

STEEL GIANTS, CIO ACCEPT PEACE FORMULA

Leaders Back Fact Finding Board Report

11-Day Truce Assured; Hopes Are Expressed Settlement Possible

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 13.—(AP)—America's steel-producing giants began lining up today behind a presidential board's formula for peace in the nation's most important basic industry. But there was no word from Industry Bellweather United States Steel corporation. Spokesmen commented only that "nothing doing yet."

There won't be any steel strike for the next 11 days—and maybe none at all. The wage dispute that threatened to tie the nation in economic knots apparently is headed for a happy solution.

President Truman is "highly gratified" about the whole thing. CIO agrees.

CIO United Steelworkers and six major steel producers agreed to extension of the strike truce at request of the chief executive. The truce expires at midnight tonight. It will continue to Sept. 25.

The steelworkers also accepted recommendations of the President's steel fact finding board even though it meant giving up a fourth round wage increase.

"The President is naturally gratified," said the White House. "It is very much pleased with the way things have developed up to now."

Republic Signs First Republic Steel corporation of Cleveland, the nation's No. 3 producer, was the first to announce willingness to bargain pensions as recommended by the presidential board in a 10-cent hourly package not including wages.

Then No. 4 producer—Jones and Laughlin Steel corporation of Pittsburgh—followed suit, accepting the peace plan "as a basis for collective bargaining."

J. and L. said it is prepared to undertake at once a joint study of pensions with the steelworkers "in anticipation of bargaining on this subject beginning March 1 next."

"With respect to social insurance benefits," the statement added, "we will negotiate with the union for the purpose of reaching a mutually acceptable agreement."

Blight Labor Cost The Wall Street Journal at the same time said only "a slight increase" in labor costs will result if the recommended social insurance program is put into effect. The newspaper added that

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BRIDGE BURNS—Flames illuminate the Snake river bridge near Pasco, Washington as the far and crescent roadway burned from unexplained cause. Explosives were used at both ends to halt the blaze. Streaks below bridge were apparently caused by wind-whipped embers.—(AP Wirephoto).

CVA WELFARE STATE

Speaker Lashes Out Against Submitting To Change In Present Government Style

"Should we give up our present system of public government for a welfare state system, the system which failed in Germany and Italy?"

That was the question asked Roseburg Chamber of Commerce members during an address on the Columbia Valley authority.

Petition Would Recall Portland's Mayor Dorothy

PORTLAND, Sept. 13.—(AP)—A preliminary petition to recall Dorothy McCullough Lee as mayor of Portland was filed here Monday.

The petition charged that Mrs. Lee, who was elected overwhelmingly to the mayoralty last year after a "clean government" campaign, had been "autocratic."

It also charged that Mrs. Lee's administration has placed "an onerous and inequitable financial burden . . . upon the workers and business people of Portland."

The petition did not elaborate on that point, but the city recently put into effect a system of license fees and taxes which are still being fought in the courts.

The petition also asserted that the woman mayor "has persistently pre-occupied herself with endeavoring to enhance her reputation as a reformer." That apparently had reference to Mayor Lee's abolition of slot machines and punch boards in Portland.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Fire destroyed a large dairy barn filled with hay and nine head of cattle west of here yesterday.

Damage was estimated by Elmer Ruffner, owner, at \$75,000 to \$100,000. The barn contained 175 tons of hay. Firemen said a spark in a hay drier was believed to have started the blaze.

Bill Tipton Of Roseburg Is Elected Vice-President Of Jaycee's District Three

Bill Tipton, Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce member and local insurance agent, was appointed Jaycee vice-president of District 3 at a Jaycee state board meeting at John Day, last weekend. District 3 includes Southern Oregon units.

The announcement was made Monday night at the regular dinner meeting of the Roseburg Jaycees at the Umpqua hotel. President Glen Scott said the appointment came after the resignation of Jim McGuire, elected to the post earlier this year. The state executive board made the appointment.

Special consideration was given a Roseburg appointee in recognition of "outstanding work" done by the local civic group during the past year. Scott said Tipton was selected in recognition of a "fine job" done by him at the recent national Jaycee convention held at Denver.

Describe Activities Irv Pugh and President Scott described the activities that took place at the state board meet. This included a plan to extend the Jaycee system over a wider area in Oregon during the coming year. The motto, according to Pugh, is "50 Jaycee clubs in 1950." He indicated there are over 30 clubs in Oregon at the present time.

The local Jaycees, headed by Tipton, will organize a speakers' bureau, made up of members within the organization, who will tell the story of the so-called Hoover commission to other organizations in Roseburg. It was suggested at the state meeting that the story of ex-President Herbert Hoover's work in finding means to reduce the cost of operating the government be told to towns-

The Weather Fair and continued warm today; cloudy and cooler Wednesday. Sunset today 6:27 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:51 a. m.

