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Plywood Pay Increase On Union Agenda

Convention Also Scores Congress' OPA Action, Mobsters in Georgia

Plywood workers of the IWA-CIO, meeting in their annual convention in Roseburg last week, adopted a program calling for opening of contracts for wage increases in the autumn, Chester Ross, Oregon-Washington district president, stated Saturday.

The convention went on record vigorously condemning Congress for its action on OPA. "It is our opinion that Congress, by its action, has saddled the people with exactly the same thing that happened following World War I, which at that time laid the groundwork for World War II," Ross said.

Regardless of this, it is the convention's opinion that Congress refused to accept the demand of the people for continued price control.

The convention also called for amalgamation of the IWA with the furniture workers union, which would increase IWA membership by 40,000; an increased sugar ration for the Northwest, and proposed to the plywood council that they increase the income of the council by increasing the per capita membership tax.

Mobsters Condemned
The convention also condemned

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE JACKSON demands on behalf of the United States the conviction of the 22 Nazi war criminals who have been on trial at Nurnberg (Germany) for EIGHT MONTHS.

The Nurnberg trials were designed as a huge, dramatic propaganda show to prove to the world the debased character of the Nazi leaders—in the hope that such a showing would prevent people from falling again for such blood-stained tommyrot as nazism, fascism, etc.

It seems to this writer that the scheme has been a flop. It would have been far better to try them quickly, fairly and decisively, and then, if they were convicted, EXECUTE THEM PROMPTLY.

YOU never can tell when PROPAGANDA will backfire. There is a lot of evidence that this fancy propaganda scheme of ours has backfired in Germany.

OPA, brought back from the grave, and apparently in a chastened mood, starts off by raising a considerable number of prices to allow for increased costs and eliminating ceilings entirely on many products.

Among the ceilings abolished are those on some types of clocks, household television receiving

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Decontrol Board Nominees Get Committee's Approval, Plan Price Policy Hearings

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(AP)—The Senate Banking Committee today unanimously approved President Truman's three nominees for the new price decontrol board.

The committee's action sent to the Senate for its consideration, possibly today but more likely tomorrow, these nominations:

Roy L. Thompson, president of the Federal Land Bank of New Orleans, as chairman of the decontrol board; Daniel W. Bell, former Treasury undersecretary, and George H. Mead, Dayton, O., paper company executive, as members.

In creating the board with top authority over removal and restoration of price controls, Congress stipulated that no more than two appointees should be members of the same political party. Mead is a Republican and Thompson a Democrat. Bell says he has no party affiliation.

They will be paid at the rate of \$12,000 a year.

The board's first big assignment is to decide by August 20 whether meats, dairy products, grains, cotton seed, soybeans and

SEN. McKELLAR FACES CIO IN PRIMARY

Sixth Term Seeker Brands Foes Pro-Russian; 3 Other States Scheduled at Polls

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, July 29.—(AP)—The CIO Political Action Committee runs up against its toughest Dixie test this week. Tennessee voters decide Thursday whether to renominate 77-year-old Kenneth D. McKellar for a sixth term in the Senate.

The Tennessee contest sparks a week of political action in which:

1. Alabama voters choose a Democratic nominee to complete the term of the late Senator John Bankhead.

2. Arkansas nominates a Democratic gubernatorial candidate and

3. Kentucky voters pick nominees for nine House seats and the Senate chair now filled by Republican William A. Stanford.

The Alabama and Arkansas elections are tomorrow, Kentucky's Saturday.

Most interest will be centered on Tennessee, however. There Edward Ward Carmack is attempting to unseat McKellar in a Democratic primary where nomination usually means election in November.

McKellar, held in Washington by the failure of Congress to clean up its business earlier, has been waging an active, if long distance, battle to retain the choice political position he now holds as the Senate's presiding officer and unofficial acting vice president. In that capacity McKellar draws \$5,000 a year more salary than his colleagues and also attends cabinet meetings.

