

Hawaii's Strike Goes Into Conference

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GIRL JOCKEY—Donna Smith Goodloe, who races under the name Donna Smith, is one of the country's few women jockeys. She and her husband brought four horses down to the Roseburg meeting from their ranch in Homedale, Idaho. (Picture by Photo Lab)

The Weather
Fair today and Thursday. Little change in temperature.
Sunset today 7:13 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:22 a. m.

Employers, Union Try To Settle Dispute

Failure Would Draw U. S. Conciliator; Contempt Action Hits Bridges

HONOLULU, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Longshoremen and waterfront employers met across a peace table today in a new effort to end Hawaii's 109-day CIO dock strike.

The agreement to resume direct negotiations developed with dramatic suddenness during a conference Gov. Ingram M. Stainback arranged in his office yesterday.

Almost immediately officials of Hawaii's seven stricken stevedoring firms and leaders of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union began meeting. The first session lasted two hours.

Resumption of negotiations, made at the suggestion of longshore President Harry Bridges, was on the basis of starting "from scratch."

The agreement to resume negotiations provided that if no progress is made in three days, Cyrus S. Ching, chief of the U. S. conciliation service, will be invited in as mediator.

In Washington, Ching told a reporter: "It's impossible to say at this time whether I would be available or not. No decision has been made. Nonetheless I hope a settlement will be reached within the three days."

Ching came on top of these maneuvers in court and on the waterfronts of Hawaii and the mainland.

1. Circuit Judge Edward A. Towe ordered a contempt action "or other appropriate action" against Bridges for personally defying an anti-picketing injunction obtained by the territory under its new dock seizure law.

2. Towe ordered the territorial attorney general to start the action by noon today.

3. The government began its test to see whether it could unload ships with its own stevedores. It sent a 40-man gang aboard the Matson line freighter Hawaiian Merchant. CIO cooks and stewards and independent

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Truman's No. 1 Reorganizing Plan Defeated

Senate Kills Welfare Dept. Move, At Variance With Recommendation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The Senate turned today to a brisk scrap over President Truman's reorganization plan No. 2, after handing the chief executive a stinging defeat on his plans for welfare department in the cabinet.

Both sides said the fight on No. 2—to transfer the bureau of employment security from the Federal Security administration to the Labor department—probably would wind up in an administration victory.

Democratic leader Lucas (Ill.) told reporters flatly the plan would go through.

He got a grudging second from one of the leading opponents who said privately that the necessary 49 votes—the required majority of the full Senate—could not be mustered to support the resolution of disapproval.

Opponents of the plan have contended that the federal bureau would be more fairly administered in the FSA than in the Labor department.

The Senate was to vote on the resolution today. It was offered by the executive expenditures committee which voted 8 to 3 against the plan.

Vote Intended As Warning

The President's plan for a new welfare department, combining the functions of health, education and welfare under a single secretary of cabinet rank, was sidetracked last yesterday by a 66 to 32 vote—11 more than required.

The fight centered largely around (1) Oscar Ewing, present FSA administrator and Mr. Truman's reported choice for the welfare cabinet post, (2) charges that Ewing would work in the job for socialism, medicine and (3) whether or not the plan followed out or violated recommendations of the Hoover commission on government reorganization.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) who was active in beating the plan, told reporters:

"The vote of the Senate is not a disapproval of the Hoover plan. It is a warning to the administration that plans submitted must be in substantial compliance with the Hoover commission recommendations."

Former President Herbert Hoover issued a statement in New York which expressed a similar viewpoint.

Deep Sea Diver Sets New Record Of 4,500 Feet

SMUGGLER'S COVE, Calif., Aug. 17.—(AP)—An "unbelievable world" 4,500 feet under the sea and fied with weird and wonderful creatures, has got its first glimpse of man.

The strange, luminous forms of marine life which inhabit the depths of the ocean Tuesday saw a white sphere suddenly lower itself into their midst.

Inside the sphere was a creature they had never seen before—a man.

Armies of spiraling shrimp hurled themselves in a barrage against a window in the sphere though which the man was intently peering.

Their attack was in vain, they only splattered against the window.

The man was Otis Barton, marine explorer, who in his new diving bell, the bathyscope, set a new deep sea diving record yesterday. He descended to 4,500 feet, bettering his own record of 3,028 feet, achieved in 1934 off Bermuda with naturalist William Beebe.

Barton telephoned his observations to an assistant on the barge from which the bathyscope was being lowered by cable.

Barton returned to the surface without incident, and announced he would not attempt any further deep dives for some time. Originally he had planned to descend to 6,000 feet.

