

CIO PREPARES FOR BATTLE ON LABOR LAW

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The Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday.

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Basic Pay Demands Won by Lewis, Report

Portal Wage Said Included For Miners

Government to Restore Coal Properties Monday To Private Operators

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—Reports that the United States Steel Corporation and the Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Company have recommended granting John L. Lewis' basic wage demands in full spread among coal industry and miners' union officials today.

The reported proposal is \$13.05 for an eight-hour day, including portal-to-portal time, instead of the present \$11.85 for nine hours for the United Mine Workers.

Both industry and union officials evaded direct comment on the reports.

The soft coal operators' representatives will return here Monday to receive possession of their seized mines from the government and await new negotiations with Lewis to avert a complete shutdown July 8, when the miners' strike begins.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In recent days General Eisenhower, Navy Secretary Forrestal and Fleet Admiral Nimitz have urged standardization of arms among the nations of the Western Hemisphere. In previous days, State Secretary Marshall and War Secretary Patterson had strongly advised the same plan.

WE don't like to think of such things. We're tired of war, and of all of its works. We want to shut our eyes and our ears to everything connected with war.

Still, the hard fact remains that peace doesn't just happen. It has to be MADE to happen. Weakness invites aggression, and aggression results in war.

STANDARDIZATION of arms among the nations of the Western Hemisphere — which are wholly unlikely to go to war with each other — is just plain common sense.

A gun is no good unless you can get ammunition to fit it. A broken-down truck is worthless unless you can get spare parts for it.

NOW is the time to think of such things.

AF. President William Green, who at 74 is old enough to have learned a lot, discourages talk of a general strike in protest against the new labor bill. He tells reporters in Washington

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Welfare Allowances Cut by State Appropriation Slash; Checks Await Federal Funds

Reduction of old age assistance allowances effective July 1, and the possible delay in mailing of checks by the State Welfare Department until July 15, was reported today by Mrs. Claude Baker, county welfare administrator.

The reduction of food allowances and discontinuance of clothing allowances after July 1 is due to the smaller appropriation made by the legislature this year for welfare purposes, Mrs. Baker explained.

The delay in the mailing of assistance checks results from the failure of Congress to appropriate federal matching funds for the coming quarter. The state checks cannot be mailed until the federal money arrives.

Monthly food allowance for single adults, after July 1, will be \$21.50. For a family of two, the allowance is \$41. Individual allowances are scaled down proportionately in larger families.

Standards for shelter, fuel, lighting, and water will remain on the basis of individual need, Mrs. Baker said.

Standard clothing costs will



YOUTHFUL GUNMAN CAPTURED—Slugged with the butt of a riot gun after his bullets ran out, Edward Bancroft, 15, Roxbury, Mass., schoolboy was captured by police after a gun battle during which he held another 15-year-old youth in front of him as a shield to prevent police from returning his fire. The youth opened the battle when officers started to question him concerning a bundle carried under his arm.

Industrial Site Survey Completed

An industrial site survey, detailing five areas totalling 1,295 acres, located within five miles north and south of the City of Roseburg, has been completed by the Bonneville Power Administration.

Prepared cooperatively by the Bonneville Power Administration and the Industries Committee of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, the survey is to be made available to persons, firms or corporations interested in procuring industrial sites in the immediate vicinity of Roseburg.

The study, it is pointed out, covers only major industrial sites and does not include numerous smaller tracts which have value for industrial purposes.

Published in printed and bound form, with an aerial picture of the City of Roseburg on the front cover, the survey deals with the area's economic background and history, geography, population, agricultural, mineral, timber, and recreational resources; industries, water, rail, air, and highway transportation; power, fuels, water supply, sewage disposal, labor, public services, taxes, licenses and climate.

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce has received a limited supply for distribution to persons interested in industrial sites.

Information was furnished principally by the Chamber and compiled by Bonneville engineers.

Sportsmen Oppose Dam On Rogue's Main Channel

MEDFORD, Ore., June 28.—(AP)—A new organization, the Rogue River Basin Conservation Committee, will fight attempts to dam the main channel of the Rogue River.

The sportsmen from Southern Oregon and Northern California comprise the group, headed by Kenneth G. Denman, Medford. The committee includes Merle Griffin, Grants Pass.

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Russian Cartoon Depicts 'Ike' in Arctic Defense

MOSCOW, June 28.—(AP)—The Communist party organ Pravda ran a four-column cartoon depicting Gen. Eisenhower leading United States military forces in defense of a North Pole where the only foes shown were an Eskimo woman, her two children, a pair of penguins, polar bears, reindeer and an Arctic fox.

