

Steel Wage Pact Cheers Industry With Prospect Of Strike-Free Production

PITTSBURGH, April 21.—(AP)—Agreement on wage increases of \$1 a day for 140,000 U. S. Steel Corp. workers today cheered the entire industry with the prospect of a year of strike-free production.

The pay hikes—agreed upon yesterday by Philip Murray, president of the CIO and the United Steelworkers, and J. A. Stephens, "Big Steel" vice president—won quick approval by the union's executive board. The raises affect employees of five major producing subsidiaries and are expected to set the wage base pattern for other steel companies as well as other industries.

The agreement comes before the union's 175-man wage and policy committee today for final approval. The union said signature of the pact could be expected tomorrow.

According to a new contract was hailed by some executive board members as a "great victory."

President Benjamin F. Fairless of the steel corporation issued a statement in which he said he hoped the cost of the increases would be taken care of in the present price structure. He asked employees' cooperation in absorbing the costs by improving efficiency.

U. S. Steel put the direct cost of the wage increase at \$75,000,000, including pay boosts for fabricating companies expected to sign similar pacts. The steelworkers' announcement estimated the cost at more than \$42,000,000 but explained that figure applied only to the five subsidiaries involved in the present agreement.

Hike Is \$1 a Day, Plus Here is the pay increase arrangement—which may be reopened after one year—

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Boat Skenet Drowns Youth In McKenzie River

EUGENE, Ore., April 21.—(AP)—The McKenzie River was being dragged today for the body of a youth who drowned, Cottage Grove youth who drowned late Saturday when he and a companion were experimenting with an air-propeller-driven boat.

Clark Whitely, Boat River, managed to reach shore with the help of residents after Haynes was torn from his grasp by the swift river current.

The boat capsized in the rough water.

W. R. B. WILCOX DIES EUGENE, Ore., April 21.—(AP)—Walter Ross Emeritus Wilcox, 77, professor emeritus in architecture at the University of Oregon, died yesterday at his home here.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS WE get some interesting figures from Washington. For example: We Americans are now eating meat at the rate of 150 pounds per person per year. To meet this demand, American farmers are producing about 2 1/2 billion pounds of meat this year.

In the five-year period before the war, our consumption averaged 126 pounds of meat per year. If we cut back to that per capita figure now, only about 17 3/4 billion pounds of meat would be required this year.

THAT is to say, if we went back to our pre-war consumption rate we would be left with a surplus of nearly four billion pounds of meat per year. The world moves, as you see—in eating habits as well as in other ways.

WHAT we want, of course (and need), is to keep on eating meat and other foods at our present high rate. Big production and big consumption. OPA dropped controls in parts of 13 areas in February.

The order is still "in the works," officials said, and the areas affected will not be disclosed immediately.

THAT is cheaply said. Talk is always easily and plentiful. If empty words were as nourishing as meat and bread, there would be no need for it.

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THOUSANDS OF JOBS AT STAKE House Committee Slices Off 47 Per Cent of Budget For Interior Department

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—An unprecedented 47 per cent budget cut was recommended for the Interior Department today by the House Appropriations Committee.

Slashing vigorously in its promised "meat axe" drive to chop \$6,000,000,000 from President Truman's \$37,500,000,000 federal budget for 1948, the committee sent to the House floor a \$156,538,513 bill to operate the Interior Department for the 12 months starting July 1.

This is \$138,881,907 below the President's budget estimates, \$101,262,173 under current appropriations, but \$26,860,053 above the department's last year's fund in 1938.

With a single exception—the Fine Arts Commission which received the full \$12,000,000 requested, every one of the department's far-flung activities felt the committee's axe.

If Congress follows the committee's recommendation, the division of power and the division of geography will be abolished, the oil and gas division will be cut down to "hot oil" act enforcement activities, and thousands of Interior Department employees will be looking for jobs.

And such multi-million dollar agencies as the Reclamation Bureau, the Bonneville (Ore.) Pow-

Sutherland CIO Lumber Strike Ended Roseburg News-Review

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Senate Group Ready For Tax Slashing Bill

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—The Senate raises the curtain tomorrow on the first act of its tax-cutting performance with the cash customers waiting to see: Whether they will get a refund on part of the taxes they've already paid this year, or Whether the new lower rates will be delayed until July 1.

The third possibility—that no cut will come this year—appears remote despite these two week-end developments: 1. President Truman's declaration that higher prices already have "inflated the entire economic structure" and that lower taxes now would only promote further inflation.

The chief executive coupled this prediction with a forecast that the current fiscal year ending June 30 will show a \$1,250,000,000 surplus—the first since 1930. 2. A bill by Democratic Senator Lucas of Illinois to cut taxes next January 1 on a somewhat different basis than the 30-20 per cent slash retroactive to last January 1 already voted by the House.

