

# Russ 'No' To Acheson Request Looms

## The News-Review

The Weather  
Partly cloudy today; scattered showers tonight and Friday. Cooler Friday.  
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### 5-Day Deadline Fixed To End Berlin Tie-Up

#### Russians Said Bluffing At Paris To Screen Plan For Trade Agreement

PARIS, June 9. — (AP) — Russia was expected to reject today the request of Secretary of State Dean Acheson that the "little blockade" of Berlin be lifted by Monday.

At the same time Western authorities who have been conferring with the Russians in Berlin asserted that an East-West trade agreement — virtually concluded — could go into effect almost immediately were it not for the Berlin rail strike.

The Western Powers have told the Russians to order the Soviet-controlled railway management to meet the strikers' demands and end the walkout, or there would be no signatures on the trade agreement.

Western officials in Paris saw Acheson's demand as a move to force the Russians to make up their minds over exactly what they want to achieve in the Berlin trade talks and the foreign ministers' conference.

Informants in Berlin said the Russians actually desired a trade agreement with the West and the foreign ministers' conference in Paris as a smoke screen to hide their eagerness.

#### Russian Scheme Indicated

One high American official said the Russians, in his opinion, never intended to reach a political agreement in Paris and the meeting they really were interested in was not in Paris but in Berlin.

These Berlin sources believed that as soon as the trade pact is concluded the true Soviet position on the Berlin blockade will be disclosed. They think the Soviet position will be disagreement on political questions with a proposal that the four powers keep the door open for future conversations.

Western officials in Paris believe the Russians are bluffing.

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### Arraignment Of Harry Bridges Is Scheduled Today

#### SAN FRANCISCO, June 9. — (AP) — CIO Longshore Leader Harry Bridges, who twice before rode government ships to court, is to be arraigned today on federal charges of perjury and conspiracy in obtaining his citizenship.

Bridges was indicted by a federal grand jury May 25. He was accused of lying when he testified at his 1945 naturalization hearing that he was not then and never had been a Communist.

The Australian-born Bridges is president of the leftwing International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union. One of his top aides, IWLU Vice President J. R. Robertson, was to be arraigned with him on a charge of aiding in the conspiracy.

Henry Schmidt, another top ILWU official now directing the union's fight against the new law, was indicted on the same charge as Robertson. Schmidt's arraignment was postponed a week.

The grand jury ended its investigation into other phases of the case late yesterday. It returned no other indictments.

Special Assistant Attorney General F. Joseph Donohue said the inquiry had revealed "substantial" Communist infiltration into western labor unions. "Any such infiltration is most alarming," he said.

### Woman Killed In Leap From Car After Dispute

#### PORTLAND, June 9. — (AP) — A 25-year-old waitress died in a fall from a moving automobile today but police said there was some question whether it had snapped Portland's 81-day streak of no traffic deaths.

The victim, Sgt. Dan Mitola said occupants of the car reported that Betty Riley leaped from the car as it was approaching a stop street, and fell on her head.

The detective quoted Floyd Olson and Mrs. and Mrs. Lloyd Olson as saying the four were driving home early today when an argument arose over a \$10 bill missing from Floyd Olson's wallet. When someone suggested going to the police station, the young woman opened a rear door and plunged out, the detective quoted the other.

### Senate OKs Woman As Treasurer Of U. S.

#### WASHINGTON, June 9. — (AP) — The Senate today confirmed Mrs. Georgia Nease Clark of Kansas as the first woman treasurer of the United States.

The action was by unanimous consent. She succeeds William A. Julian who was killed in an auto accident 10 days ago.

The Senate suspended its rules to act speedily on the appointment of Mrs. Clark. The nomination had been approved by the Senate Finance Committee only shortly before the Senate acted.

### Truman Will Address American Legion Meet

#### WASHINGTON, June 9. — (AP) — Col. J. Monroe Johnson announced today that President Truman will address the annual American Legion convention in Philadelphia in August.

Johnson, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, said Mr. Truman will attend the convention as a delegate and will be presented with the American Legion distinguished service medal.

## Lewis' Strike Order Cuts T-H Law Repeal Chance; Harm And Benefit Seen

### Pro-Repeal Solons Bitter Over Action

#### By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON, June 9. — (AP) — Lewis' strike order today among Senators trying to get rid of the Taft-Hartley law's emergency injunction provision.