The U. S. chief of staff was pictured atop a jeep armed with a submachine gun, two revolvers, charts, a periscope, telescope, radar and a telephone.

Behind the general was pictured a host of tanks, artillery and bombers. The cartoon was captioned "Eisenhower is defending."

Behind the general was shown a man described as an "average American," who was asking "what's the matter, general? Where is there such combat activity in this unpopulated region?"

Eisenhower was quoted as replying "what do you mean? Can't you see the forces of the enemy concentrated here? This is exactly the spot where the threat to American freedom comes."

The artist was Boris Efimov, Soviet political cartoonist, noted for his sketches of Hitler, Goering and Goebbels during the war.

Deportation for Quisling Hollander Recommended

SEATTLE, June 28.—(AP)—Cornelius Bladergroen, 22, former member of the Dutch underground and concert pianist, was sentenced to a maximum of 15 years in the state penitentiary on grand larceny charges yesterday and Superior Judge Malcolm Douglas then promptly recommended his deportation in place of serving sentence.

The Hollander pleaded guilty. He had been accused of running up a \$2,928 charge account at a department store in three weeks. He had also been convicted in justice court of practicing medicine without a license. He was arrested last winter in Los Angeles.

The state board of prison terms and paroles will consider the recommendation. He appeared in several concerts here last fall.

U. S. Army Jeep Attacked Near Manila; Baby Slain

MANILA, June 28.—(AP)—An unidentified band of armed men ambushed a United States Army jeep last night 45 road miles northwest of Manila and killed the six-week-old daughter of Medical Corps Capt. Irvin Plough, the Army announced today.

Plough and his wife were wounded. Mrs. Plough, the more seriously hurt, was treated for gunshot wounds in the shoulder. The jeep, clearly marked "U. S. Army," was riddled with bullets.

Extension of Law For Alien Fiances Signed

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—President Truman today signed legislation extending until next Dec. 31 the present law allowing alien fiancées of past or present members of the armed forces to enter the United States for purposes of marriage. The present law would have expired Monday midnight.

Gloomy Air Shrouds Big 3 Paris Huddle

PARIS, June 28.—(AP)—A gloomy atmosphere pervaded both British and French quarters today after a private conference between Ernest Bevin and Georges Bidault, prior to their second meeting today with Soviet Russia's Molotov.

French sources reported the preliminary meeting of the British and French foreign secretaries, and one informant said:

"The success of the conference is in doubt."

There were indications that the Russian position at this afternoon's three-power session might be one of a continued request for more information.

Because of a news blackout imposed by British request, official reports were scanty.

Russians Ask Clarity

Tass, official Soviet news agency, said the conference's "foremost task" was to "clarify the actual meaning" of the Harvard University speech June 5 in which Secretary of State Marshall offered United States help in rebuilding Europe's war-wrecked economy. Some regarded this as a tipoff on the Russian attitude.

A spokesman for the British foreign office reported the full agreement among the conferees to impose the news blackout and said it would not be lifted unless a "leak" developed which would

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Atrocity Witness Commits Harakiri

GUAM, June 28.—(AP)—Navy Lieut. Shigehiko Nakamura, a prosecution witness in the war crimes trial of 19 Japanese accused of causing the torture deaths of 10 Americans on Truk, committed harakiri with a razor blade today.

Nakamura slashed his stomach and his throat in the witness section of the Marine stockade, to which he had been returned after a harrowing day of cross examination before the scowling faces of the defendants.

This morning Nakamura testified against his former commander, Capt. Hiroshi Iwanami, former commandant of the Truk hospital, saying Iwanami had given the order for torture experiments on American prisoners of war.

American officers said Nakamura's loyalty to his former commander probably drove him to suicide.

Nakamura spent the morning under cross examination after describing in detail how the Yanks were killed with bacterial injections, dynamite blasts and the application of tourniquets — all as part of hospital "experiments."

'Excess' Budget Loses In Myrtle Creek Vote

By a three-vote margin, the proposed budget for the Town of Myrtle Creek was rejected Wednesday. Forty-one votes were cast in favor of the proposed outlay and 44 against it at the special election to pass upon a tax levy exceeding the constitutional six per cent limitation.

At a meeting held Wednesday at the city hall, the Town Council and the Budget Committee set a public hearing for Monday evening, June 30, in an effort to revise the budget.

