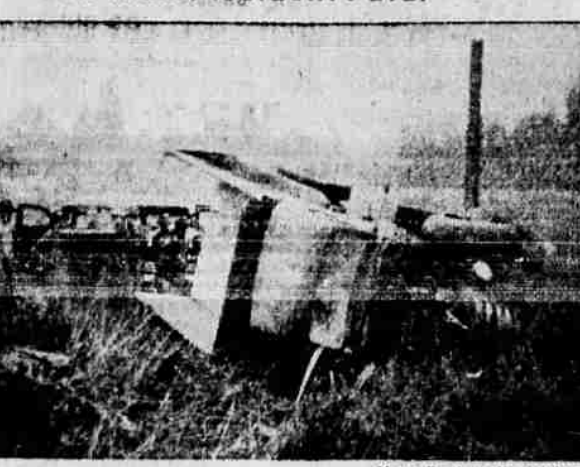
Draft Extension of 18 Months Seems Sure
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unfortunate military experiences."

Amendment Drafted.
A group of house democrats claiming at least 25 votes drafted an amendment to the extension bill which would exempt from service after December 31, 1942, any men called to arms before congress takes final action on the legislation.

Representative Elliot (D., Mass.) will offer modification and others in the group stated that unless the house approved it they would oppose extension of service. The nucleus of 25 votes, Repre-

Truck-Train Accident Fatal



—News-Review Engraving.

Hubert White, 19, of Cottage Grove, was killed this morning when the truck, pictured above, which he was driving struck the special train of S. P. President A. D. McDonald, en route from Portland to San Francisco, at a railway crossing south of Cottage Grove. (See Page 1 for details of the accident.) The above photograph was made by D. A. Dowell of the Frank L. Dowell Printing and Publishing company, of Maywood, California, who was one of the first arrivals at the scene of the accident. Mr. and Mrs. Dowell were on their way to Los Angeles, completing a vacation trip in the Pacific northwest.

sentative Downs (D., Conn.) said, might serve as a sufficient number to defeat any extension of service sought by President Roosevelt unless their proposal were adopted.

18-Months to Be Issue.

In a frank effort to win votes, democratic house leaders agreed to propose today an 18-months limit on additional army duty instead of holding out for an indefinite extension of service.

Chairman May (D., Ky.) of the military committee said he would sponsor that restriction for the pending legislation with the full approval of Speaker Rayburn and Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts whose polls of sentiment have made them doubtful of the outcome.

"If there was any doubt about the vote, this will fix it," May predicted.

However, Senator Nye (R., N. D.), an opponent of extended service, told reporters his information was "that there is a real chance the house will refuse to permit any extension in the service period."

Softballers Resume Scheduled Play Tonight

The second half of the City Softball league will be resumed tonight following a Friday postponement to make way for the donkey baseball game. With the teams all tied up, each having won and lost a game, tonight's contests will be played between the Texaco Chiefs and Dunham's Transformers, meeting in the first game, and Montgomery Ward and Boucock's Butchers in the second contest.

Sam McGaughey Called Into Service of Army

Sam McGaughey, formerly of Roseburg, now residing at Eugene, has been called into army service, according to word received here today. He was promoted to first lieutenant in the infantry reserve and is to report at Moffett field, California, Aug. 22. He is a graduate of Roseburg high school but has been making his home in Eugene since graduation from University of Oregon, where he was a star member of the track team.

Drain

DRAIN, Aug. 12—A pre-school clinic will be held at the Drain

Care Will Be Urged in Use of Oregon Forests

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commerce. Representatives to the committee are to be named by the Lions club, Roseburg Woman's club and the Junior Woman's club.

V. J. Micelli was elected as chairman of the local committee. Membership Drive Planned

A membership campaign is to be launched immediately, with the goal of enlisting the cooperation of all Douglas county residents in the campaign. Membership will cost only 25 cents each, and may be obtained at the office of the chamber of commerce or from any committee member. At the conclusion of the membership drive there will be a public banquet at which the speaker will be some person prominent in state affairs.

The committee at its meeting last night requested the cooperation of civic clubs, churches and fraternal orders in the presentation of special "Keep Oregon Green" programs at one or more of their regular meetings. Merchants will be requested to make window displays and to use the slogan in printed advertising material. Lapel buttons will be distributed.

tributed and other steps taken to keep the slogan constantly before the public.

Umpqua post of the American Legion has announced that it will present an original "Keep Oregon Green" skit as a part of the regular Legion radio program to be broadcast over station KRNR from 5 to 5:15 p. m., August 19.

Seventh largest city in the United States, Baltimore, Md., has 854,144 inhabitants as compared to 804,874 in 1930.

Snuff production in the United States amounted to 38,000,000 pounds in 1939.

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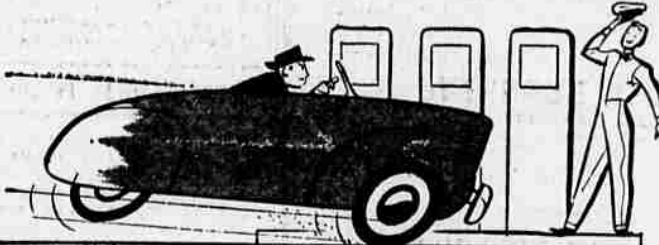
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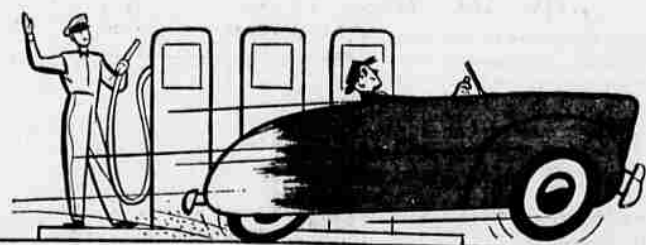
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Ind's RR's	62.2	17.9	32.0	43.0
Prev. day	61.4	17.8	32.1	43.1
Month ago	62.5	17.9	32.3	43.7
Year ago	58.1	15.2	35.3	41.7
1941 high	63.9	19.0	35.5	45.0
1941 low	54.8	15.4	30.3	39.1

BONDS

	20	10	10	10
RR's Ind's	63.7	104.9	102.0	47.0
Prev. day	63.8	104.8	102.1	46.8
Month ago	64.9	104.8	101.6	47.7
Year ago	55.4	103.0	96.5	39.6
1941 high	66.5	105.3	102.1	48.2
1941 low	60.2	104.2	99.0	38.0

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