

STRIKE PARALYZES CHRYSLER AUTO PLANTS



POLIO DRIVE KICKOFF — Roseburg infantile paralysis fund campaign chairman Del McKay received from Bob Bashford a check for \$100 from the Douglas County Flour mill. The presentation, made at the Kiwanis club meeting Tuesday noon in the Hotel Umpqua, marked the opening of the club's campaign for solicitation of the business district. Bashford is chairman of the Kiwanis committee directing the drive. (Staff picture)

The Weather
Cloudy tonight and Thursday.
Snow flurries tonight and snow
or rain showers Thursday morn-
ing with little change in tem-
perature.
Sunset today 5:15 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:35 a. m.

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Hiss Receives 5-Year Penitentiary Term

Conviction Of Perjury Will Be Appealed

Court Imposes No Fine; Alleged Soviet Spy Ring Aide Admitted To Bail

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (AP)—Alger Hiss was sentenced today to five years in a Federal penitentiary.

Sentence was pronounced by Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard in the courtroom where Hiss was convicted on two perjury counts last Saturday by a jury of eight women and four men. He was not fined.

The former state department official had denied slipping secret state papers to a prewar Soviet spy ring.

Hiss' defense counsel has said the case will be appealed to the U. S. circuit court of appeals.

The next step for appeal beyond the circuit court would be to the United States supreme court. Should it go to the highest tribunal, at least three justices are expected to disqualify themselves.

They are Felix Frankfurter, Stanley Reed and Tom C. Clark. The first two testified as character witnesses for Hiss at the first trial last June. Justice Clark was U. S. attorney general while Hiss was in the state department.

The delegates at the 56th meeting urged:

1. Statewide labeling of grade A milk to show the butterfat content; 2. a new support price on wheat so dairymen can feed their cattle with grain; 3. a premium of at least 3 cents a pound of butterfat for first grade milk and cream.

On the first recommendation, the dairymen said quality of milk varied in the state but prices were based substantially on a standard quality. They said distributors were pocketing an extra profit. On the last topic, the dairymen noted the law required only a differential of 1 cent a pound between first and second grade milk butterfat. They asked as much as five cents a pound premium in high cost areas.

At the closing banquet, Senator Wayne Morse told the dairymen the value of the dairy support price program is questionable. He said the price of butter was established without regard to location of plants or normal seasonal variation in price. By purchasing at plants, Morse said, the government is in direct competition with cooperative associations of producers and corporate handlers of butter.

He said that as a result butter merchandisers follow a "bare shell" policy, turning over surpluses in the fresh season to the government.

Embassy Attache, Wife 2-Time Robbery Victims

PARIS, Jan. 25 (AP)—An assistant commercial attache of the American embassy and his wife were held at gunpoint in their house for five hours early today by burglars.

The victims were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krause of Hartford, Conn., the embassy reported.

It was the second robbery in the Krause home in five days. The value of the loot taken in today's robbery was not known immediately.

Two burglars broke into the house and herded the servants upstairs. One held the Krauses at gunpoint while the other ransacked the place. They cut the telephone lines before leaving.

A burglar smashed a window in the house Friday night and fled with \$200 worth of jewelry.

Copy Of Brink Robbery Bailed In Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Jan. 25 (AP)—A gang of men police think plotted a Cleveland version of last week's Boston Brink's robbery was bailed today.

Detective Thomas Whalen of the Cleveland robbery squad said the seven men "definitely" had been planning to loot the Brink's Inc., headquarters here, to rival the \$1,500,000 holdup at Boston.

Detectives, tipped by an informer, smashed into apartments on the east side last night in search of a former member of Detroit's notorious "purple gang." Instead they found seven copies of Cleveland Brink's uniforms, friction tape and burglary tools.

The tipster told police, "you scared off the biggest holdup Cleveland ever had."

Jury Frees Orchardist Accused Of Deer Slaying

WENATCHEE, Jan. 25 (AP)—A six-man justice court jury freed an Entiat, Wash., rancher yesterday of the charge that he illegally killed 21 deer which he said had been eating buds and branches in his 30-acre orchard.

A \$10 fine for a second charge, that of failing to report to the game department that he had slain the deer, was suspended "because of lack of cooperation of the game department."

