

WORK HALTED BY 400,000 AFL COAL MINERS

The Weather

Occasional showers tonight;
partly cloudy Tuesday.

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Holding Act 'Death Sentence' Upheld

Public Utility
Hit by Ruling
Of High CourtInterstate Firms Must
Operate but One System
Effect of 6-0 Decision

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—The Supreme Court today upheld constitutionality of the "death sentence" clause of the public utility holding company act.

The clause requires interstate gas and electric holding companies to limit their operations to a single, integrated system.

The court ruled on an appeal by the giant North American Company from an order by the Securities and Exchange Commission, SEC directed North American to divest itself of all but one of its utilities systems.

Justice Murphy delivered the court's 6-0 opinion. Justices Douglas, Reed and Jackson dissented themselves, leaving a bare legal quorum of six judges to decide the case.

"Economic Evils" Target

Murphy, speaking for the court, said that Congress in enacting the "death sentence" clause was "concerned with the economic evils resulting from uncoordinated and unintegrated public utility holding company systems."

"These evils," Murphy said, "were found to be polluting the channels of interstate commerce and to take the form of transactions occurring in and concerning more states than one."

"Congress also found that the national welfare was thereby harmed, as well as the interests of investors and consumers. These evils, moreover, were

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Russian walkout on UNO's security council continues as this is written.

Here is a thought (pure guesswork, of course): They asked at the start for a delay of 16 days, they may be taking the walkout way to get it.

THAT is followed by another thought: We'd rather they'd stage a walkout than to start shooting. It's a more hopeful method.

WE must remember that this is one of the biggest poker games in history. A lot will depend not only on how the chips are distributed when the game ends but on how the players feel about the way the game was played.

WHEN you get into a stiff poker game, you size up your opponents. In sizing them up, you

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Russia Keeps Membership
In United Nations by Full
Payment of Her Assessment

NEW YORK, April 1.—(AP)—Russia's payment in full of her dues in the United Nations gave a boost today to hopes that the Security Council will soon be running on a full team basis.

It has been one man short since Wednesday when Russian Delegate Gromyko walked out in protest against the council's refusal to defer the Iranian question until April 10.

Members of the other ten delegations could count three developments in favor of their hope that Russia might end what one official called a "temporary absence," and resume its place on the council when that body convenes Wednesday. These were:

1. The news from Moscow, released by Secretary General Trygve Lie, that Russia had paid in full her \$1,723,000 assessment for the United Nations working capital. She was the first big power to do so.

2. Boris Stein, alternate Russian delegate, has been working steadily—and most congenially, other members said—on the council committee which is drafting rules for the conduct of business.

3. Similarly, the Russians have taken part in meetings of the military staff committee which is working preliminary plans for

Oregon OPA Chief
Dated in Roseburg

McDannell Brown, above, Oregon district OPA director, will address the regular meeting of the Roseburg Kiwanis Club, Tuesday, April 2. Mr. Brown will speak on the subject "OPA and Full Production."

Prior to his acceptance of service with the OPA, Brown was engaged in private law practice in Portland since 1925. He was graduated from University of Washington Law School in 1923. From December, 1941, to April 1942, he served temporarily as judge of the probate department of the Multnomah County Circuit Court. He was made chief rationing attorney for the OPA in June 1942 and became chief enforcement attorney in June, 1943. He was made OPA district director April 24, 1944.

Standardization Planned
By Circuit Judges Assn.

PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—Standardization of circuit court procedures throughout Oregon is planned by the Association of Circuit Court Judges organized here Saturday.

Justice Arthur D. Hay of the state supreme court told the group that the work would reduce time and expense of litigation in Oregon courts.

Judge James W. Crawford, Multnomah county, was elected president.

Shock Fatal to Woman
After Rescue From Fire

PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—Mrs. Ada L. Woodbridge, 73, died last night of shock after the invalided woman was carried by neighbors from her smoke-filled home where a defective heater started a fire.

She suffered minor burns and died en route to a hospital.