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Dollar Short Nations Must Revise Currency

Advice Given As Boost To Export Return

English Pound Indicated With British Crisis In Mind Of Fund Board

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The international monetary fund today advised dollar-short countries to devalue their currencies, if need be, to boost their dollar-earning exports.

Without singling out the British pound but with Britain's dollar crisis obviously in mind, the report was laid before the opening session today of the fourth annual meeting of the boards of governors of the multi-billion dollar fund and World Bank.

Shortly thereafter, (noon PDT) the financial leaders of the 48 member nations were to hear an off-the-cuff address by President Truman.

The report was prepared by the fund's executive directors. Its advice on devaluation was underscored in addresses by Secretary of the Treasury Snyder and Eugene R. Black, president of the World Bank, at the opening session.

Snyder said: "The views expressed by the fund, as a consultant." (Continued on Page Two)

Treasure Hunt Tickets Being Distributed

Roseburg merchants, members of the Retail Merchants association, today began handing out tickets for the popular "Treasure Hunt" to be held again this fall in conjunction with the annual Fall Opening, Sept. 21.

Association spokesmen stressed the fact that no purchase is required in order to get the tickets. They will be given free to all who ask for them, with valuable prizes awarded winners by each store participating.

To be eligible for a Fall Opening prize, citizens must fill in the ticket stub and deposit it in a box provided in the store. All tickets must be signed with name and address. Any unsigned tickets will be disposed of.

No tickets will be issued after noon, Sept. 21. Merchants will turn in all stubs to the stand in front of the U. S. National bank that afternoon, with winning numbers to be determined before 5 p. m.

Winning tickets will be displayed in each store window at the time of the Fall Opening window unveiling, at 7:30 that evening. Residents are urged to look in all store windows to discover if they have a winning ticket as tickets may not be displayed by the same store from which they were received.

Roseburg Youths Asked To Bring Bikes To School

All Roseburg youngsters who own bicycles are urged to take them to school Wednesday and Thursday so that the police department may apply the reflecting scotch light. Chief Calvin H. Baird said today.

Students are requested to leave their bicycles in the parking racks provided on each school grounds. Members of the police department and city police reserve will make the rounds during those two days and apply the scotch light to all bikes which have not already been marked.

The scotch lighting is a part of the safety program sponsored and financed by the Roseburg Active club in cooperation with the city police department.

Second Set Of Twins Born To Local Couple

The second set of twins in less than two years was born at Mercy hospital Monday, Sept. 12, to Mr. and Mrs. James B. Eaton, 1853 Myrtle avenue, Roseburg. The twin girls, brought by Dr. James Campbell, have been named Susan Ann, who weighed five pounds 14 ounces, and Sherry Lee, weighing seven pounds four ounces. The Eatons have twins, a boy and a girl, not two years of age.

Polio Outbreak Reported In Southeast Portland

PORTLAND, Sept. 13.—(AP)—A localized polio outbreak in a southeast Portland neighborhood had the attention today of city health authorities.

Dr. Thomas L. Meador said five children in three families who live "within a stone's throw of each other," were stricken. He declined to release names of the families but said the cases did not represent an epidemic situation.

POP INFLAMMABLE?

Not Quite, But Broken Bottle Results In Fire

Because a little girl spilled her bottle of pop, a city fire truck was called Monday afternoon to a local service station to extinguish a blazing gasoline pump.

El Stevens, Portland man traveling with the Imperial Exposition shows, related how he stopped at Jim Myers' Hankook station at the Garden Valley intersection to buy a soft drink, replacing the bottle his small daughter had dropped.

Observers said his intentions may have been good, but his approach to the service station "gas island" was bad.

The car bounced off the curb, bending one gas pump and shearing off a second. As the pump fell, sparks from the broken wiring ignited the gasoline.

Myers put out the flame with powder from a small hand extinguisher before firemen arrived.

Then after all the excitement was over, the little girl wasn't thirsty!

Guilty Plea Entered By Alleged Kidnaper

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Gerald A. Hutt, 35, of Bridgeport, Conn., pleaded guilty to a Mercer county indictment for kidnapping a five-year-old Janie Franz.

Hutt faces 30 years to life imprisonment when he is sentenced Friday, Sept. 23. Judge Charles P. Hutchinson said his background would be studied before sentence is pronounced.

Hutt said he was a former inmate of New York mental hospital.

Hutt did not seek ransom for the child, but told police he forced her to sexual pervasions after he kidnaped her near her Trenton home Friday.