Councilmen expressed the opinion that department expenditures cannot be greatly reduced. An attempt will be made to find additional sources of municipal revenue in order to reduce the proposed tax levy.

Six Portland Cops Face Charges in 'Tank' Death

PORTLAND, Ore., June 28.—(AP)—The death of a sales manager in the city jail "drunk tank" will bring six Portland patrolmen before a police disciplinary board Monday on charges of neglect of duty and conduct unbecoming an officer.

Police Chief Jenkins cited the men as a coroner's report showed Alfred W. Love, 55, Portland, died in the drunk tank from a brain hemorrhage and a fractured skull.

Love was found dying on the sidewalk, beside his automobile, early Thursday morning. The police chief said that, despite standing orders that any man appearing injured should be taken to the emergency hospital, Love was placed in the jail's drunk tank.

New Labor Law Sound, Workable, Ellsworth Says

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R.-Ore.) said today many members of Congress believe the president's message vetoing the Labor Bill "constituted a set of instructions to administrative officials to guide them in administering the law in as unworkable manner as possible."

Ellsworth said in a statement that the message condemned every section of the law and "apparently set up a bill of particulars for use in destroying the effectiveness of it."

"I have studied the law very carefully and am convinced that it is not a vicious anti-labor law, as advertised by its opponents, but is a reasonable, sound and workable piece of legislation," Ellsworth said.

"The Labor Bill is now the law of the land. The national interest will best be served by a spirit of cooperation on the part of all concerned toward making it work successfully."

Ellsworth said the fact that both Houses of Congress approved the bill "indicates that it is a pretty good bill."

He did not mention Mr. Truman's statement Thursday pledging himself to do all in his power to have the act "well and faithfully administered."

Mother Ignored By Unwanted Tot

YREKA, Calif., June 28.—(AP)—Upward of two-year-old Mary Jane Meddlin, known for 10 days only as "Little Miss X," glanced casually yesterday at her bitterly weeping mother and then turned away without a word.

It was the first time Mrs. Lucille Meddlin, 22, of Selma, Ore., had seen her tiny daughter since the child was found June 16 at Weed, Calif., badly beaten. Weed physicians said she had been "criminally mishandled."

Mrs. Meddlin and Hugh Ellreath, 25, an itinerant sawmill worker with whom she had been living, are charged with assault with intent to commit murder.

Gilreath told Oregon police he took Mary Jane to Weed and left her there, but denied having abused her. He related that he and the mother talked of "disposing" of Mary Jane because "she was too many" kids around. Mrs. Meddlin since has given birth to another child, her third.

The reunion in which Mary Jane appeared not to recognize her sobbing mother was arranged by Siskiyou County officers.

Fugitive Roseburg 'Con' Draws Second Prison Rap

DEADWOOD, S. D., June 28.—(AP)—A year's prison sentence here today faced V. Elmer Robertson and Ralph F. Segroves, who escaped from the Oregon State penitentiary, to which they were sentenced from Medford and Roseburg, Robertson for forgery and Segroves for auto theft.

The pair, arrested here June 18 with a young Aberdeen, Wash. girl, were sentenced on a forged charge. Sheriff J. O. Twiford said he would consult with the FBI about their possible return to the Oregon prison before taking them to the South Dakota penitentiary.

Mill Workers, Firm Agree On Pay Hike, Closed Shop

FOREST GROVE, June 28.—(AP)—A contract providing a union shop and a 7½ cent hourly wage increase was to be signed today by the Stimson Lumber Co. and the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers, ending a month-old strike.

The workers voted, 115 to 6, last night to accept the contract, which grants their demand for a union shop. After Aug. 23, a union shop will be harder to get—a majority of all employees, not just a majority of those voting, must approve it.

Jail Term, Fine Deal For Killing Wild Game

Dewayne Roger Warford was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail and fined \$250 by Justice of the Peace Fred M. Wright, Reedsport, on the charge of killing wild game. He pleaded guilty to the charge Wednesday.

Warford also was arraigned for larceny in a dwelling and committed to the county jail to await a grand jury hearing. Bail on the latter charge was set by Justice Wright at \$1,000.

Oil Imports During Outgo Stir Senate

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—Senator Brewster (R.-Me.) today called for a "full inquiry" into why the Navy must import millions of barrels of oil from Arabia while Russian tankers are carrying U. S. petroleum away from West Coast ports.