Those lawmakers claimed privately that the United Mine Workers' chief, in ordering a week's shutdown of the coal pits, probably killed any chance for scrapping the section which calls for court orders to halt strikes threatening the national welfare.

Some Senators who favor the Taft-Hartley law figured Lewis' action strengthened their position all along the line.

Word that Lewis had ordered the miners out of the pits for a week starting Monday reached the capitol yesterday while the Senate was debating the administration bill to repeal the T-H Act.

Neither that bill as drafted nor a compromise version backed by the Senate's Democratic leadership contains any injunction provision.

The Taft-Hartley law does, of course, and the government has used the provision in the past to halt a Lewis-ordered shutdown. Lewis himself has demanded repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and he has bitterly denounced the injunction section.

Those circumstances increased the amazement of Senators who are plugging for elimination of that section.

#### Comments Are Caustic

Their comments for publication are mild compared to their private remarks about the Lewis move.

One Senator told a reporter "I'm really bitter about this—it couldn't have happened at a worse time."

Another said: "I find it hard to believe, I thought he wanted to get rid of this law."

Still another wondered whether the Lewis action was prompted by his bitter clash with President Philip Murray of the CIO and William Green of the AFL.

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### Wage Increase Prevents Strike At Atomic Plant

#### OAK RIDGE, Tenn., June 9. — (AP) — An eight cents an hour wage increase has headed off what would have been the first strike in a government atomic plant.

Just before the old contract expired last midnight, the CIO United Chemical Workers and officials of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation agreed on a new contract.

It assured continued production of the vital atomic bomb element—Uranium 235—in the huge gaseous diffusion production plant here.

Two thousand atomic plant employees had threatened to strike today if their wage demands were not met.

The CIO members were scheduled to vote at two meetings today on ratification of the new agreement. Their average wage under the new contract will be \$1.67 hourly.

The union had sought a 25-cent increase in nearly two months' operation of all atomic installations for the government, plus a six-cent reduction in wages.

The company also is negotiating with the AFL atomic trades and labor council toward a new contract for 800 employees of Oak Ridge national laboratory.

### Another Company Cuts Prices On Its Tires

#### AKRON, O., June 9. — (AP) — Lower prices to distributors for their grip line of tires were announced today by General Tire & Rubber Co.

The conventional type was cut 7 1/2 percent and the low pressure type five percent. The company said reductions in passenger tires averaged about the same.

This move was similar to one made by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Firestone and United States Rubber Co.

### Czechoslovak Consulate Officials In U. S. Quit

#### CHICAGO, June 9. — (AP) — Three officials of the Czechoslovakian consulate general in Chicago have resigned their nation's diplomatic service.

They are Consul Leopold Riedl, secretary Miroslav Meizer and chancellor Josef Nemecek.

A spokesman for the information service of free Czechoslovakia said the three who resigned had informed Secretary of State Acheson of their action and had requested him to grant political asylum in this country for themselves and their families.

### N. Dillard Span Open Without Restrictions

#### The North Dillard Bridge on Highway 99 is again open to traffic without restrictions, following repairs made to the supporting members of the bridge which had pulled apart.

E. G. Ricketts, bridge engineer, reported crews had rushed installation of props to support the weight of the bridge, until permanent repairs can be made.

Yesterday, all Highway 99 truck traffic had to be detoured from Winston to Dillard by way of Brockway, but cars were allowed to use the bridge.

### Miners' Chief Says Industry Will Be Aided

#### By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON, June 9. — (AP) — The 450,000 members of the United Mine Workers start a week-long strike Monday to underscore John L. Lewis' lecture in economics to the nation's coal industry.

Lewis told the industry yesterday it has overproduced badly and the shutdown will help eat into the huge, 52-day supply of coal already mined.

"This period of inaction," he said, "will emphasize a lack of general stability in the industry and the dangers which will accrue therefrom if current harmful practices are not remedied."

And he added: "The mine workers are required again to protect affirmatively the human and property values inherent in the coal mining industry."

Lewis said the strike will be a good thing all around. Some mine owners agreed. An industry source at Pittsburgh said:

"Many coal producers will be glad to see a shutdown. It has been all out and little income recently because of supply backlogs."

### Contract Said Violated

But there were dissenting opinions. President J. Allee Schaefer of the American Retail Coal Association, attending a convention in Cleveland, said "Lewis is violating terms of the present contract by calling out miners prior to the expiration date."