Lucas' bill presumably will be considered by the House measure when the Senate Finance Committee opens its tax hearings tomorrow. But with Republicans firmly committed to a cut this year, most senators agree that the main test will come between those who favor the House date and those like Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Senate GOP Policy

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Fresh Violence Hits Holy Land

JERUSALEM, April 21.—(AP)—Two ropes fashioned into nooses were found by British authorities today near the spot where two military jeeps were ambushed in Jerusalem by men believed to be members of the Jewish underground.

The discovery recalled broadcast threats by Irgun Zval Leumi, Jewish underground organization, to retaliate in kind for the hanging of four of its members by British authorities last week following their conviction for anti-British violence.

Three men were detained after the ambushing, in which the jeeps were attacked with grenades and machinegun fire near the edge of Jerusalem's Jewish quarter. Five soldiers who were riding in the jeeps escaped injury, but a civilian was reported injured.

Two other British military vehicles were blown up today in continuation of a new reign of violence in which 12 persons—including 10 British soldiers—were injured yesterday.

Six soldiers were injured when a bomb was thrown into a motion picture theater at a leave center near Nathanya. Four other soldiers were wounded—one seriously—when two military trucks were blown up by road mines while en route to investigate the theater bombing.

Two Arab Legion soldiers were wounded earlier when their truck hit a road mine north of Haifa.

Treaty Deadlock Treaty Tackled

MOSCOW, April 21.—(AP)—The council of foreign ministers went into semi-secret session today in a desperate final effort to break deadlocks on the Austrian treaty. It was the second semi-secret meeting of the conference.

The action was taken on suggestion by Secretary of State Marshall. It followed a declaration by Russia's Molotov renewing his opposition to including in the Austrian treaty a clause guaranteeing Austria's integrity.

When it became apparent the Soviets were yielding on even semi-important issues, Marshall said he saw no use in repeating discussions already made and suggested proceeding as a semi-secret committee. All advisers were ordered out of the meeting room except three to each minister.

Previously Britain's Ernest Bevin had said with a laugh, "It looks as though we could get a treaty if we could agree on articles four and five and thirty five." These articles deal with Yugoslav claims for Carinthia and a definition of German assets in Austria, which have been blocking the treaty since the first day negotiations started.

The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.

Snell Approves Airport Zone, Piloting Bills

SALEM, Ore., April 21.—(AP)—Salem Earl Snell, asserting he hopes to finish acting on all of the legislative bills before the day ends, signed into law today bills to permit cities to adopt airport zoning regulations and to prohibit drunken and reckless piloting of airplanes.

The measures are the legislature's new airplane code. He also signed the bill which requires counties to levy up to 4 1/2 mills if they need it for welfare purposes.

Other measures signed today provide for a 50 per cent increase in state aid for homes caring for orphans and delinquent girls, appropriate \$17,500 to place statues of Jason Lee and Dr. John McLaughlin in statutory hall in the National Capitol, make traffic laws apply to driving on ocean beaches, provide for a new building in Salem for the state highway commission, and appropriate funds for the Willamette Basin and the postwar development commissions.

Yesterday he signed bills to change the name of the attorney general's office to the State Department of Justice and to give it authority over all attorneys for state activities; and to levy a timber tax of five cents a thousand feet to provide funds for forestry research.

The governor last Saturday signed a series of bills including those which permit county zoning, allow trustees to follow the National Capital rule in making investments of trusts in permit the formation of livestock control districts; increase from \$3.

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AFL Renews Bid to CIO for Merger to Battle Labor Bills

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—The AFL Executive Council today invited the CIO peace committee to confer here Thursday on merger of the two big labor organizations.

AFL President William Green announced the invitation after a meeting of the council to discuss general problems, including the prospect that Congress will enact sharp restrictions on labor union activities.

Green said a telegram was dispatched to CIO President Philip Murray suggesting the meeting. At Pittsburgh, Murray said he would not have any comment until he received the telegram.

The groups have made frequent gestures toward union, but no real progress in that direction.

The council's decision to bring up the matter again at this time appeared to be traceable to the crisis building up for labor unions in the form of legislation in Congress.

"The CIO has insisted that before an 'organized unity' can be discussed, both organizations—with a total of more than 13,500,000 members—must cooperate in fighting restrictive legislation on Capitol Hill and in state legislatures."

Goods Accumulate at Docks, Warehouses in Demand for Wage Boost, 40-Hour Week

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Phone Strike Pickets Stage Brief Blockade

PORTLAND, April 21.—(AP)—Damage to dial phone cables which interrupted service in Portland's west hills was being investigated today by city detectives.

Chief of Police A. V. Jenkins reported detectives found the heavy protective covering of seven cables sawed through. Moisture caused a short circuit on the lines over the weekend.