Taking note of the opposition to him, McKellar has struck back with the contention that the CIO-PAC, headed by Jack Kroll, pursues pro-Russian policies and

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Stealing Rife at Swimming Beach

Petty stealing has grown into a serious misdemeanor at the Temple street swimming beach, Recreation Director H. W. Gray states. To date more than \$100 worth of personal articles have been looted from swimmers' clothing as well as considerable damage done to beach installations.

The visiting Klamath Falls Junior Legion baseball team reported numerous valuables stolen from their motor coach, while swimming Thursday evening, which included a wrist watch, two rings, and a nominal amount of cash.

Gray stated that reports of various looting of clothing in dressing rooms, as well as those lying in view on the beach, have been received daily and advises all swimmers to leave their valuables at home.

A 500-foot long stage is being erected at the fairgrounds on which will be staged the dramatic production.

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The others still hospitalized were Herbert Peabody, Los Angeles; Reuben Martin, Portland; C. A. Lucas, Medford; David P. Hauser, Yakima.

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Bidault Urges Peace Accord At Paris Meet

PARIS, July 20.—(AP)—The 21-nation peace conference, convened formally here more than a year after the end of the second World War in Europe, was summoned by President Bidault of France today to abolish "the plague of war."

Addressing the 1,500 delegates of the victorious allies on behalf of the host nation, Bidault pleaded:

"The long suffering peoples of the world today look to you. If we cannot get complete peace solutions, I hope that at least we will get reasonable ones."

In an apparent reference to the United States and Russia, Bidault said that whatever blame could be attached to the failure to keep the peace after the first World War, a "fundamental cause of that failure was that the two great powers who had taken a decided part in the conquest of arms remained on the sidelines during the solution of peace."

"The hopes of plain men are turned toward us today," he said, concluding his speech.

Poor Beginning Made
The conference convened, however, in an atmosphere of dissension.

For more than 36 hours the deputy foreign ministers of the four principal powers—Britain, France, Russia and the United States—had argued before agreeing even upon publication of the five treaty drafts prepared by the four powers for submission to the conference.

It finally was agreed to release the five treaty texts, along

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Air Hero Sentenced For Branding Girl

BOSTON, July 29.—(AP)—Army Lieut. Thomas Farrell today was sentenced to three to five years in state prison for branding 18-year-old Helen Starrov, but sentence was stayed after defense counsel announced he would appeal to the state supreme court.

Farrell, who served 35 missions in the Pacific, was released in bail set at \$15,000 in cash or \$20,000 surety.

The 25-year-old decorated Army flier was sentenced in superior court specifically to three concurrent terms of three to five years on charges of assault and battery with a lighted cigarette, with a razor blade and assault with intent to maim, cripple and disfigure.

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Match-Gasoline-Burns
REDSPOUR.—Gerald W. Kelms, a lumber worker of Gardiner, was brought to the office of Dr. Marvin Amick late Saturday night for treatment of second degree burns on his arms and legs, caused by the igniting of gasoline when he struck a match to see how much gas he had in the tank of his automobile.

At Least 10 Persons Perish in Collision Of Ferry, Two Barges

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo., July 29.—(AP)—The muddy Mississippi River was searched today for the bodies of at least 10 persons, possibly more, who were believed to have perished in the collision of a ferry boat and two oil laden barges near here.

Thirteen other occupants of the ferry were saved after the flat boat overturned, dumping at least five vehicles and their passengers into the waters.

The accident occurred at 9:20 last night 50 yards from the Missouri shore as the ferry neared completion of its crossing from the Tennessee side.

The pilot of the ferry, Charles Hendrix, who was saved when he was tossed on a barge in the crash, was quoted as estimating that there were between 20 and 25 persons in the five or six cars on the flat boat.

Other estimates ran as high as 30. One survivor said the ferry carried four automobiles and one pickup truck.

The ferry tug was demolished and sunk by the impact of the two oil barges, linked together and pushed by two tugs in a single train. The ferry overturned and floated down the river.

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Health Staff to Continue Service

Dr. E. J. Wainwright, county health officer, had only one comment this morning on the attorney general's ruling last week that there can be no legal reversal of the budget committee's denial of a county health officer staff.

The health officer will continue its operations as formerly, and will enforce compliance with the new state restaurant code whenever there is time for inspections.