At Charleston, W. Va., Secretary Walter R. Thurmond of the Southern Producers Association (Continued on Page Two)

### Eight Children, Mother Of Four Die In Two Fires

#### NORTHVILLE, Mich., June 9. — (AP) — A 34-year-old mother and four of her seven children perished here early today in a fire that destroyed their two-story frame home.

The father and three other children, one of whom was assisted out of a window by the mother, escaped.

The dead are Mrs. Cora Neeley, 34, and these children: Shirley Fay, 9; Linville, 7; Phyllis, 4; and Bruce, Jr., 3.

In critical condition at University Hospital in Ann Arbor is a five-year-old daughter, Zeola Mae, whom the mother handed from a window of the blazing home to the father, Bruce, 37, outside.

### Wife Accused Of Aiding Husband To Break Jail

#### SALEM, June 9. — (AP) — A 27-year-old Salem housewife, Mrs. Jack O. Todd, was arrested last night and charged with helping her husband escape from the Marion County jail.

Todd, awaiting trial for auto theft, spent five hours sawing the bars of his cell last Sunday, deputies to be caught by sheriff's deputies when he crawled out.

### In the Day's News

#### By FRANK JENKINS

THE upsurge for freedom continues. In California two convicts enroute by auto from Bakersfield to San Quentin overpower their guards down below Palo Alto, take their guns away and compel them to drive back to Bakersfield. There they dump the guards, take the car and "flee northward."

(They had apparently secreted a razor blade somewhere. With it they cut the straps that bound them, slashed the officer who was driving and kicked the other in the head. They were in the back seat and their captors rode in front.)

Before ditching the cops, they vow they "won't be taken alive."

"I'd like to risk a guess. When the pinch comes, they'll come out with their hands up. It's one thing to "vow" you'll shoot it out with the officers rather than go back to jail and quite another thing to do it.

Soldiers die rather than yield. (Continued on Page Four)

### Jobless Compensation Denied Ford Strikers

#### DETROIT, June 9. — (AP) — More than 70,000 Michigan Ford workers idle in the recent "speed-up" strike were denied unemployment compensation today under a state agency ruling.

However, the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission said that 7,600 strike-idled war veterans employed by Ford would get benefits under GI regulations.

The latter payments will amount to an estimated \$456,000. A difference in interpretation of the state and federal laws figured in the decision, the Commission said. The agency said that Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey ruled similarly.

### Bids For Street Jobs At Drain, Yoncalla Asked

Bids for street surfacing and paving projects at Yoncalla and Drain are being called by the State Highway Commission. It was announced by Herb Glaiser, secretary. The projects include 33 miles of grading and surfacing on B Street at Drain, and on 2nd and D Streets at Yoncalla.

### Russian Officers Use Fists In Repulsing Looting Mob Of Berlin Railway Strikers

#### BERLIN, June 9. — (AP) — Four fist-swinging Russian officers today beat back a looting mob of 200 railway strikers who had invaded the American sector headquarters of the Soviet-controlled Berlin railway.

Later, on U. S. Military Government orders, Western police guarded the entrance of the five-story building as a result of Soviet commandant Kotikov's official complaint against the "hoodlum mob."

Meanwhile, rail strikers grimly picketed the building, preventing most of the headquarters staff from reporting for work.

One Soviet officer, escorting a Russian woman, was assaulted this morning. Ricketts stormed around his car when he stopped in front of the building.

Another Russian officer rushed from the entrance to help. They pushed through the mob, holding the arm of the Russian woman. One of the Russians was kicked from the rear. He ignored it.

The West German police guarding the building kept a hands-off policy, except to warn several pickets who seemed to be getting too threatening.

Some 14,000 employees of the Soviet-controlled Reichsbahn have refused to work since May 21 unless demands for west market wages, union recognition, and job security are granted.

### Larcenist Given 2 Years; 2 Others Await Sentences

#### Rayford Boyce Hilburn, 22, was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary on a charge of larceny by bailie, when he appeared before Judge Carl E. Wimberly and pleaded guilty to the charge Wednesday.

Hilburn appeared before the judge May 27 on a bad check charge, and at that time was sentenced to one year in the county jail but was placed on probation.

The next day, according to the complaint, he obtained a car at Barcus Sales and Service on a promise to return with money for a down payment, but failed to return with either the money or the car. He was arrested at Coos Bay last week.

