

## Mass Violence Flares in Oil Workers Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Mass violence flared in the 11-day-old California oil strike this morning as CIO pickets and police fought a brief battle at the main gate of the Standard Oil refinery in nearby Richmond.

During a continuing fight, some 1,400 AFL maintenance men passed into the plant for the second consecutive day. Pickets and police were dispersed momentarily by tear gas, and several persons reportedly were taken to hospitals for treatment of minor injuries.

At the height of the melee steel helmeted police tossed tear gas bombs at the pickets and the strikers picked them up and threw them back.

About a thousand strikers and sympathizers had gathered in the area, and some 400 were massed in front of the gate.

The AFL workers, who had met no resistance on their first attempt to return to work yesterday, prepared for trouble today and used stratagem.

They sent two trucks as a decoy by CIO union headquarters and right for the main gate. As the trucks reached the picket line, a wild fight started. About 25 tear gas bombs were thrown back and forth.

Meanwhile the rest of the AFL convoy slipped around to a back gate and passed into the plant.

The CIO pickets were joined by 40 or 50 CIO longshoremen, involved in a maritime strike of their own, who taunted the AFL workers with shouts of "scabs" and "fink."

A Standard-spokesman said the Union at Los Angeles offered to settle for a boost of 19 cents per hour, instead of the 21 cents it had previously demanded. A 12 1/2 cent increase retroactive from July 3 to Sept. 1 was also reportedly asked by the union.

Standard Oil Company spokesmen here said the company had rejected the union's proposal. The companies are offering a 12 1/2 cents an hour increase.

## Lower Truck Load Limits Proposed

PORTLAND, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Lower load limits for logging trucks operating on some sections of the state highways this winter were indicated today by the highway commission.

R. H. Baldock, highway engineer, reported heavy damage by logging trucks last winter pushed spring highway repair costs over the budget by \$180,000.

He listed 12 sections likely to be closed to heavy loads. They are:

1—Oregon Coast Highway, from mile post 376 to the California line, 18 miles; 2—Siuslaw Highway, Swishome to Cheshire, 40 miles; 3—Halsety to Crawfordville, 13 miles; 4—Alsea-Deadwood Highway in Lane County, 20 miles; 5—Weston-Elgin Highway, 41 miles; 6—John Day-Burns Highway, 43 miles; 7—Austin spur and John Day Highway, Austin to Unity, 25 miles; 8—Eddyville-Budgett from mile post 11.7 to 19.29, six miles; 9—Mommouth secondary highway, 7 miles; 10—Territorial Highway

## OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



In Lane County, GHispie Corner to Loran Road, six miles; 11—McKenzie Highway, mile post 34 to 55, total 21 miles; 12—Alsea Highway, tidewater to Benton County line, 18 miles.

The commission has promised Baldock a decision today on whether 54 employees will be continued beyond retirement age under the civil service law. The engineer says they cannot be replaced at the present time and the state's highway program will suffer if they retire.

Plans for a \$36,000 building as temporary offices at the department's shops in Salem were laid aside. The building would be used later for equipment storage.

Baldock reported the Sunset Highway, new trunk link between Portland and the Northwest Oregon beaches and coast towns, will be opened Oct. 8.

He said all major construction is finished. Low bids opened yesterday included one submitted by Snook Bros., Corvallis, \$24,840, for construction of a bridge spanning Gales Creek near Forest Grove.

## Western Envoys Meet With Minister Molotov

MOSCOW, Sept. 14.—(AP)—The three western envoys went to the Kremlin today for a meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov.

This was the first four-power meeting in Moscow since Aug. 30, when U. S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith, French Ambassador Yves Chataigneau and Special British Envoy Frank Roberts saw Molotov and his deputy, Andrei Vishinsky on the Berlin question.

The three westerners met

among themselves just before they went to the Kremlin. The new meeting followed the return of Francois Seydoux, French political adviser in Germany, with reports on the talks held in Berlin by the four military governors.

## U. S. Intellectuals Shocked In Poland; Henry Should Have Gone

By JAMES THRASHER

It may be that the World Congress of Intellectuals in Wroclaw, Poland, will accomplish a useful purpose. It won't advance the cause of world peace, which was its announced aim. But it may serve its purpose all the same.

The congress was Communist-inspired and Communist-dominated. Delegates attended not only from the Soviet-dominated countries, but from several free nations as well, including the United States and Britain. They were treated to a series of opening speeches which had little to say about peace, but much about America—and none of it good.

A fellow named Fadaye, president of the Soviet Writers' Association, denounced "American imperialism," of course. He also dwelt on the "reactionary aggressive" elements of our culture, spoke of our literature as "disgusting filth," said that American intellectuals were facing a "cold terror" at home, and generally comforted himself in an incoherent, inaccurate and un-intellectual manner.

## Peace Not Preached

Ilya Ehrenburg, the Soviet journalist who paid us a visit a couple of years back, held forth on America's "bourgeois barbarism" and asked the delegates to enlist in a fight against "America's aggressive obscurantism." The intellectuals, being intellectuals, doubtless knew what that meant.

Included among these speakers' listeners were O. John Rogge of the United States, and Prof. Allan Taylor of England. Prof.

Taylor teaches history at Oxford University and once got fired as a BBC commentator for being too "pro-Russian." Mr. Rogge, former U. S. assistant attorney general, is now running for office in New York City under the banner of the American Labor Party, an organization which is backing Henry Wallace and whose strings are pulled, if not by Communists, by very chummy fellow travelers.

One might think that Mr. Rogge and Prof. Taylor might have been in the amen corner. But instead the charges of Comrades Fadaye and Ehrenburg seem to have offended their good sense and perhaps even their patriotism. Prof. Taylor made a reply in which he said that "this has been a congress preaching war, not a congress preaching peace." He denounced the Russians' violent abuse of the west, and urged them to "improve your intellectual good manners, to think further and try to under-

stand other people." Mr. Rogge told the congress: "I am opposed to authoritarianism of any kind. I do not think any state or political party should authoritatively tell human beings what to think. I do not think there are any panaceas in any system of religion or economics or politics."

We wonder whether Mr. Rogge will return to his activities within the far-left ALP with the same enthusiasm he may have taken with him. It must have been quite a shock for him to see laid before him in Poland the bare bones of the desperately anti-American policy which, with some sugar coating, so often seems to be reflected in the position of his own party.

The sponsors of the World Congress of Intellectuals made the old, time-wasting political mistake of convincing themselves. Instead of trying to win over the opposition, they gathered together a group of apparently like-minded people and, by vehement exaggeration, tried to whip them into a frenzy of believing anew what they already believed. But apparently they

went too far for Mr. Rogge and Prof. Taylor.

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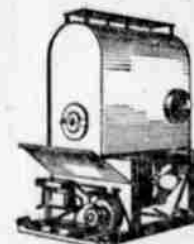
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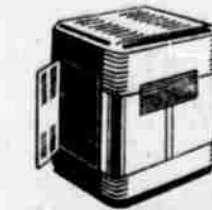
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