Actor Noah Beery Dies

HOLLYWOOD, April 1.—(AP)—Noah Beery, Sr., veteran film actor and brother of Wallace Beery, died today at his home. He was 62 years old.

Beery played villains and other character parts since the early days of silent pictures. Survivors include his son, Noah, also a film actor.

Ships Damaged in Crash
Off California Coast

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Milk Strike
Declared Off
By ProducersDistributors Refuse to
Back Dairymen; OPA's
6 Per Cent Hike Accepted

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—The milkman was back on the job today here and in other Oregon and southwestern Washington areas affected by last week's strike of milk producing associations protesting OPA refusal to grant full demands for higher prices.

The dairymen's policy committee yesterday canceled the strike action and, admitting "we've been spanked good and proper," announced "a division of the industry" caused defeat of plans to hold out for higher prices.

After hearing the report of committee members who met with OPA regional executives Friday in San Francisco, where the dairymen were told no additional price adjustment would be considered while the strike continued the general policy committee issued a formal statement calling off the strike and scheduling regular delivery beginning this morning.

The statement charged milk distributors with failure to support the producers as partial cause of the failure of their action and stated "we are now well advanced toward liquidation of this industry."

Milk deliveries had been curtailed in the Portland-Salem section since Tuesday, when the 3,500 dairymen represented by the associations controlling 82 per cent of the area's milk supply called the strike. Some upstate cities joined in the strike action early last week, but by Friday dairymen at Roseburg and Grants Pass had restored schedules.

The dairymen said they would accept the OPA's 6 per cent butterfat pound increase. They received 35 cents before the strike.

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Oregon Campaign for
Aid to Jews Launched

PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—The Oregon campaign to raise \$25,000 of the national \$100,000 United Jewish appeal got under way here today after a public meeting at which J. Howard McGrath, solicitor general of the United States, declared the fund meant life or death for European Jews who survived the Nazi efforts to slaughter the race.

McGrath, who was a consultant to the Anglo-American commission on Palestine, said only 25 per cent of European Jews receive UNRRA aid.

E. C. Sammons and E. B. MacNaughton announced they had volunteered to carry the drive to the non-Jewish residents of Oregon.

Auto's 300-Foot Plunge
Sends Woman to Hospital

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—A woman whose auto plunged over a 300-foot bluff was in a hospital here today, suffering a fractured spine and crushed chest, after rescue by a rope stretcher. Her condition was critical.

Sheriff's Lt. Art Bellis reported a rescue crew heard Mrs. Dorothy Roper, 25, Hillsboro, calling for help early yesterday morning, four hours after they received reports a car had disappeared off the highway.

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Former Governors
Of Idaho, Ohio Pass

BOISE, Idaho, April 1.—(AP)—Charles Ben Ross, 63, who fulfilled a boyhood ambition by serving as governor of his native Idaho, died yesterday in a Boise hospital of a heart disease.

Ross was the state's only three-term governor. He was a one-time cattle-wrangler.

Before reaching the governorship—a goal voiced to friends when 15—Ross served eight years as mayor of Pocatello, the state's second largest city, and six years as a county commissioner.

KENT, O., April 1.—(AP)—Former Gov. Martin L. Davey, 61, one of Ohio's most colorful politicians, died of a heart attack while entertaining guests at his home yesterday.

Death came as he added up scores of a bridge game.

A business man as well as politician, Davey built his father's tree surgery business into a nationwide organization, served two terms as Ohio's governor, 1935 to 1939, and represented the state's 14th district for four terms in Congress.

Oregon Dairymen,
Washington Assn.
Will Consolidate

SEATTLE, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—Eleven cooperative dairy associations in Oregon will join the United Dairymen's Association of Washington State to unify marketing facilities, Russell L. Waltz, president of the Consolidated Dairy Products Company of Seattle and Tacoma, said Saturday.

The Oregon Co-ops have 9,000 dairy farmer members.