The county health department's staff includes two public health nurses in addition to Dr. Wainwright. Much of their work is taken up with child and school health programs, and weekly clinics at the health office.

Nothing can be done now toward the appointment of a sanitarian, it was indicated, until the consideration of next year's budget.

The sanitarian's duties, in addition to inspection and grading of all restaurants as provided by a new state law, would also include the inspection of sanitary facilities, provided in all new building projects throughout the county, as well as the inspection of water and sewage disposal systems.

Clothing in River Eyed For 'Torso Death' Clue
OREGON CITY, Ore., July 29.—(AP)—A bundle of women's clothing, found entangled in driftwood in the Clackamas river, was being studied today in the hope of a clue to the "torso death."

The clothes were discovered about 60 feet from the spot where a woman's thigh was found Saturday. The thigh apparently was another piece of the dismembered female body whose torso was found in the Willamette river last February. The head is still missing.

Fire Damages Lumber Plant at Grants Pass
GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 29.—(AP)—Fire starting in the boiler room of the Swede Basin Lumber Company mill on East J Street partially destroyed the conveyor belt and burned out the boiler room early this morning.

City fire department officials said that the cause of the blaze is undetermined. The boiler room is between the sawmill and the planing mill, neither of the two being damaged.

Centennial Celebrated By Oregon Catholics
ST. PAUL, Ore., July 29.—(AP)—A solemn high pontifical mass celebrating the centennial of the Portland archdiocese and honoring the pioneer Catholics of the Oregon country was held yesterday at Champoux Park.

More than 5,000 Catholics were led by the Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, archbishop of Portland diocese, in the celebration honoring Fathers Francis Norbert Blanchet and Modeste Demers, first Catholic priests in the region.

Traffic Crash Kills One, Sends Three to Hospital
NEWBERG, Ore., July 29.—(AP)—A 20-year-old veteran, Andre Nuttbrock, died this morning of injuries received in a head-on automobile crash which sent three others to the hospital shortly after midnight.

Still hospitalized here are Darlene Foster, McMinnville, concussion of the brain; LeRoy Miller, Newberg, fractured nose; and Roy Vance, Dundee, head injury, cut on back, fractured ribs.

The accident occurred a mile south of Dundee.

Cunard Building Target On Anonymous Threat
NEW YORK, July 29.—(AP)—More than 100 police were mobilized in Lower Manhattan today after the British consulate reported that an anonymous man had telephoned a threat to blow up the 25-story Cunard Building "within 28 minutes."

Police who searched through the building from top to bottom were withdrawn except for guards left at the consulate telephone booth and main reception room.

Brush Fire Fought
Firemen fought for an hour yesterday afternoon to extinguish a brush fire at 491 South Main Street, which covered an area of approximately 300 square feet.

Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor reported. The fire threatened a chicken house. Firemen laid 1,200 feet of hose. Cause of the fire was not known.

Session Holds No Hope For Housing Bill

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(AP)—Administration leaders virtually abandoned hope today for passage of the Wagner-Elender-Taft long range housing bill at the present session of Congress.

Chairman Spence told newsmen after a closed door session of the Banking Committee:

"I think you can say we have given up hope, if Congress goes through with its plan to adjourn Friday."

Shortly before, Speaker Rayburn told President Truman the House would consider the bill—provided the Banking Committee sent it to the floor.

Notwithstanding urgings by President Truman, Spence said, a majority of the committee members insisted on complete public hearings before acting on the bill. A group of opponents were outside the committee clamoring to be heard while the committee sat in executive session.

The measure contemplates a 10-year housing program calling for construction of 1,500,000 dwelling units a year, including 125,

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Bormann, Aide of Hitler, Reported Seen; Search On

NUERNBERG, July 29.—(AP)—American intelligence officers reported today that Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy party leader who has been missing since the fall of Berlin, was seen in Munich only a week ago and that a house-to-house search for him is going on.

Bormann long was believed dead. He is being tried in absentia as one of the 22 Nazi defendants by the International Military Tribunal.

Intelligence chiefs said a disgruntled chauffeur of Bormann, fired in a disagreement over stolen garden vegetables, provided them with a tip that started a new hunt for the Nazi party chieftain.