Also arraigned before Judge Wimberly on District Attorney Robert G. Davis' information were Richard Backus, who pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny of personal property over the value of \$35, and Jim Hendricks, 51, who pleaded guilty to a forgery charge. He is alleged to have passed a \$10 worthless check at the Roseburg Branch of the U. S. National Bank. He allegedly signed the name Ila Viola Myers to the check.

### Deportation Of Former Slav Official Sought

#### NEW YORK, June 9. — (AP) — Deportation charges have been lodged against Toma Babin, former Yugoslav government official who came to this country as a United Nations employee in 1947.

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Edward J. Shaughnessy, district immigration director, said Babin recently was accused before a U. S. Senate Subcommittee of "ordering many Yugoslav seamen liquidated on their return home after the war."

Shaughnessy said Babin also was known as a contact man for Communist Leader Steve Nelson, whom the House Un-American Activities Committee has named as a wartime Communist spy.



**PAUL BUNYAN JUSTICE**—City Recorder William D. Bollman, foolish man, wore a business suit when he should have donned western garb Tuesday. He was nabbed by the Paul Bunyans and haled with a group of other city officials before the Keeper of the Consequences, in the first of the Paul Bunyans' rodeo courts. Here Bollman bows his head for the axe, preparatory to receiving judgment. Bollman had to pay a \$2 fine. Chief of Police Calvin H. Baird, left, was fined 50 cents for wearing only a western tie; Mrs. Vita Wright, assistant city recorder, center, also paid 50 cents. The city manager, not shown here, also felt the mighty rap of Paul Bunyan, paid a \$2 fine. (Picture by Photo Lab)

### Rodeo Will Be Publicized By Southwest Oregon Caravan

#### Neighboring communities will be invited to attend the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo here June 17, 18 and 19, by a caravan of decorated cars bearing the Rodeo queen and her court to Medford, Grants Pass, Coos Bay, North Bend, Reedsport and Eugene.

The caravan is tentatively set for Monday or Tuesday, June 13 or 14, and Roseburg Retail Trade Association was informed at its regular luncheon meeting Wednesday noon at the Umpqua Hotel. The Association gave authority to its president, Roland West, to spend \$60 toward promoting the caravan.

The caravan would also include a cowboy orchestra, Paul Bunyans, members of the Sheriff's Posse and others as well as the queen and her court. They Roseburg Retail Trade Association would be one of the sponsoring organizations.

Jack Josse, bull of the woods of the Paul Bunyans, announced a talent show to be held June 22 in conjunction with the Roseburg High School Band, the Knights of Pythias Girls Drum Corps, and a dance orchestra to boost the Opportunity Savings Bond drive.

A covered wagon will parade the streets that day as a symbol of the drive.

Comments are caustic. Their comments for publication are mild compared to their private remarks about the Lewis move.

### Last Criminal Case Of Current Term On Trial

#### Testimony in the case of Edward Newland, Canyonville, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, opened today in Circuit Court. This is the last case on the docket for the current term, as other cases, both criminal and civil, have been continued over until the September term.

A jury was drawn Wednesday to try the case of Newland, who is being held under \$2,000 bail, following his indictment by the Grand Jury May 21. A 15-year-old boy is involved in the charge.

The civil case of M. K. Brown vs. Glenn E. Marshall, which had been set for this week, was continued until the next term of court. Brown asks a total of \$16,150 damages as the result of an accident in which his and Marshall's cars were involved south of Canyonville Jan. 22, 1949.

Criminal cases continued were those of the State of Oregon vs. Nelson James Sawyers, indicted by the Grand Jury on a larceny charge. He is accused of the theft of a wallet, the property of Jessie Dedrick, on Nov. 5. His bail is \$500.

Al and Beatrice Schaefer of Camas Valley are accused in indictments of assaulting and beating Clarence E. Ward, May 4. They are out on \$500 bail. Robert D. Nelson is charged by the Grand Jury with larceny of a safe containing currency from the Gas Appliance Company at Reedsport. He is being held under \$2,000 bail.

### Bond Salesmen — Roseburg Kiwanis Club members were first to report 100 per cent purchase of savings bonds in the current "Opportunity Bond" sales campaign.

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### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Officially forecast rain failed to appear today, but a 2nd forecast says "rain Friday." If it doesn't fall tomorrow—well, anybody is entitled to at least three guesses on the weather; and "to err is human, to forgive divine."