The rancher-orchardist, Warren Griffith, admitted in court he had killed "about 50" of the animals between September and Christmas.

COLD TONIGHT, FORECAST

The temperature dropped to a low of 27 degrees last night at Roseburg, according to the local weather bureau office. This is several degrees colder than the "mild" weather of last few days.

And, the forecast says it will be about as cold tonight.

The snow showers experienced the last two days will continue, the weather bureau says, with possible rain showers tomorrow.

Capacity Crowd Assured At C. C. Banquet Tonight

A capacity crowd for tonight's annual Chamber of Commerce banquet has been assured planners of the event, with the announcement from Chamber Secretary Harold Hickerson that all tickets have been sold.

Chamber of Commerce members and guests—200 strong—will gather tonight at 6:30 in the First Methodist church banquet room. Ticket sales were limited to that number because of limited seating facilities.

Headline of the program is Marshall N. Dana, editor of the Oregon Journal editorial page, Dana will speak on the subject, "Their World and Ours," borrowed from his book of the same title and written following extensive tours of post-war Europe.

Persons unable to attend the banquet may hear Dana's address by way of delayed broadcast over station KRNR, beginning at 10 p. m. Wednesday.

Others to appear briefly on the program will include John Todd and Harold Schmeier, retiring and incoming chamber presidents. Other officers and board members will also be presented.

Roseburg, At 28, Area's 'Warmest'

(By The Associated Press)

The Pacific Northwest's sub-zero cold drove the mercury down to a 60-year low in Spokane early today.

The inland city's 22 below zero was listed as the lowest since 23 below on Feb. 26, 1890.

Temperatures far below the freezing mark prevailed in all parts of the Northwest. The "warmest" area was in south-western Oregon, where Roseburg reported 28.

Winter clamped its icy grip on both Eastern and Western Washington. It was the second time this month that rare sub-zero temperatures were recorded on the west side of the Cascades.

In Oregon, sub-zero temperatures were reported in the central part of the state. It was 4 below at Bend and 2 below at Burns.

Fortune Tellers Ordered To Leave Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Jan. 25 (AP)—The Czech government today ordered all palm readers, fortune tellers and other specialists in the occult to hit the road.

Rude Pravda, official newspaper of the Czech Communist government said: "These medieval remains of the capitalist era" were told to close up shop after many citizens had complained of their activities.

The government action came at a time when Prague and many other parts of the country were engulfed in a new craze of fortune telling.

Czech observers reported the homes of fortune tellers have been jammed from morning till night with hundreds of Prague citizens, anxious to find out their future under the Red regime.

School Bus Skids Into Wall; 3 Students Hurt

ASTORIA, Jan. 25 (AP)—Three students were injured and 23 others shaken yesterday when a bus carrying high school students skidded back onto an icy hill and crashed into a wall.

High school basketball guard Dick Winslow, 16, suffered a leg fracture. Two others, Carol Erickson, 17, and Calvin Wong, 15, had cuts and bruises.

Bus driver Carl Lee Smart, 54, said the engine died when he tried to shift gears on steep 16th street. The bus skidded half a block into a retaining wall.

USO FOLDS UP

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (AP)—The United Service organization is closing up shop.

The agency, whose wartime entertainment circuit stretched from Burma to the beachheads of Europe, said yesterday that it is unable to raise enough money to keep going.

It expects to terminate operations of its 153 branches throughout the country by Tuesday.

ORGANIZATION CAST-OFF TRIUMPHS

Widnall Wins In New Jersey Primary; Bates Victor In Massachusetts Vote

HACKENSACK, N. J., Jan. 25 (AP)—A young state legislator upset pre-election forecasts yesterday and won the Republican nomination for imprisoned J. Parnell Thomas' vacated congressional post.

William B. Widnall, 43-year-old attorney and state assemblyman, eked out an unofficial 299-vote victory over Harry C. Harper, one-time big league baseball pitcher.

Harper, who now is state labor commissioner, was backed by the GOP organization in the state's Seventh congressional district primary election. He was a heavy favorite over Widnall who claimed the regular Republican organization had tried to force him out of the race.

Ironically, Harper also lost a Republican congressional primary two years ago when he was

Bill To Admit More DPs To U. S. Advances

Committee Approval Of Revised Plan Removes Discrimination Phase

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—The hope of additional thousands of displaced Europeans for getting into America came one step nearer to realization today.

