

STEEL STRIKE'S END IN SIGHT, ASSERTION

Roseburg News-Review

The Weather

Occasional light rain tonight and Tuesday.

Established 1873

ROSEBURG, OREGON, MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1946

23-46

Labor-Baiting Legislation Holds Great, Senators Told

Legal Expert Backs Plan for Fact-Finding

Unfair Union Actions Also Criticized as Committee Faces Showdown Ballot

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Harold C. Havighurst, a professor of labor law, today advised senators against enacting any "labor-baiting legislation" at this time, saying it could "bring us to the verge of a civil war."

On the House side, as the Northwestern University teacher talked to the Senate labor committee, the rules committee faced a showdown vote on strike legislation.

Havighurst urged the Senate committee to support President Truman's request for "fact-finding legislation," saying opposition to it comes from the "stronger employers and the stronger unions."

The administration proposal would set up fact-finding boards with subpoena power and would prohibit strikes for 30 days while the boards sit.

The bill before the House committee does not provide for either subpoena power or a cooling-off period.

Under fact-finding boards, the (Continued on page 6)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE week's wifderst news 'is the Army's announcement that it has established radar contact WITH THE MOON. If only we had some form of electronic contact with the astral regions, we should start paging Jules Verne. He would be interested.

THE news that a radar echo has been bounced back from the moon opens up endless possibilities.

If there are people on the moon, we could TALK WITH THEM if they knew our techniques and our language.

ONE of the experimenters predicts rocket trips to the moon in TEN YEARS.

Fantastic? Of course—until et propulsion (the rocket principle) came along. That provided a possible vehicle. All that would be needed (theoretically) would be a rocket capable of carrying fuel enough to get there—IF its navigators could find their way through space.

Radar contact could make it (Continued on page 2)

Hero of Hong Kong Remembered

Chester Bennett's Kindness In Behalf of Fellow Captives Led to Beheading by Nippons

By HAL BOYLE

HONG KONG, Jan. 28.—(AP)—When little Carol Ann Bennett toddles down Queens Road with her Chinese "Amah," many strange people pause to pat her bright, ginger-colored hair.

She looks up at them wondering. And when her chubby cheeks crinkle in a friendly smile she looks like her father. And people who knew him feel sad and then move on quickly.

Carol Ann is too small to know her father was the American "hero of Hong Kong." She cannot speak yet and she never saw her father. She never will.

All that remains to mark Chester Bennett's stay on earth is a stake driven into a garden patch overlooking the small cove where the first British redcoats landed more than a century ago in the barren island that was to become the empire's jewel colony in the Far East.

Japanese guards drove that weathered stake into the ground after beheading Chester Bennett and 32 other prisoners convicted of "crimes against the Japanese Imperial government." They planted potatoes on the grave as a last touch of contempt.

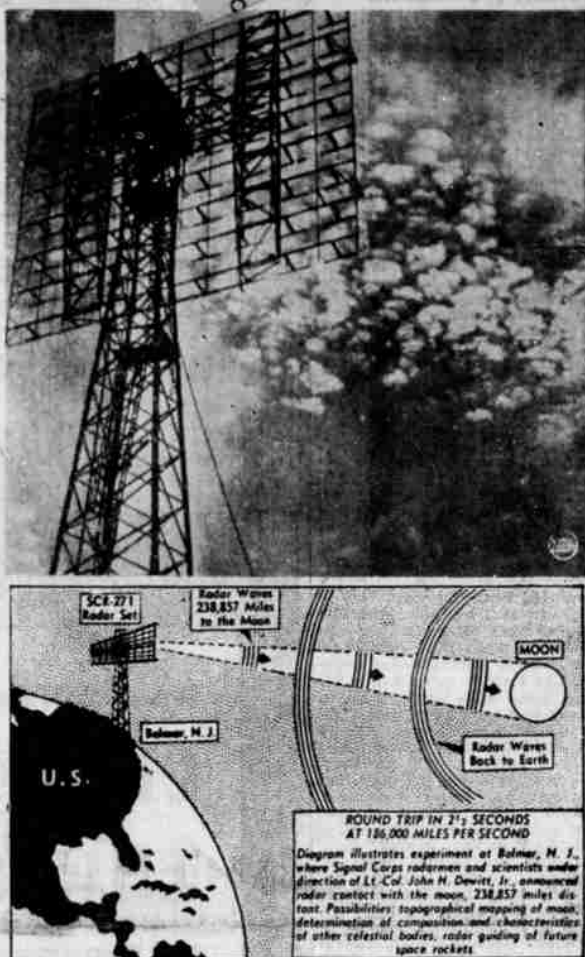
They accused Bennett of espionage and smuggling money into Stanley Bay internment camp so that several thousand

European civilians held there could buy extra rations—food that saved the lives of many prisoners. Fat Man With Big Heart.