The maximum penalty of death for kidnapping in New Jersey applies only to cases where ransom is sought.

Blonde, blue-eyed Janie testified for two minutes before the grand jury. Her father, truck driver John Franz, also appeared briefly in court.

Hutt is being held in county jail. He pleaded guilty Saturday to kidnapping when he was arraigned.

Janie, who was found unharmed in Philadelphia Saturday after spending Friday night with Hutt, appeared cheerful as she awaited her chance to tell the story to the jury.

Presbyterian Men Meet For Potluck Wednesday

Vern Harpham, president of the Presbyterian Men's organization, announced plans for the third quarterly meeting of the group to be held at the church Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 6:30.

Plans for the evening, in addition to the potluck dinner and business meeting for the men's organization, include showing at 8 p. m. of a film entitled "And Now I See." All church members are invited to attend the film.

The local men's organization, formed about a year ago, is now one of two in Southwest Oregon affiliated with the National Council of Presbyterian Men. All members are urged to attend.

State's Case Is Rested In Vicky Trial

Former Deputy Williams Testifies Hicks Said He Thought Girl Guilty

As the first witness for the defense, former Deputy Sheriff J. H. Williams, county jailer two years ago, took the stand in Victoria Sanders' murder trial this morning. The state rested its case, with the testimony of Dr. Howard L. Richardson, Portland, director of the State Police Crime Detection laboratory.

One of the first questions which Defense Attorney Paul E. Geddes put to Williams concerned a previous statement in which he said that a Santa Monica police sergeant "put the heat on" Vicky, to make her confess the murder of Ralph Mojonner.

"I don't remember exactly saying that he put on the heat," Williams replied. "I remember him saying that he thought she was guilty. She said she wasn't guilty. I heard her say she didn't do it."

Refers To Visit Williams referred to the visit to Victoria, in her cell at the county jail in November of 1947, of Sgt. Edward L. Hicks, of the Santa Monica, Calif., police department. Hicks had been retained by Mojonner's sister to investigate the case.

Williams testified that Sgt. Hicks asked Victoria to plead guilty to a manslaughter charge. "Was it his suggestion?" Geddes asked. "Yes, sir," replied the witness. In previous testimony, officers said Victoria voluntarily sufficed.

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Henry Wallace Decides Not To Seek Office

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Henry A. Wallace has decided not to run for any office this year.

His course has left the choice wide open for an American Labor party candidate for U. S. senator in New York at the November election.

Wallace's decision was announced late yesterday by Rep. Vito Marcantonio, state chairman of the ALP.

The left-wing congressman, his party's candidate for mayor, had been hoping Wallace would run for the Senate under the ALP banner.

Small Boy Dies After Being Struck By Box

Ralph Lewis Shirey, 3, died Sept. 12 as the result of an injury received when a box fell and struck him on the head. Death was almost instantaneous.

He was born in Portland Dec. 13, 1946, and is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Shirey of Yoncalla.

Services will be held in the Methodist church of Yoncalla, Wednesday at 2 p. m., Rev. William Byars officiating. Interment will be in the Yoncalla cemetery. Arrangements are in care of the Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

FORESTERS ON ALERT

2 Small Man-Caused Fires Reported; Careless Smoker Said Responsible For One

Two small fires on Umpqua National forest lands, both man-caused, kept forest service personnel on the alert yesterday, following four days of concentrated activity caused by the recent electric storm, Forest Supervisor M. M. "Red" Nelson said today.

A quarter-acre blaze at Drew threatened construction workers' and loggers' cabins when fire broke out there, purported to be caused by a careless smoker. Nelson said equipment and a fire crew was on the scene quickly, traveling over the new road to the area. No damage was reported.

A second blaze, caused when debris burning got out of hand at Copco's Toketee camp, was quickly suppressed by workers after covering a three-acre area, Nelson said.

Dispatcher U. F. McLaughlin of the Douglas Forest Protective association said today that only one crew is still working on an active fire, located on Bear mountain.

Although no reports were received this morning from the five-man crew, they notified McLaughlin Monday afternoon they were at the site of the fire and it was under control. More supplies were sent the crew by mule train, McLaughlin said.

The rest of the forest is in pretty good shape, he said. A report from Bruce Ferguson at the South Douglas station indicated all fires were wiped up in that area, with only some checking being done now.

Favorable weather reports for showers in the area north of the Rogue river will lessen the fire danger, he said.

B29 Crashes And Burns; Crew Parachutes Safely

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—(AP)—A B29 crashed and burned shortly after taking off from Fairfield-Suisun airbase Monday, but the air force said reports from survivors indicated all 12 aboard had parachuted safely.