Meanwhile Chairman Weichel (R.-Ohio) of the House Merchant Marine Committee introduced a bill which would make curbs in oil exports mandatory in time of shortage. Under existing legislation, the controls are at the President's discretion.

Brewster said he would follow up with a resolution to authorize an investigation of the whole oil shortage question by the Senate Commerce Committee.

John L. Sullivan, undersecretary of the Navy, wrote the Senate War Investigating Committee that the Navy has had to arrange to import 500,000 barrels of fuel oil a month for the next six months from the Persian Gulf area.

He said this is necessary to bring East Coast stocks, by fall, to a position compatible with the Navy's obligations from national security.

Cheaper Offer Spurned

Sullivan described the price of \$1.05 a barrel as "the current prevailing price for oil in that area."

Brewster, who is chairman of the committee, issued a statement last night saying:

"On April 16, 1941, the American

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Chinese Army Reports Major Battle Triumph

MUKDEN, Manchuria, June 28.—(AP)—Government forces drove relentlessly toward flaming Sze-ping-kai today as their leaders claimed that 50,000 Communists troops—three-fifths of the entire Red striking force in Manchuria—had been killed or captured in this costliest battle of the year.

The Communists, at the same time, broadcast reports that they had killed or captured 16,000 government soldiers in winning control of most of Sze-ping-kai in a 12-day fight.

Pending more exhaustive intelligence, however, estimates of losses by both sides should be considered with reserve.

Sze-ping-kai, rail city roughly midway between Changchun (the Manchurian capital) and Mukden, probably will be fully in government hands within 48 hours, nationalist leaders predicted confidently after the seizure of a key ridge north of the city.

Mississippi, Missouri Floods Nearing Junction

ST. LOUIS, June 28.—(AP)—New crests of the flooding Missouri and Mississippi rivers rolled toward a junction 20 miles north of here today as Army engineers and thousands of volunteers fought to save crucial levees in this highly industrialized metropolitan area.

Federal Meteorologist Harry F. Wahlgren predicted the Mississippi, swollen by the advance waters of the Missouri, would crest here late tomorrow or early Monday at slightly over 39 feet and "perhaps exceed" the 39.14 high water mark of 1944, second highest in Weather Bureau records.

The record, 41.3 feet, 11.3 over flood stage, was reached in 1844.

Prewar Restrictions on Log Hauling Restored

SALEM, Ore., June 28.—(AP)—Log hauling is prohibited on state highways between sunset and sunrise, and on Saturday afternoons, Sundays and holidays under an order issued yesterday by Public Utilities Commissioner Flagg.

The order, which conforms with a State Highway Commission order, restores pre-war regulations. The restrictions on log hauling were relaxed when the war started.

Camp White Hospital Is Offered by U. S. as Gift

PORTLAND, June 28.—(AP)—The government has a \$5,000,000 hospital to give away.

The War Assets Administration said the huge Camp White hospital has been declared surplus, but no buyers have turned up. A proposed purchase by the State of Oregon bogged down, and the Veterans Administration said it lacked funds to take over the plant for a veterans' hospital.



CENTENARIAN—One of the first woman telegraphers in the United States and pioneer of Elko County, Nev., Mrs. Mary Hale, celebrated her 100th birthday at Elko June 20. Mrs. Hale came to Elko from Folmer, N. Y., as a bride in 1872. Four sons and a daughter are living.

Cleric Sentenced For Firing Church

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 28.—(AP)—Dr. John Lewis, 73-year-old clergyman, today was sentenced to a term of one to five years at hard labor in the state prison as a result of his conviction yesterday on a charge of arson.

In passing sentence, Judge Herbert J. Steffes declared "I regret the necessity of having to remove temporarily from that important work in God's vineyard one of his own workers."

A jury yesterday found that the gaunt, scholarly minister had set fire to fashionable Calvary Presbyterian Church on Jan. 24, resulting in a \$150,000 blaze. Dr. Lewis had served the congregation for 12 years.

Before sentencing the clergyman, Judge Steffes denied defense motions to set aside the verdict and order a new trial.

This court cannot and will not disturb the verdict of the jury," said Judge Steffes. "The defendant had the right to a trial by jury and that right was exercised by the defendant."

The state had charged that the clergyman fired the church in order to obtain a "bigger and better" edifice.

Sixteen Convicted of Contempt of Congress

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—A Federal Court jury yesterday convicted all 16 executive board members of the Joint anti-Fascist refugee committee on contempt of Congress charges.