"The Japs were right on both counts," said Marcus Da Silva, Portuguese attorney who worked with Bennett and himself narrowly escaped death. "But they couldn't actually prove that he was guilty. They finally killed him on suspicion."

Bennett didn't undertake his war tasks with the idea of becoming a hero, or making a profit. He was just a fat man with a big heart and a sense of adventure.

(Continued on page 6)



TO THE MOON AND BACK—Weird-looking structure at top, built by Army Signal Corps scientists, is the instrument used in achieving the first radar contact with the moon, by bouncing radar pulses of extremely high frequency and energy against the earth's satellite with the speed of light. Findings were recorded on a screen at the Evans Signal Laboratory, Belmar, N. J. Diagram in lower picture illustrates how the radar impulses penetrated the outer layers of the earth's atmosphere.

Oregon Seeks Right to Lease Submerged Lands

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Oregon congressmen will be asked to urge Senate approval of a House-passed resolution giving the states right to lease submerged tidal lands within the three-mile international shore boundary. Attorney General Neuner said today.

Neuner said Oregon had joined California and 45 other states in the position they have taken opposing a federal suit which would cancel leases made by California with various oil companies involving off-shore lands. He said Oregon had not joined in a suit opposing the federal action, but would urge congressional action.

Vatican Politics Waged in America, Soviet Paper Says

MOSCOW, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Izvestia, organ of the Soviet government, declared in an article published yesterday that Archbishop Francis J. Spellman, cardinal-designate, was waging active Vatican politics in America.

The article, written by D. Petrov, discussing the appointment of 32 new cardinals by Pope Pius XII, said the Vatican's naming of four new cardinals for the United States, and one each for England, Canada and Australia indicated the Catholic Church was trying to strengthen its influence in "the Anglo-Saxon countries."

Singling out Archbishop Spellman and Bernard Griffin, archbishop of Westminster, England, the article said Spellman "by all means defended the Vatican when the Vatican, one year after the treacherous attack of Japan on Pearl Harbor and despite the many criminal acts of Japanese imperialism, favorably received the Japanese ambassador."

Spellman, the article added, was trying to "arouse the American people to accept Franco (Generalissimo Franco of Spain)." "Griffin gained notoriety," the article continued, "through his acts of participating in slanderous speeches against the U. S. S. R., even during the moment of the heaviest struggle of the English and Soviet peoples against Hitlerite Germany."

It accused the archbishop of Westminster of opposing the Yalta decisions regarding Poland and sympathizing with "Polish traitors."

Bad Check Counts Jail Man at Grants Pass

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Donald LeRoy Tucker, 37, of Medford, alias David Stone, alias D. L. Lucker, alias Harvey Cline, was in the Josephine County Jail today in lieu of \$2,500 bail on a forgery charge.

State Police Sergeant Borzmann said Sunday that Tucker admitted to him and Sheriff Lewis the forging of one check on George Wright last October and the forging of two checks in Medford of which the officers have no record at present.

Weekend Fires Over Country Take 25 Lives

Kansas City Blaze Worst, With Death Toll of Ten; Property Damage Heavy

(By the Associated Press.) Twenty-five persons lost their lives in weekend fires throughout the nation.

Kansas City had the most serious, with 10 persons killed and at least four hurt in an apartment house fire. Six of the dead were children.

Four died and 14 were injured in a hotel fire at St. Louis. In New York, three lives were lost and one person was injured when a lower East Side tenement burned. A residential fire in Harlem also took the life of a four-month-old Negro baby.

Three men died of suffocation at Skowhegan, Me. The fire consumed the oxygen in a cabin in which they were sleeping. The blaze, believed started by a cigarette, had burned itself out when firemen reached the scene.

Two other suffocation deaths resulted in a Chicago apartment hotel fire and one person was injured. The victims were women. At Monroe, La., flames sweep

Continued on Page 6

Slaying of Wife Admitted by Deputy

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Capt. Gordon Bowers, of the sheriff's homicide detail, announced Saturday that Arthur Eggers, 52, had signed a confession admitting the slaying of his wife, Dorothy, 42. Her nude, headless, and handless body was found near a mountain highway last January 2.

Capt. Bowers refused to reveal details of the confession, except to tell newsmen that murder charges will be filed against Eggers today.