The move will unite 40,000 members in 45 cooperative associations in the two states. Waltz said the Interstate Associated Creameries of Portland, the Oregon Associations' Marketing Organization, will become the Oregon headquarters plant and the Oregon Co-Op members will become members of the United Dairymen's Association.

ELLENBERG, Wash., April 1.—(AP)—The Washington Creamery Operators' Association, covering the Columbia River area from Chelan to Walla Walla, moved Saturday to unite milk producers and processors in Washington and Oregon in an effort to obtain an adjustment of OPA milk ceiling prices throughout the entire northwest.

Dan Bates, president of the Washington association, said the current Portland area milk strike and the recent Seattle area adjustment demands were indicative of the need for an upward revision in the milk ceiling throughout the northwest.

Deactivation of U. S.
Army in China Ordered

SHANGHAI, April 1.—(AP)—Deactivation of the United States Army in the China theater May 1 was announced today by Lt. Gen. Wedemeyer upon instructions from Washington.

This will leave 3,000 to 4,000 U. S. Army personnel in China to carry on with the military advisory group headed by Gen. George C. Marshall and to serve on the cease-fire truce terms and aid with reeducation and similar residual duties.

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Nazi Plotters
Still Falling
In Allied NetRoundup of 1,000 Hitler
Youth Conspirators Over
Weekend Just Beginning

FRANKFURT, Germany, April 1.—(AP)—American intelligence officers said today that several Nazi subversive movements still were plotting against the Allies in Germany and that Sunday's roundup of nearly 1,000 Hitler youth conspirators was "only the beginning."

The officers said counter-espionage agents were working "day and night" to break up the last vestiges of Nazi resistance which came into the open with the week-end sweep on followers of captured Arthur Axmann, former head of the Hitler youth movement.

The operation against the Axmann group is still going on, it was said, although only remnants of the group remain.

Virtually all the funds which Hitler, in the last days of Berlin handed over to Axmann to keep alive the Nazi philosophy, were seized when Willi Heidemann, Axmann's key henchman, was captured.

About 20 per cent of the target suspects in the week-end roundup had left or fled their addresses when the agents struck, however.

No casualties were reported among the 7,000 Allied combat troops and counter-espionage agents who participated in the raids.

Sabotage Urged

Axmann, who is being questioned at an American internment camp, fought in the battle of France.

Stabilization Director
Scores Farm Parity Plan

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—Stabilization Director Bowles today declared the cost of living would jump six per cent or more under the farm parity plan passed by the Senate.

The plan, which allows farm labor costs to be considered in figuring parity prices, was backed to the minimum wage bill although a presidential veto is threatened. The bill still is pending in the Senate.

Bowles said the amendment would shoot retail food prices up about 15 per cent and increase the average family's annual food budget around \$125, besides forcing an increase of seven per cent in store prices of cotton garments. He called it sharply inflationary.

Committee on Manager
Plan to Meet Thursday

The first meeting of the joint committee from the City Council and Chamber of Commerce, appointed to investigate feasibility of changing to a city manager form of municipal government, has been called for 7:30 P. M. Thursday at the Chamber office, it was announced today. The committee includes Councilmen W. S. Fisher, R. H. Savage and H. V. Sullivan, and Chamber members Kenneth Ford, Earl Wiley and A. N. Orcutt. Harold Hickerson, Chamber secretary, reports that a large file of data pertaining to the city manager issue has been prepared for study by the committee.

With Roseburg's March of Progress



WOMAN'S HANDICRAFT—This is the house that Mrs. H. F. Christie built—with her own hands. Located on Chestnut street in Riverside, it consists of five rooms. Mrs. Christie began work last July and the family moved in during October. The house is not quite finished inside yet, but almost. Infantile paralysis confines Mrs. Christie to a wheelchair. Their son, Don, stands beside the door in the photo above.

Dunkerque Retreat
Leader Passes Away

LONDON, April 1.—(AP)—Field Marshal Viscount Gort, 59, former chief of the British Imperial staff and a distant cousin of King George VI, died yesterday after a long illness.