Pup Tent Fire Fatal to One of Boy Occupants
TACOMA, Wash., July 29.—(AP)—Ralph McIlvanna, 13, was killed today when the pup tent in which he was sleeping with another boy at American Lake caught fire and burned to the ground.

Gerald Papke, 15, McIlvanna's companion, said he awoke about midnight and saw the tent and McIlvanna's sleeping bag were burning. The tent collapsed while Papke was attempting to pull him from the sleeping bag, so he fought his way out and ran to a nearby house for aid.

Coroner Paul Mellinger said the McIlvanna boy probably died of asphyxiation.

McDannell Brown Will Resign Job With OPA
PORTLAND, Ore., July 29.—(AP)—Terminating four years of service with the Office of Price Administration, McDannell Brown, Oregon district OPA director, will resign on August 9 to return to the practice of law, Ben C. Dunaway, Pacific regional OPA administrator, announced this week.

Brown's successor will be announced shortly.

3 Killed, 47 Hurt When Bus Plunges Into River
VERNON, Tex., July 29.—(AP)—Three persons were killed and 47 injured when a Continental Trailways bus en route from Amarillo to Wichita Falls plowed through a bridge into the Pease River near here today.

Over 30 persons still remain in crowded hospitals here. The condition of eight was termed critical. Three are not expected to live.

Cause of the accident was unknown.

Veteran Is Suicide by Fumes of Auto Exhaust
TULARE, Calif., July 29.—(AP)—The body of a veteran, Donald J. Allenbaugh, 22, Milton, Ore., was found today in a parked car with a tube leading from the exhaust to the rear seat. Coroner Roy Brooks pronounced the death a suicide.

Snakes Alive!
CHICAGO, July 29.—(AP)—The giant anaconda at the Brookfield Zoo has been called El Diablo, Spanish masculine form for "the devil" but zoo authorities today had 21 reasons for changing the name to La Diable, the feminine form.

The big snake, which everyone at the zoo had thought was a male, gave birth yesterday to 21 live anacondas.



AMBASSADOR — James C. Dunn, Assistant Secretary of State for Political Affairs, has been nominated by President Truman to be the new U. S. ambassador to Italy.

Man Held in Blast That Kills Wife

PORTLAND, Ore., July 29.—(AP)—A small trunk that detectives report the family of James W. Bowden had been warned not to open was the center of investigation today of an explosion that blew Bowden's wife to bits while she was alone in her home.

Bowden was at an Oregon coast town where he keeps a fishing boat when the blast rocked the home.

Detective Bard Purcell reported Bowden, charged with illegal possession of explosives, was held without bail, has denied owning explosives or any knowledge of how his wife was killed Saturday night.

Purcell said the explosion is believed to have originated in a "hand locker" the Bowdens' two daughters, Doris 13, and Shirley 17, told him was kept padlocked in the cellar.

Both girls reported their father repeatedly warned the family not to tamper with the trunk or try to open it, the detective said.

The cellar of the Bowden residence was wrecked by the explosion. Small pieces of flesh and bones found scattered throughout the shattered parts of the home have been identified by the police criminal laboratory as human.

Chief of Detectives Ferguson declared that particles of electric wire and metal dug from floor rafters indicated some electrical device may have set off the explosion.

The detective said the daughters reported their parents planned a divorce and that Mrs. Bowden had instituted proceedings the past week.

Four detectives said a Clackamas county contractor told them he had bought six sticks of dynamite for Bowden some time ago, and saw Bowden store them in a trunk in the basement of his home.

Vet Tells of Tragedy in Premature Shell Blast
PORTLAND, July 29.—(AP)—A disabled veteran of the 41st Infantry Division reported here that the premature explosion of a mortar shell in the Pacific theatre killed six of his buddies and injured 24 others.

Weston Hodges, ex-pfc of the 41st, serving with the 163rd regiment in New Guinea, said his hand was shattered and he lost two fingers. He spent 18 months in various hospitals after the explosion.