He made the 4,500-foot drop in 55 minutes and hung there seven minutes. He said he could see no sense in going deeper because the failure of the lights would prevent his taking pictures.

The ocean bottom was still 2,000 feet beneath him.

TOWNSEND REVIVAL House Drive On To Force Vote On Pension Plan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The Townsend old-age pension plan is perking up again in Congress.

Backers are more than half way in signing up the 218 members necessary to force a vote on it in the House. They had a pep meeting yesterday and organized a drive to round up the remaining 93 signatures.

More than a dozen representatives showed up. Rep. Blatnik (D-Minn) passed around lists of other members for them to buttonhole.

"If we make a good, concerted, spirited drive," Blatnik said, "we can get five or six persons each. That puts us over the hump."

Rep. Angell (R-Ore) made a "put your shoulders to the wheel" speech.

And Mrs. J. A. Ford, legislative director for the Townsend plan, said the drive for action on it already has forced some action on an improved social security program. The House Ways and Means committee approved a social security expansion bill yesterday.

Annual Boxcar Shortage Strikes Western Oregon

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Western Oregon lumber mills and grain dealers are beginning to feel the pinch of a railroad boxcar shortage for the first time this summer.

Similar shortages in the past two summers have curtailed lumber operations.

Lumber spokesmen said shipper's car orders had been slashed an average of 30 per cent the last week. One Polk county grain elevator manager, Matt Gillis of the Farmers Co-op, said he received three cars last week when he needed many more.

Southern Pacific railway freight Traffic Manager Frank C. Nelson admitted he couldn't promise much improvement right now. "We're in pretty tight now."

He said the shortage developed suddenly, as it has in the past two years.

No lumber mills are reported shut down, but trade sources indicated the tight situation might idle or curtail operations in the near future.

The northern railways serving eastern Oregon, Washington and the Columbia river had only a "fairly tight" car situation. The car supply was still meeting demand, spokesmen said.

Auto-Train Collision Kills Family Of Six

OGALLALA, Neb., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Six persons were killed last night in a collision of their car and the Union Pacific's overland limited at a railroad crossing here.

Trainmen identified the dead as Ascension Jimenez, wife-to-do Ogallala farmer, his wife, two daughters and two grandsons.

Truman Signs Decree To Ban Undesirable Aliens

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—President Truman signed a proclamation today authorizing the attorney general to prevent the admission to this country of any alien whose entry he considers "prejudicial to the interests of the United States."

STALIN URGED TO ACT U. S. Envoy Protests Jam On Broadcasts, Delay In Lend-Lease Settlement

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—U. S. Ambassador Alan Kirk asked Premier Stalin to speed action on American protests against jamming of the "Voice of America" radio broadcasts, Secretary of State Acheson disclosed today.

Kirk called on the Soviet leader Monday night. Acheson told a news conference that it actually was a courtesy visit and was limited almost entirely to an exchange of courtesies between the new American ambassador and the Russian premier.

However, he added, Kirk did mention to Stalin two points currently at issue in Soviet-American relations. These, Acheson said, are the Russian jamming of American radio broadcasts and the long drawn out negotiations on a final settlement for wartime lend-lease.

On both points, Acheson said, Kirk simply expressed hope to Stalin that the foreign office would consider the two matters so that the two governments can get on with the business of solving the problems involved.

Asked what Stalin's reaction was, Acheson said that the matters were referred to the Soviet foreign office.

His disclosure of Kirk's approach to Stalin on the two issues came in response to reporters' inquiries and after he had read a statement accusing the Russians of having planned the "complex, costly jamming

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Aid Cash Paid '5 Percenter' Told At Probe

Molasses Firm's Head Bares Deal; Indictment Of Maragon Demanded

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A former agriculture department employee testified today that Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan was "a little rough" on him in an effort to get a molasses permit for a New Jersey firm in 1946.

That development came at the Senate's five percenter inquiry after Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) demanded that John Maragon be indicted for perjury. Maragon has been a central figure in the investigation.

The testimony concerning Vaughan and Maragon today came out in connection with the Allied Molasses Co., of Perth Amboy, N. J.

The former agriculture department worker, Herbert C. Hathorn, said he had a telephone conversation late in 1946 with Vaughan, who is President Truman's military aide. Hathorn said he then was handling allocation of scarce molasses and edible syrups for the department.

He said Vaughan told him at one point during the conversation that "we Democrats have to stick together." Hathorn said Vaughan later told him he could "not conscientiously" grant the permit Vaughan wanted for the firm.

Hathorn identified the firm as the Allied Molasses company.

Harold M. Ross, president of the company, told the senate investigations subcommittee earlier that Maragon had been given money to help the firm out of its difficulties.