SEATTLE, April 21.—(AP)—A demonstration by locked-arm pickets, blocking entrances to the main telephone company building here, broke up shortly after 9 A. M. today as the pickets dwindled to about 20 and four policemen ordered the sidewalks kept clear.

C. R. Garvin, member of the CIO-American Communications Association, said his own union and other non-striking unions staged the demonstration in sympathy with the striking workers. It was the first such mass picketing during the two-weeks strike here.

Both entrances to the building were blocked for a time and no one was able to get in or out. A telephone company official said. He telephoned comparatively few management people and supervisory personnel were in the building during the two-weeks strike here.

A union spokesman said he understood supporting unions had sent additional pickets and that no additional striking union pickets had been placed. At a rally yesterday, Mervin Cole, secretary of the northwest joint council of the AFL-Building Service Employees union and Al A. Fisher, secretary of the Al A. Fisher council, pledged the support of such groups.

After the rally, approximately 1,000 singing union members paraded around the building.

New Formula to Settle Phone Strike May Come WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Spurred by new peace pacts in steel and other industries, Labor Department conciliators indicated today they may be ready to spring a new formula for settling the nationwide telephone strike.

Although these are government trouble shooters declined to out-

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Stockman-Raver Tilt in Bonneville Costs Quiz Bared

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Testimony of Dr. Paul Raver, director of the Bonneville Power Administration, and associates made public today, showed what led to the demand of Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) last February for Raver's dismissal.

Raver and other BPA employees appeared before the House appropriations subcommittee considering the interior department appropriation bill, on February 10. Three times that morning Raver or another employee told the committee the BPA could not furnish data requested by the committee or that it could not be furnished for a week or maybe a month.

Once Rep. Jones (R-Ohio), chairman of the subcommittee, asked for the profit and loss statement on each section or branch or portion of the Bonneville grid system.

"That is impossible," Raver replied and later repeated, "it is impossible to do it." Raver refused to discuss off the record he again told Jones "it is impossible for us to make any such calculation." The data appeared in the record of the hearings when it was published. The testimony was made public today when the interior appropriation

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12 Drunks, 'Vags' Fill City Jail Over Weekend

Twelve persons were held in the city jail over the weekend on charges of drunkenness and vagrancy, Chief of Police O. V. Kennerly reported. It was the greatest number of prisoners held at the same time in several weeks, he said. The offenders and their penalties included: Herbert R. Sherman, 57, Roseburg, \$10 and 10 days; Arthur Johnson, 45, Spokane, \$10 and 10 days; Billy Bert McGuire, 21, Corpus Christi, Tex., \$10 and 10 days; Chris Emil Madison, 60, transient, \$10 and 10 days; William P. Haeksworth, 38, \$15 or 71 days; Robert Oliver, 32, Roseburg, \$20 or 10 days; Claude L. Bunk, 57, 10 days; Jack Larson, 39, \$20 or 10 days; Edwin Lundberg, 49, Myrtle Creek, \$20 or 10 days; Carl Lewis Miller, 42, Seaside, Ore., \$20 or 10 days; R. E. Vaughan, 42, \$20 or 10 days.

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Myrtle Creek-Bound Couple Killed When Their Car Hits Train

EUGENE, Ore., April 21.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Murphy, 7826 North Willamette Blvd., Portland, died instantly early today when their speeding automobile crashed into a slow-moving Oregon electric freight train at a Harrisburg crossing.

W. H. Dunham, Portland, conductor on the train, said he saw the automobile, a 1941 Mercury auto, coming about a mile away, and that it was traveling at an excessive rate of speed. The train, he said, was traveling about 10 to 12 miles per hour.

The car crashed into the train, derailing one freight car. The car was dragged down the track 130 yards and completely demolished. The Murphys were apparently on their way to Myrtle Creek from Portland, where he is engaged in the trucking business.

The bodies were taken to the Miller-Sherman chapel at Junction City.

GI Black Market Costly for U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Losses to the United States government through money operations connected with GI black marketing overseas may exceed \$200,000,000, a government official estimated today. He emphasized that this is an estimate and referred reports to the War Department. There the official stated answer said only: "Some United States military and civilian personnel overseas did participate in certain extra legal sales in Germany of personal, governmental or other dollar-acquired supplies during and after the war. These are commonly referred to as black market transactions."

"Today, the U. S. Army has a 'long' position in German marks which under present policy it is disposing of by normal processes. The present holdings do not, however, exceed future contemplated expenditures. A complete report on the acquisition and disposal of these holdings is presently being prepared for the information of the appropriate committees of congress."

Prices Must Drop Truman Declares NEW YORK, April 21.—(AP)—President Truman sounded a new alarm today against rising living costs and called for a united effort by government, industry, agriculture and labor to prevent a disastrous depression.