The jury of four men and eight women in the mass trial reached their verdict in one hour and five minutes.

The group, headed by Dr. Edward K. Barsky, New York surgeon, was accused of failing to produce organizational records in response to a subpoena from the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Accusations that the refugee committee was "honeycombed" with Communists were made during the two week trial of the defendants.

All were allowed to remain free on bond pending motions and appeal.

The court postponed sentence until a later date. The maximum penalty is a year in jail and \$1,000 fine for each of the defendants.

Pope Awards Decoration To Argentina's Peron

ROME, June 28.—(AP)—Pope Pius today awarded the Great Cross of the Order of Pius IX to President Juan D. Peron of Argentina.

The badge of the order—second ranking in importance and dignity among pontifical decorations—was sent from the Vatican to the Argentine embassy to the Holy See for forwarding to Peron, whose wife was received by the pope yesterday.

Vatican sources said the award recognized Argentina's contribution to relieving war suffering.

Mrs. Peron today placed a wreath at the tomb of Italy's unknown soldier.

Court Test of Taft-Hartley Act Planned

Congressmen Who Voted For Bill to be Fought; Other Union Aid Bidden

WASHINGTON, June 28.—(AP)—The CIO high command passed the word to make their union today that the battle of the Taft-Hartley Labor Act will be fought in the courts and in the 1948 national elections.

Rejecting all suggestions of a general protest strike, the 51-member CIO Executive Board decided to (1) attack the new law's constitutionality and (2) call on the AFL and Railroad Unions for a united attempt to beat the congressmen who voted for it.

Meanwhile CIO unions will be advised to make their own decisions on whether to involve themselves with the new National Labor Relations Board in any way.

As a starter in the court fight, President Philip Murray said, the CIO will take aim on the Taft-Hartley bill's attack against political contributions or editorial expression for or against congressional candidates in newspapers supported by union funds.

"We will not comply with the unconstitutional limitations on political activity which are written into the Taft-Hartley bill," Murray said in a statement yesterday after the executive board ended its session.

Murray proposed a meeting of himself and leaders of the other big unions to work out joint strategy for the court and election fight.

Other Unions Given Bid

He sent invitations to William Green, president of the AFL; Alvanley Johnston, head of the

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CIO Pickets at Wedding of Taft's Son Scheduled

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., June 28.—(AP)—Despite police threats of arrests, a CIO group went ahead with plans to picket the wedding of the son of Senator Robert Taft (R.-Ohio) later today.

"We are going to picket Senator Taft wherever we find him," said Gordon Colwell, representative of Local 931 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union.

Culminating a romance begun at the University of Michigan, Lloyd Bowers Taft will marry Miss Virginia Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stone of St. Joseph, at the First Congregational Church. Stone is an industrialist.

Informed of a possible demonstration, Police Chief Tom Gillespie and Berrien County Prosecutor Joseph Killian said pickets would be arrested for a state law prohibiting interference with a religious ceremony.

Senator Taft, who arrived today from Washington, laughed but made no comment when informed of the CIO plans.

Third Prison Term Meted To Former Union Head

NEW YORK, June 28.—(AP)—James V. Bove, 48-year-old former vice-president of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers Union, AFL, pleaded guilty in Federal Court yesterday to two indictments alleging evasion of \$85,000 in income taxes for 1939-1941 and was fined \$30,000 and ordered imprisoned for five years.

The jail term is to run concurrently with two prison terms now being served by Bove in New York state—one of 10 to 20 years for stealing \$60,000 of the funds of Local 60 of the Hodcarriers Union and the other of eight and one-half to 16 years for extorting money from contractors on the New York City-Delaware aqueduct project.

Drunken Driver Draws \$175 Fine in City Court

JAMES S. HOWELL, 34, of Tillam, today was fined \$175 and sentenced to 30 days in the city jail on the charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. The jail sentence was ordered suspended on payment of the fine, by City Recorder A. J. Geddes.

Butter Price Upped

PORTLAND, June 28.—(AP)—The wholesale price of butter went up 3 cents today—70 cents on Grade A and 69 cents on Grade B. The new increase, attributed to the seasonal decline in milk production and advancing eastern prices, brought butter to 5 cents more than a month ago and 20 cents more than a year ago.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reiser

While the queens are reigning, King Jupiter Pluvius is raining, playing the deuce and causing the hay growers to lose a pile of jack.