Eggers, a sheriff's deputy in nearby Temple City for 22 years, was arrested last Tuesday. A charge of suspicion of murder then was filed against him, but he had steadfastly denied any knowledge of the woman's death.

Eggers reported his wife missing January 2, the day her torso was found in a ravine near the Rim of the World Highway, east of San Bernardino.

Directory of Roseburg, Douglas County Planned

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Maurer, Eugene, arrived in Roseburg today to begin work on the census connected with publication of the Roseburg-Douglas County Directory. The directory is to be published by T. W. Salisbury, Eugene, who has been printing similar books for Lane, Linn, Benton and other Oregon counties.

It is planned to list complete information covering every family in Roseburg and on the five mail routes out of the city, Maurer states. In addition, general directory information will be provided for all communities of the county.

Collection of material is expected to require about six weeks, Maurer states. It is hoped to have the book printed and ready for delivery in April or early May.

Douglas County Gains 42 Businesses in 1945

Forty-six new businesses were established in Douglas County during 1945. It was reported by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission at Salem.

In Oregon as a whole, more than a thousand employing units were added in 1945, bringing the number of concerns covered by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission to 1,158, highest in its 10-year history.

Automobile Blow Kills Woman at Silverton

SILVERTON, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Injuries suffered when struck by an auto as she crossed a street here were fatal yesterday for Mrs. Velma Dunn, 40.

Police reported Mrs. Dunn was struck by a car driven by Vernon Brewer, 20, late Saturday night as she started home from the Silverton greenhouse where she worked. A daughter, Isel, 7, was also struck as the woman and child walked across a street, but the child was not seriously injured.

Body of Veteran Discovered in Umpqua River

The body of Walter Gardner, patient at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital, was discovered yesterday in the Umpqua River, two miles west of town on the banks of the Clarence L. Charters farm. The discovery was made by Charters' son, Larry, 7, and nephew, Dickie Shafer, 7, who were playing along the banks of the river.

Identification was made from markings in the man's shoe by Deputy Sheriff Dick Baker, who was called by Charters. The markings were known to be in the style in use at the Veterans Hospital, and the body was turned over to the authorities there. Baker said there did not appear to be signs of foul play.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Douglas Funeral Home, pending the arrival of the man's family from Klamath Falls.

Money Requested To Reopen Camp Sites in Forests

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Appropriation of adequate funds to enable the Forest Service to reopen camp grounds and other recreational areas of the National Forests was urged on the House Appropriations committee today by Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.).

"Oregon has 13 National Forests which have over 500 beautiful camp and picnic grounds," Stockman told the committee. "These forest areas offered recreation to more than 700,000 people in 1941, the last pre-war year, and it is my guess that there will be almost a million persons using these areas in 1946."

"We also have 23 ski areas, including Timberline Lodge, which was used by more than 100,000 people and these too are going to be crowded next winter."

The representative told the committee that all developments in the National Forests had to be left without maintenance during the war when no funds could be appropriated for them, and that the Forest Service now has no funds with which to put them in condition to be used. He said it was essential that the funds be provided now so as much of the work as possible could be done before warm weather arrives.

"Now that people have an opportunity for automobile trips and recreational outings," Stockman said, "I feel that proper facilities should be made available so that they can obtain full benefit of the parks in our National Forests."

Woman Motorist Hurt in Crater Lake Road Wreck

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Mrs. William Willis Cole, 36, Pasadena, Calif., was in a hospital here today with injuries she received when her auto plunged over a 25-foot embankment on the Crater Lake road while driving to meet her husband in Seattle.

Police said the woman reported her husband was due yesterday in Seattle aboard the P. S. S. Stewart from India and that she got off the Pacific Highway by mistake.

Snows on High Passes

SALEM, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Heavy snows were reported falling today in the Cascade and Siskiyou mountain passes, making chains necessary, the State Highway Commission said.

Snell Appoints Committee to Draft Proposed Legislation On Zoning Outside of Cities

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—A committee to draft proposed legislation on zoning outside of cities was appointed by Governor Snell today, with instructions to report before the 1947 legislature meets.

The committee's main purpose will be to solve the problem of zoning land adjacent to cities, and control of the type of buildings on city fringes. The League of Oregon Cities sponsored a bill in the 1945 legislature to let cities zone outside their limits, but the bill was buried in committee.