He told the annual meeting of the Associated Press that "prices must be brought down" by private enterprise and asked "moderation" from labor. He also asked all-out farm production and resistance to tax cuts until the country is "over the hump" of inflation.

Unless all cooperate, he said, an "economic cloudburst" may weaken American resistance to "totalitarianism" and leave free peoples everywhere "easy targets for external pressures and alien ideologies."

Ellsworth's Pinned Bill Receives Support

PORTLAND, April 21.—(AP)—Support of a congressional bill sponsored by Rep. Harris Ellsworth which would open Oregon reeveled lands to mining development is urged by a civic-industrial group here.

C. K. Sterrett, secretary of raw materials survey, said the House bill would open 2,500,000 acres in Oregon to exploration and development, particularly in the Oregon-California land grant tracts where mining now is restricted.

The Oregon Mining Association will discuss the bill at its May 24 meeting in Grants, Pass.

Ruling on Milk Prices Delayed for New Survey

PORTLAND, April 21.—(AP)—A ruling on possible new milk prices on the basis of testimony at the Oregon Department of Agriculture public hearing here will be delayed by study of new surveys.

Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson reported attorneys for producers, distributors, retailers and consumer groups agreed at closing sessions Saturday to admit to the recording any higher labor costs during the next 30 days.

ON DANISH THRONE — IX king of Denmark is Frederik IX, at top, who succeeds his father, Christian X, lower photo, who died last night at the age of 76, after a reign of 35 years. Christian had been ill 15 days, since suffering a heart attack Easter Sunday, and unconscious almost eight hours. Frederik is 48.



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Oregon Bank Robber Dies in Penitentiary

SALEM, Ore., April 21.—(AP)—Elmer Riley Lane, 34, serving a 15-year sentence for a Grande Ronde bank robbery, died in the state penitentiary late Friday night, Warden Alexander reported today.

The warden said the convict died of a glandular disease. He began his sentence Nov. 2, 1944.

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NLRB Takes Over Dispute Of Six Weeks

Ousted Women's Status At Issue; Part of Crew Find Work Elsewhere

The month-and-a-half long strike of CIO millworkers at the Rock Island Lumber Co. in Sutherlin ended today, with the promise of the National Labor Relations Board to "immediately" process the dispute, Ray Lea, business agent for Local 7307, IWA-CIO, announced.

"The entire issue will now be determined by the NLRB," Lea said. "The crew will be back at work by next Monday. This action is being taken by the union on the basis of the NLRB promise to immediately process the case."

Lea explained that the Rock Island Lumber Co. plans to install new machinery at its Sutherlin mill. This will prevent the re-employment of a full crew. Several striking millworkers, however, have found other employment during the strike period.

"If the company does not accept the NLRB offer of immediate arbitration of the dispute," Lea said, "it will be considered a 'lockout' against the union."

The strike occurred over dismissal by the company of eight women employees, who were regarded by the company as temporary wartime help and not generally as efficient as men. The company also announced its new policy to no longer hire women.

Union officials said the women were fired without any attempt by the company to "investigate" their dismissal, in disregard of the union's bargaining contract with the company.

Lea said that if the NLRB had not promised that its immediate action in the strike, the work stoppage could have lasted more than a year, due to the huge backlog of labor disputes now on file with the NLRB, which are awaiting arbitration.

The eight women will not go back to work in the Rock Island Lumber Co. mill unless the NLRB decides they must be rehired, Lea said.

Referendum on Fish Board's Rules Opposed

THE DALLES, Ore., April 21.—(AP)—Members of the Oregon Wildlife Federation voted yesterday against a motion, calling for a referendum on the newly enacted law giving the State Fish Commission increased powers.

At the federation's quarterly meeting, President James Loder, Salem, offered the motion, calling the law "dangerous" to sports fishing.

Backers of the law said it would implement the California-Oregon-Washington compact to control off-shore catches.

Among resolutions passed was one opposing the opening of the deer season on the first Sunday preceding Oct. 10 and opening of the elk season by Oct. 29 with the deer season to close a week before elk hunting begins.

Pending Hawley Paper Co. Sale Involves \$7,900,000

PORTLAND, April 21.—(AP)—The pending sale of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company would be a \$7,900,000 transaction, stockholders learned today.

John H. Smith, president of the firm, said in a report to stockholders that the buyers, a combine of three eastern men, were offering \$39.50 a share less debt on the company.

Not included in the \$7,900,000 figure is an option agreement to buy 86 second preferred stock owned by Western Cooperator Company, which holds slightly less than half of the 8000 shares of this stock.

Drunken Driver Draws Fine, 30-Day Jail Term

Duane LeRoy Pfaff, 36, of Riddle, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail on the charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, Justice of the Peace Hartfield reported today. Pfaff pleaded guilty.

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