Ross' uncle, Milron R. Pollard, Milwaukee insurance man, swore that he paid Maragon \$1,000 for trying to get a sugar rationing suspension order lifted against the Allied company in 1946.

That led McCarthy to demand that Maragon be indicted for perjury.

Just before Pollard took the witness chair, testimony which Maragon gave under oath to the senate investigators July 28 was read into the record by assistant committee counsel Francis D. Flanagan.

Maragon had flatly denied in the testimony that he ever was said any money by anyone for negotiating business with the government.

After Pollard, in reply to a cross fire of questions, acknowledged that he did pay Maragon \$1,000, McCarthy said.

"I think we should ask the justice department to take this matter over and ask that an indictment for perjury be returned against Maragon."

In his sworn testimony last month, Flanagan said, Maragon was

Sanitary Unit Bond Vote Set For Aug. 23rd

Polling place for the North Roseburg Sanitary district's \$225,000 bond election next Tuesday will be at the Riverside school, from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., announced Clarence Sand, chairman of the district board, today.

Landis said several parties have expressed interest in purchasing the bonds, which will be advertised for bids. He said the board had received letters from a number of bonding companies and a bank, as well as representatives of the state, who would invest the state's large surplus fund.

"I don't think we'll have any trouble selling the bonds," he commented, adding that "interest rates (set by bidders for the bonds) are going down," which would be favorable for the district.

Landis and James Howland, consulting engineer of Corvallis, were speakers at a meeting of the Church of God last night, called to discuss and explain the proposed bond issue.

It was pointed out that ownership of property is not a requirement for voting in the election. Persons must, however, be registered voters and reside in the district to participate.

The election board will be composed of Mrs. Lowell Young, Mrs. Bill Clarenbach and Mrs. Clarence Landis.

The money to be raised by the sale of bonds will be used to finance the construction of sewerage lines and of a sewage treatment plant, which may be located on the Roseburg Veterans hospital grounds.

Landis said he had received word from Dr. John L. Haskins, hospital manager, that the Veterans administration central office at Washington, D. C., is studying the matter, pending approval of the bond issue in the election.

Budget Cut Will Force Spread Of Rent Decontrol

CLEVELAND, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A budget cut will force his office to decontrol one-third of the areas where rent controls are now in force, Federal Housing Expediter Tighe Woods today.

The plans for decontrol now are being prepared in Washington and will be announced in a week or 10 days, Woods said. Decontrol will become effective upon the announcement of the "Voice of America" radio broadcasts, Secretary of State Acheson disclosed today.

JOHOLDERS UP States Set New Record In Both Numbers, Pay

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—State governments employed 982,000 persons in April and carried a \$197,000,000 monthly payroll.

The census bureau, reporting this today, called it a record both in numbers and in pay.

Compared with 12 months earlier, the number of jobholders was up 6.1 per cent or 56,000.

The payroll itself was up \$25,700,000 or 13 per cent for the period, largely because average pay went up by \$185 a month in April 1948 to \$200 last April.

State governments now have "nearly half as many employees as the federal government, and about one-third as many employees as all local governments combined," the bureau said.

Michigan was the only state listed by the bureau as not having an increase in payroll in the 12 months ended last April.

Increases of more than 25 per cent were shown for Indiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi and Oregon.

Gifts Sent To White House By Thousands

Home Freezer Just One Article Of Array That Would Fill Warehouse

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Gifts to the White House? They came by the thousands every year, and always have.

The home freezer presented to Mrs. Harry S. Truman in 1945 has had more publicity than most such gifts receive, because it was linked with the current Capitol Hill investigation of five percenters.

But actually it's only one of tens of thousands of presents that have poured in on the Trumans since they moved into the executive mansion.

For example, gifts from friends and admirers have made President Truman probably the best hatted man in the United States.

The gifts range in retail value up to \$200. They include ten gallon westerners, broad-brimmed Panamas, high silk formal caps, and even feathered varieties given to him by Indians.

Americans have been following the custom of sending gifts to presidents for more years than anyone can remember.

Those sent by other nations—and they include many of the more valuable ones, like diamond studded daggers, and priceless paintings—the President cannot keep because the Constitution forbids him to accept gifts from foreign governments. This governmment keeps them.

Bowling Alley Stays

The \$5,000 bowling alley he received as a birthday present in 1946 from old friends in Missouri will remain in the White House, like the swimming pool that was given to the late President.

Murder Charge Faced By Driver In Author's Death

ATLANTA, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Murder charges have been placed against the taxi driver who fatally injured Margaret Mitchell, world-famous author of "Gone With the Wind."