Gort led the famed retreat from Dunkerque in 1940 as commander of the British expeditionary force.

The noted British commander resigned as commander in chief and high commissioner for Palestine last fall because of failing health.

Seattle Has 2 New
Cases of Smallpox

SEATTLE, April 1.—(AP)—Four Seattle hospitals have barred all visitors today as two new cases of smallpox were added to the growing list of persons becoming infected with the dread disease.

The death toll from the epidemic now stands at five, and city and county health officials have reported a total of 24 cases in Seattle and its suburbs.

Dr. Emil Palmquist, city health officer, last night reported two new infections, one of them described as "light."

"We expect to have more," Dr. Palmquist warned, "and this thing will keep going until at least 85 per cent of the people have been vaccinated."

As the city intensified its campaign against the epidemic, 26 Seattle fire stations will begin this morning serving as vaccination centers for as long as the emergency lasts. Volunteer nurses and doctors, both civilian and military, will give free vaccinations.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—Public health authorities throughout Oregon restocked smallpox vaccine today and in Portland special vaccination clinics reopened with new stocks flown to the city over the weekend.

Hundreds were expected to resume a rush that exhausted supplies of vaccine here Saturday morning, but health authorities reported enough on hand to treat 100,000 persons. Stocks were also rushed to upstate cities. There have been no smallpox cases reported in Oregon.

Cancer Control Month

SALEM, Ore., April 1.—(AP)—Governor Snell today designated April as cancer control month, asserting citizens must inform themselves about the disease and the necessity for early medical diagnosis and treatment.

James M. Landis to Head
Civil Aeronautics Board

WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—President Truman has chosen James M. Landis for chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, effective June 8.

Landis, 58, of the Harvard Law School, one-time director of the Office of Civilian Defense and a former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, will replace L. Welch Pogue, who wishes to resign.

Smelt Fishing Halted
Because of Heavy Traffic

PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—The Sandy river was closed to smelt fishing from midnight last night until midnight tonight after an estimated 7,000 persons lined the banks yesterday to dip into the near-record run.

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Mediation, Not Seizure, Gov't
Plan in Rift; Detroit, Akron
Face Transportation Strikes

(By the Associated Press)

Four hundred thousand AFL soft coal miners stayed away from their jobs today and the nation's idle because of labor disputes skyrocketed to 777,000, the highest total in nearly three weeks.

Strikes over wage disputes crippled transportation facilities in Detroit and Akron, O., to further darken the labor picture.

The work stoppage by John L. Lewis' AFL United Mine Workers, which went into effect at 1:01 A. M. upon expiration of the collective bargaining contract, was the second largest walk-out of workers since V-J Day, topped only by the strike of 750,000 CIO steelworkers on Jan. 21.

Season's 1st Chinook
Taken at Winchester

The first Chinook salmon for the 1946 season, to be taken from the Umpqua river in the Roseburg area was caught Friday evening at Winchester by B. Hill of Wilbur. The fish was weighed in at 27 pounds.

A considerable number of salmon have been tagged at the mouth of the river by representatives of the State Fish Commission and State Game Commission, jointly in an expert study of fish life. A few salmon have been caught at Sawyer Rapids, between Elkton and Scottsburg. Fishermen at The Forks report hooking a few fish but none was landed. No salmon have been observed at the Winchester counting station to date.

Teamsters End
Canneries' Tie-Up

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—(AP)—AFL teamsters today brought to an end their month-old blockade of 63 northern California canneries, which Saturday signed a contract with AFL cannery workers in defiance of the national labor relations board.

The CIO California Cannery Council in San Jose voted to disregard any exclusive bargaining contracts between the AFL and processors, and called upon the NLRB to apply for a court order to set aside the contract.

The employers signed up with the AFL, with which they had contracts which expired March 1, after announcing "the cross will get warm" on the terms of the deadlocked AFL-CIO bargaining dispute by the NLRB. The northern California canneries process about a third of the nation's fruit and vegetable pack.