Members of the committee are: W. W. Bowes, Portland city commissioner; Orval Eaton, mayor of Astoria and president of the League of Oregon Cities; Herman Kehrl, Eugene, secretary of the League of Oregon Cities; Dean Seeger, city manager of Eugene; Frank Howard, Klamath Falls, Klamath county engineer; County Judge Nelson Higgs, Burns, president of the Oregon County Judges and Commissioners association; F. L. Phipps, The Dalles, secretary of the County Judges and Commissioners; County Judge Grant Murphy, Salem; State Sen. Paul Patterson, Hillsboro; State Rep. Max Landon, Sweet Home; Morton Tompkins, Dayton, Master of the State Grange; Ronald Jones, Brooks, president of the State Farmers Union; C. B. McCullough, assistant State highway engineer and chairman of Salem's long-range planning commission; Kenneth H. Spies, Portland, State Board of Health; Grace Bottler, Salem, assistant State Attorney General; Fred A. Cuthbert, Portland, national housing administration, and A. D. Newman, Portland, president of the State Realtors Association.

Sunday Attack Prediction To Kimmel Told

Pearl Harbor Conference On Jap Peril Related by Capt. Zacharias at Probe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Capt. Ellis M. Zacharias testified today he predicted to Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel in March, 1941, that if the Japanese decided to fight the United States they would begin the war with an attack against the fleet on a Sunday morning.

The veteran naval officer, appearing before the Joint Pearl Harbor investigating committee, said he made this prediction in a conference with Kimmel, the Pacific fleet commander at the time, and Vice Adm. (then captain) W. W. Smith.

Kimmel told the committee previously he remembered no such conversation with Zacharias, but the latter said he had discussed the incident with Smith since the Pearl Harbor attack and Smith recalled the details.

"I realize that Admiral Kimmel was a very busy man and that I was only one of hundreds to whom he talked," Zacharias said. "He might not remember the details of the conversation, but I am sure that Admiral Smith remembers."

Date Not Forecast

Zacharias, who headed a psychological campaign during the war in an effort to induce the Japanese to surrender, said the conversation took place between March 26 and March 31, 1941, at Kimmel's headquarters in Pearl Harbor.

He told the admiral, the witness said, that if the Japanese made such an attack, it would come from the north from carriers which would steam away immediately after launching their planes. The Dec. 7 attack was made in this manner.

Zacharias said he did not attempt to fix the date of the predicted attack in his talk with Kimmel and had suggested another

Sutherland Man First to File for Primary Race

Sherman T. Smith of Sutherland was the first candidate today to file with County Clerk Roy Baker for nomination in the Republican primaries, May 17. Smith hopes to contest the seat now held by County Commissioner J. Ross Hutchinson.

County offices to be filled in the November general elections are, in addition to Hutchinson's, the county assessor, justices of the peace in the Glendale and South Umpqua Districts, seven constables, two commissioners for the Port of Umpqua, and seven trustees for the North Umpqua-Diamond Lake Highway Improvement District, Agree said.

Socialist Chief Says U. S. Headed for Another War

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Lack of a policy in driving the United States toward another war, Norman Thomas, five-time Socialist candidate for president, declared here yesterday.

He said, "President Truman wants the UNO to succeed, then he wants us to grab off bases all over the world. He wants atomic bombs, then he wants our youth trained in old-fashioned army methods. He is inconsistent and doesn't even know it."

Thomas came here to speak tonight at a Socialist Party meeting.



SCIENTIST—Lize Meitner, Austrian-Jewish scientist whose scientific work has been credited with aiding the development of the atomic bomb and nuclear physics, arrives in New York aboard a liner from Stockholm to conduct lectures and study in the U. S.

Truman Seeks O. K. On Loan to Britain

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—President Truman told congressional leaders today he will send a message to Congress about the middle of the week asking ratification of the \$4,000,000,000 British loan and credit agreements. "We also expect to get started soon on legislation extending the (economic) stabilization act and the authority of the OPA," Senator Barkley, the Democratic leader said.

The president has urged extension of the Office of Price Administration—a year beyond its present expiration date.

Barkley said the regular weekly congressional conference with Mr. Truman was concerned largely with the British loan. It calls for a \$3,750,000,000 loan plus an additional credits relating to settlement of lend-lease.

Barkley said legislation extending the stabilization act would be drawn up shortly. He did not know whether it would be considered first in Senate or House.

Construction Workers Granted Wage Increases

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Wage adjustment board approval of wage increases for about 10,000 Portland area construction workers was reported today by Fred Manish, secretary of the building and construction trades council.

Manish said the approval is retroactive to Jan. 7. Pay scales were negotiated between the associated general contractors and the union council.

Carpenters' pay will increase from \$1.37 an hour to \$1.55; building workers, 25 cents to \$1.15; structural steel workers, \$1.65 to \$1.75; concrete rodmen, \$1.37 to \$1.55.