Miss Mitchell, whose novel of Civil War and reconstruction days outsold everything in print except the Bible died yesterday in Grady Memorial hospital.

Death came five days after she was struck down by a speeding automobile on her beloved Peachtree street, which her novel helped make famous. She died in an operating room as physicians prepared for emergency surgery to try to save her life.

Huge D. Gravitt, the 28-year-old driver of the car which hit Miss Mitchell, is being held without bond on a charge of murder.

Gravitt, listed on police records for 22 previous traffic violations, was off duty and driving his own car when he struck Miss Mitchell. Until the author's death, he had been free in \$5,450 bond on a charge of suspicion of manslaughter.

Under Georgia law a person can be convicted of murder for taking the life of another while in the commission of an unlawful act. The unlawful act can be a misdemeanor or a felony.

County Home At Medford Studied

County Judge D. N. Busenbark, Commissioners Lynn V. Beckley and Dick Baker, and Alvin C. Knauss, Douglas Community hospital manager, are spending today in Medford, studying plans of the new Jackson county home.

A new county home with 52 beds has just been completed in that city, and the architect and contractor will be there to be interviewed.

Douglas county plans a 60-bed home for the indigent, and the court hopes to get work underway soon after the first of the year, said Judge Busenbark. No funds will be available until new tax money comes in after Nov. 15.

Failure To Return Borrowed Car Charged

Leon Elmer Lawson is being held in the county jail on a charge of larceny by bailer, according to Justice of Peace A. J. Geddes, who set his bail at \$750.

Lawson was arrested Monday by state police on a complaint filed by Carl Olson. Lawson allegedly borrowed a car which he failed to return, and was arrested two days later at Drain, according to District Attorney Robert G. Davis.

MAJOR BOOTY RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 17.—(AP)—

Burglars broke into the office of the U. S. Naval mission today. They took nothing but American cigarettes.

PREVIEW DRAWS 5,000 Horses Show Samples Of Speed In Preliminary To 10-Day Fairgrounds Bill

An estimated 5,000 horse-loving Douglas county citizens poured into the fairgrounds last night, filling the grandstand and overflowing on to viewpoints on the surrounding fences, to watch the grand preview of the 10-day racing meet that starts this evening.

The meet, which will continue through Aug. 27, officially opens tonight, with post time at 7:30 o'clock. Pari-mutuel wagering windows will open at 6:45, and remain open during the entire meeting.

Gala opening night ceremonies are planned. The Roseburg municipal band will be on hand to greet early arrivals with sprightly marching tunes and other popular airs.

Roseburg Mayor Al Flegel will dedicate the newly-conditioned track, and, after local singer Leroy Hiatt will sing the national anthem. Seventeen-year-old Cynthia Turner will call the horses on her silver bugle to the post for the first race.

Last night's spectators were treated to a good show by the Umpqua Jockey club, which is presenting the meeting under the auspices of the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse. Two fast

But if the people of Oregon are already looking tolerantly at a duplicate of the Tennessee Valley Authority, which would turn the whole future development of the vast drainage basin of the Columbia river over to the federal gov-

INCORPORATION VOTED

TAFT, Aug. 17.—(AP)—This north Lincoln county coastal community has voted 130 to 28 in favor of incorporation as a city.

WOMEN DRUNKARDS UPPED

U. S. Now Has All-Time High Of 800,000, Officer Of W. C. T. U. Declares

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Women alcoholics and habitual drunkards in the United States have increased to an all-time high of 800,000, an officer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union said today.

Mary B. Ervin, vice president at large of the WCTU, told the organization's executive committee the current increase in women drink victims is at the rate of 120,000 a year.

The executive committee met prior to the opening of the group's 75th annual convention tomorrow.

Miss Ervin said the number of women alcoholics and drunkards is shown by projection of the percentage of women alcoholics committed to mental institutions and psychopathic wards of general hospitals into the 4,000,000 alcoholics and drunkards in the country.

"Census bureau reports issued last year," she said, "show that one of every four of the 37,303

alcoholics admitted to the institutions were women. Projection of the same ratio into the 4,000,000, plus verifying information, places women alcoholics at 800,000 as compared to 680,000 the year previously."

Miss Ervin listed as one of the reasons for increased drinking of liquor among women as "liquor, wine and beer, advertised that depicts drinking by women as socially smart and glamorous."

She gave as other reasons: congestion of bars and liquor stores in residential neighborhood shopping streets; alcoholic beverage departments in grocery and drug stores and kitchen and basement barroom drinking in the home.

ALASKA could be captured tomorrow by an airborne invasion, Governor Gruening declares. What's happened to the vaunted combative spirit of the region's Thania mosquitoes?

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reitzelstein