Hoover Eyes Dire Need of
Food in Finland and Poland

HELSINKI, April 1.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover, head of an American commission investigating European food conditions, said today that Finland's food rations can be maintained at their present level until the end of June, but that thereafter there will be a shortage of 40,000 to 50,000 tons of food until the end of September when the new harvest is reaped.

Hoover said 800,000 Finns—400,000 evacuees from land ceded Russia, small wage earners and Finns living in the area ravaged by the Germans—are in "urgent need of additional food."

About 500,000 children over the age of two, he added are "seriously undernourished."

Hoover, who arrived here yesterday from Warsaw, said conditions in Poland were the worst he had seen thus far in Europe and that a study by American experts showed "over 2,600,000 children are terribly sub-normal from undernourishment."

Greece's Election Points
To Return of King George

ATHENS, April 1.—(AP)—Leaders of the conservative populist party claimed a victory today in Greece's Sunday elections and declared the size of the vote was an overwhelming defeat for communists and other left-wing parties who had waged a campaign for the voters to stay away from the polls.

War Bonds Theft Charged
To Ex-Oregon Workers

CHICAGO, April 1.—(AP)—A man and woman identified by secret service agents as Mrs. Lillian Snyder, 32, of Indianapolis, and Alexander J. Orr, 34, formerly of Massena, N. Y., were arraigned today before a U. S. commissioner on charges of illegal possession and passing of government securities.

Harry D. Anhler, agent in charge of secret service, said the couple fled from the Oregon Ship Building Corp. in Portland, where they were employed, in March, 1945, with 58 blank war bonds valued at approximately \$15,000. He said Mrs. Snyder was employed as a typist in the bond sales booth at the plant.

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No disorder was reported as the bituminous coal mines shut down. President Lewis said there would be no picketing. The government, although hoping to effect a settlement between union and management, made no plans to seize the properties, but the solid fuels administration ordered a reserve of soft coal for emergency consumption and limited deliveries.

Other Industries Affected

As a prolonged stoppage threatened to disrupt the country's conversion program, Federal Mediator Paul Fuller planned to resume negotiations with Lewis and the soft coal operators in efforts to effect an early settlement of the disputed issues in the proposed contract. The steel and automotive industries were among the first hit by a long walkout and already one major steel company said it would have to bank 20 blast furnaces.

Chief demand by Lewis is the proposed health and welfare fund for miners, to be created from an assessment on each ton of coal produced and to be administered by the union. Lewis said he will not discuss other major issues of wages and hours until the welfare fund question is settled.

Pay Hike Offer Rejected

Detroit's street car and bus service was halted at 4 A. M. today by a strike of 5,200 AFL Motor Coach and Trolley Operators and the nearly two million persons in the Detroit area were inconvenienced. No disorder was reported as large squads of police were detailed at car barns. Schools remained open although some 13,000 children normally ride in school busses chartered by the Detroit Street Railway Department.

A spokesman for the AFL Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America said the union and company were "deadlocked" on the wage demand. The union had demanded an 18 cent hourly wage increase and yesterday rejected the company's offer.

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Teachers to Back
Revenue Hike Plan

PORTLAND, April 1.—(AP)—The Oregon State Teachers Association Council tabled action on a state house bill to create county school boards and a county school tax system, but announced before closing sessions here Saturday it would support a November referendum seeking higher state revenues for school tuition.

The association also voted to rename the group the Oregon Education Association.

Frank Bennett, Salem superintendent of schools and chairman of the group's school support committee, told the council the referendum proposal would produce an estimated \$15,000,000 annually from a property levy of 15 mills. It would provide \$50 per pupil for instruction.

He said the measure would replace the existing legislation for a 10 mill levy which raises \$10,000,000 annually.

A similar measure was defeated in 1944 by a narrow margin, but Bennett said he believes the new measure will be "more understandable."

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Levity Fact Rent

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