The crash occurred shortly after noon near the little town of Millipitas in a farming section about 35 miles southeast of San Francisco.

Fairfield-Suisun airbase said calls had come in from five crewmen who said they had seen all the others bail out.

The plane took off from the air base at 11:29 yesterday on a routine training flight. At 12:03, it radioed the Fairfield-Suisun tower that one engine was on fire and the crew was abandoning ship.

Two Persons Arrested On Drunk Driving Counts

Police Chief Calvin H. Baird today reported the arrest of two Roseburg men, both charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Axel Harry Johnson Jr., 28, was fined \$100 and given a 30-day suspended sentence when he entered a plea of guilty in Municipal court before Judge Ira B. Riddle.

Arthur Harold Lavasseur, 35, posted bail of \$150 and was released to appear in Municipal court Wednesday.

Oregon May Be Forced To Tax On Properties

PORTLAND, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The possibility that Oregon may be forced to levy a property tax that will not be offset by other revenues was hinted by the interim legislative tax committee yesterday.

Such a levy could be required in the biennium beginning in 1952, members said, because of an anticipated \$22,000,000 deficit by 1951.

State Tax Commission Analyst William Collier said the deficit estimate was a minimum figure. He said if government costs continue to rise, and he believes they are more likely to go up than down, the anticipated deficit will be much higher. Only the use of what he termed the "cushion fund" of \$15,000,000 would hold the deficit below the minimum figure, he said. This fund is maintained to keep property taxes from actually being levied in a year of low tax collections.

Collier noted that the current biennium budget is \$139,262,607 compared with the previous biennium budget of \$78,149,627.

Senator Howard C. Belton, Clackamas county, committee chairman, said he had a "very strong feeling we may go back to the state property tax." This came as Rep. Eugene Marsh, Yamhill county, noted that the property tax problems of the counties may one day be shared by the state government.

\$200,000 Fire Damages Million Dollar Pier

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 13.—(AP)—A \$200,000 fire ripped through 300 feet of the Fames million dollar pier early today.

The well-known landmark, which juts 1,900 feet into the ocean on the downtown section of the Boardwalk, caught fire about 4:30 a. m. A northeast wind blowing flames down the beach away from Boardwalk hotels.

The pier's huge ballroom, near the shore end, was destroyed. Twisted roof girders fell into the blaze. Fire Chief Rex Farley set the damage estimate at \$200,000.

Richardson Is Named To State Parole Board

SALEM, Sept. 13.—(AP)—James J. Richardson, manager of Portland's Multnomah Civic stadium, was sworn in today as a member of the State Parole board, for the term ending Dec. 31, 1952.

The other two members of the board are Roy S. Keene, Corvallis, athletic director at Oregon State college; and Gerald W. Mason, Portland, a service superintendent for the Portland General Electric Co.

First Fall Football Rally Set For Thursday

The first fall football rally of the current season will be staged by high school students Thursday night, to usher in Roseburg's initial football game here with Medford Friday.

Students will form a serpentine at the junior high school at 7 p. m., winding through the downtown business section, and back to the bonfire grounds at the site of the new community hospital in West Roseburg.

Russell Says Senate Hearing May Be Called If Johnson Hits Navy Aviation Hard

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Senator Russell (D-Ga.) said today there may be some senate hearings if Secretary of Defense Johnson lays a heavy hand on naval aviation. He added that he doesn't expect the defense chief to do such a thing, however.

Russell, a member of the senate's armed services committee, took the position that the Senate is not justified in starting an inquiry on the basis of the "general statements" made Saturday by Capt. John G. Crommelin, a veteran naval aviator.

Crommelin contended the offensive power of the navy is "being nibbled to death" at the Pentagon, the enormous office building which houses the department of defense. The naval

officer said he hopes his statement will blow the whole thing open and bring on another congressional investigation.

Undersecretary Dan Kimball said today that as far as the navy is concerned "no action is contemplated" against Crommelin for airing his views publicly.

"This seemed to leave open the question whether Secretary of Defense Johnson's office might take action."



ABDUCTION CASE PRINCIPALS.—Mr. and Mrs. John Franz (right panel) kiss their four-year-old daughter Janie after she was brought to her Trenton, N. J. home by her father from Philadelphia after the fact had been missing for more than a day. Under arrest is Gerald A. Hutt, 35 (right shown in Philadelphia jail), former brush salesman from Bridgeport, Conn., whom police said picked up the girl as she played in front of her home and then put her out of his car along a highway in Bucks County near Philadelphia. Indicted by the grand jury, Hutt has pleaded guilty and is to be sentenced Friday by the judge.—(AP Wirephoto).