Hodges told newspapermen he was volunteering the story in the "hope" it might aid the Senate war profits investigating committee. He said he had read where witnesses told of the number of soldiers killed and wounded by premature mortar shell explosions.

Victims of Enemy War Crimes Total 142,076
WASHINGTON, July 29.—(AP)—The War Department now estimates that 142,076 Americans and Filipinos met death from enemy war crimes.

Assistant Secretary of War Peterson said the "staggering" latest total is still growing as more information comes in. He announced pledged speedy trials of atrocity suspects as they become known.

The war crimes victims died of murder, starvation, neglect and other forms of mistreatment.

Pre-Fabricated Homes Rise
YONCALLA — The Yoncalla Lumber Company is tearing down some of its loading docks and will rebuild soon. Two of the pre-fabricated houses which the company is erecting on the Noel ranch are well under way. Eight more are to be built in the near future.

Comptroller Says Millions Lost by Govt.

Everybody Appeared Out To Pump Treasury During War Period, Probers Told

WASHINGTON, July 29.—(AP)—Comptroller General Lindsay Warren today denounced as "damnable" what he termed the "widespread" practice of Army officers obtaining lucrative jobs from war producers whose government contracts they helped draft and settle while in the service.

He held before the Senate War Investigating Committee three specific cases, and declared that—as a result of their discovery—the general accounting office had thrown "every searchlight" on contracts held by the companies employing the men.

Warren volunteered the names of the men after making these points during his testimony before the committee, which branched out today from its inquiry into the wartime operations of a midwest munitions combine:

1. The government lost "untold millions" by not allowing the accounting office to "police" the contracts.

2. Some high government officials made it a practice to accept cocktail parties, hotel and travel expenses from contractors.

3. "From my seat, it has looked as if everybody and his brother were out to get the government during the lush war years."

Probe Promised
Chairman Mead termed acceptance and offer of jobs to Army officers by companies whose contracts they have worked "an indefensible practice" and said the committee will "dig into it deeper."

It was a "rule rather than an exception," Warren said, for some government officials to accept favors from contractors.

"It got bad in the Maritime Commission, for instance," Warren said, "that I called personally on Admiral Land (chairman)—whose name was not mentioned in any of the reports—and also wrote him officially. He issued an order condemning such practices."

Warren declared that legislation liberalizing government contract practices during the war had greatly weakened the power of the general accounting office to prevent extravagance or misuse of public funds.

Denouncing "abuse of the vastly broadened authority given to the procurement agencies, all under the guise of war, as well as the degeneration of moral standards," Warren declared that "cost-plus" procurement "is the greatest device ever invented for pumping out the treasury."

Congress ignored advice Warren was called before the committee, which has been investigating war profits of a mid-western munitions combine, to give his advice on possible new anti-profits legislation.

Many of the loopholes in war spending laws might have been plugged, he asserted, if Congress had followed his advice during the war. He cited several instances in which he said he had

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Jester Leads In Texas Primary

DALLAS, Tex., July 29.—(AP)—Beauford Jester, member of the Texas Railroad Commission, today held a commanding lead over Homer P. Rainey, former president of the University of Texas, as tabulation figures neared the million mark for Saturday's Democratic gubernatorial primary.

Twelve other candidates were listed on the ballots, and the two leaders will enter an Aug. 24 primary runoff for the Democratic nomination which is equivalent to election.

Jester, 53-year-old small-town lawyer and farmer before his election to the railroad commission, is a middle-of-the-road Texas man who ran on "the people's path" platform, advocating better schools, roads, social services and a program of progressive state development without additional taxes.

Rainey, also a former president of Bucknell University and director of the American Youth Commission, termed his campaign as a "crusade to unshackle Texas" from what he described as eastern and northern monopolists who control the state's natural resources, especially oil, gas and sulphur. He wants new taxation to give Texans what he considers a fair share of its wealth.

U. S. Senator Tom Connally swept through to renomination without leaving Washington. He has polled 679,974 votes to a combined vote of 208,873 for four opponents.

Levity Fact Rent
By L. F. Reizenstein

The United States would stride rapidly toward normalcy if more people centered their concern on government instead of just two letters in the last syllable, "me."