Robberies Reported at North End Cafe, The Spot

Two weekend robberies, one at the North End cafe and the other at The Spot, were reported today by Erwin Short, chief of police.

The North End cafe was entered Sunday night by persons who picked the lock, Short reported. Loot included about \$120 in addition to an undetermined amount from pinball machines and juke box; three hams, knives, cigarettes and candy.

Only about \$10 was obtained at The Spot, Short said. Entrance was gained by breaking glass from a door.

Boy Scouts Garner \$386 In 'Mile o' Dimes'

Boy Scouts swept up \$386.15 from the Jackson Street sidewalk Saturday, which had been contributed to the "Mile o' Dimes." The money had been strung along a sectional groove in the sidewalk. The line of coins started from the Umpqua Hotel and reached almost to the Douglas County State Bank, F. A. Wickham, chairman, said. "Those Boy Scouts deserve a lot of credit for the time they put in," Wickham commented.

8 Burn to Death, 38 Hurt As Fire Sweeps Hangar

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Eight persons were burned to death and 38 others were injured today when flames swept the main hangar of Tinker Field.

Firemen continued to dig into the wreckage, fearing loss of life.

Peace Faction In Majority, Says Official

Meat Packing Under U. S. Control Resumed; Rail Unions O. K. Arbitration

(By The Associated Press) A high government official predicts the steel strike will end "within a week or so."

This official said a "settlement bloc" within the steel industry has gained the ascendancy over those who would prefer to "fight it out" with 750,000 striking CIO steelworkers.

Thus, another fillip was given today to a wave of optimism engendered by Ford and Chrysler wage settlements, resumption of meat packing under government control and railroad arbitration agreements.

However, around 1,400,000 workers continued idle in labor disputes, not counting returning meat industry workers.

The Washington official, who is closely concerned with administration labor policy but cannot be identified, said his forecast of a quick end to the steel strike was based only in part on the trend shown in the automotive agreements. He added there are signs within the steel industry itself that settlement advocates are gaining the upper hand.

Strike's Effect Being Felt

Effects of the steel strike, now in its eighth day, were beginning to be felt in related industries, where layoffs by the thousands were predicted for the next few days.

Almost a quarter-million workers in the automobile and auto parts industries alone may be idle by the end of the week, industry officials said.

While an end to the steel wage dispute would be of greatest significance in the reconversion program, a development of more immediate interest was resumption of slaughtering in government-operated meat plants.

With CIO and AFL workers returning to the packinghouses, housewives could look forward to more ample meat supplies, possibly by the middle of the week.

Pay Hike Action Pledged
A fact-finding board in the (Continued on page 6)

Court K. O.'s Suit For \$14 Million Tax

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Supreme Court turned down 7-0 today a New Jersey township's effort to collect nearly \$14,000,000 in taxes from Mrs. Doris Duke Cromwell.

Hillsborough township in Somerset County, N. J., tried to collect taxes on intangible personal property which it assessed at \$221,940,438. The tax claim was made against Mrs. Cromwell individually and as a trustee of the Duke Endowment. The endowment was set up by her late father, Tobacco King James B. Duke, for the benefit of Duke University.

Charles E. Hughes, Jr., son of the retired chief justice, argued before the Supreme Court in behalf of Mrs. Cromwell, that she was not a resident of New Jersey but had her home in Hawaii; the endowment functioned outside of New Jersey; the township "deliberately singled out Mrs. Cromwell to impose a discriminatory burden." He said the township's annual budget usually is around \$97,000.

The New Jersey Federal District Court in Philadelphia ruled against the township and it appealed to the Supreme Court.

Justice Douglas said the lower federal courts properly decided the case on the basis of New Jersey laws.

Disarmament Meet to Ban A-Bomb War Demanded

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Senator Tydings (D-Md.) demanded in the Senate today that President Truman immediately call a world disarmament conference to prevent an atomic world war.

Interrupting the Senate filibuster against the fair employment practices bill, the Maryland Democrat said he doubted that the United Nations action for "control" of the atomic bomb would be successful.

"I do not believe that the United Nations Organization is equipped to handle successfully a task of this magnitude," the senator said, after pointing out that all the remaining great world powers are arming to the teeth.

Lovity Fact Rant

By L. F. Rasmussen

France's new president, Goulin, declares that a U. S. loan of \$2,500,000,000 is needed to save France. Considering that France "welshed" on the First World War debt, amounting now to about \$4,500,000,000, that sounds like a lot of Gaul.