A bill to permit 320,000 DPs—plus 5,000 orphans and 5,000 adopted children to enter this country by June 30, 1951, was approved last night by the Senate judiciary committee. It is expected to be introduced in the Senate promptly.

The total approved by the committee includes the approximately 124,000 who already have reached the United States under the 1948 DP law.

That law authorizes the entry of 205,000 persons in the two-year period ending June 30, 1950. A bill approved by the House would increase the number to 339,000 and extend the date by one year.

Specific provisions would be made within the authorized entry

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Burned Child's Parents Accused

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 25 (AP)—The parents of a four-year-old girl are held without bond today after testifying a belief in divine healing prevented them from calling a doctor when the youngster was badly burned.

Appearing in morals court yesterday, James Bennett, 41, and his wife, Odessa, 37, said they notified their pastor their daughter, Shirley Ann, had been burned last Thursday when her clothing caught fire.

They were told, the Bennetts said, the congregation would pray for the little girl and that they then bathed Shirley Ann with oil, sprinkled talcum powder on her burns and put her to bed.

Police testified they found the youngster suffering from first, second and third degree burns of the entire body. She was taken to Pittsburgh hospital where doctors said her condition was critical.

The parents were held without bond for failing to obtain medical care for the child.

Boston Club Robbed Of Payroll From Brink's

BOSTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Two gunmen Tuesday robbed Boston's exclusive Union club of \$2,000—just after the payroll had been delivered by an armored truck company which, itself, was robbed of \$1,500,000 a week ago.

Two women employees, who only minutes before had "kidded" the Brink's guard about the robbery at his firm, were held up. The club is about a mile from the scene of the big holdup.

Four Oregon Highways Are Still Blocked

SALEM, Jan. 25 (AP)—Oregon highway conditions were improved today, but the Columbia river, Siuslaw, Oregon coast and Crovallis-Eastside highways were still blocked.

The highway commission said chains aren't required on any roads. However, it advised motorists to carry chains with them if they travel across the Cascades, in South Central Oregon, or in the Pendleton area.

The Columbia river highway remained blocked by snowdrifts between Hood River and Cascade locks. The Coast highway was blocked by a slide 13 miles south of Port Orford.

A road cave-in still closed the Siuslaw highway near Florence, and high water cut travel on the Crovallis-Eastside highway.

Murray Ends Charter Of California CIO Council

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—CIO President Philip Murray today revoked the charter of the California state industrial union council.

He acted on the unanimous recommendation of a three-man hearing committee which found that the council had followed the political program of the Communist party.

Under newly revised rules of the CIO executive board, Murray has the power to withdraw the certificate of affiliation, subject to appeal to the 51-man executive board.

The three-man committee held a hearing on Dec. 19 which the officers of the California council ignored.

Auto Of Honeymooners Plunges Off Highway

A young honeymooning couple here from Los Angeles was thwarted by the weather and resulting slippery highways, while driving through Douglas county from Coos Bay Tuesday evening.

The couple's car reportedly went off the highway four miles north of Astoria. Their names were given as M. E. Soyster and his wife, Diane.

Mrs. Soyster was taken by ambulance to the Josephine county hospital at Grants Pass for X-rays to determine the extent of her injuries, apparently limited to her left arm. The groom was unhurt, the report said.

Judge Scores Jury For "Lack Of Intelligence"

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (AP)—Bronx county Judge Samuel Joseph told members of a deadlocked jury yesterday that they "have less intelligence than a two-year-old child."

The jury had failed to reach a verdict in the trial of an alleged narcotics peddler, Leonard Selami, 37.

The evidence included a film showing an alleged narcotics sale.

"What did you think those movies were?" The judge snapped at the jurors. "Pictures of Mickey Mouse?"

Naval Officer Nominated To Succeed His Father

HAVERHILL, Mass., Jan. 25 (AP)—A young naval lieutenant commander ran away with the

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89,000 Quit Over Pension Plan Dispute

Company Spurns Union's Demand For Trust Fund On Joint Operation Basis

DETROIT, Jan. 25 (AP)—A strike of 89,000 auto workers hit Chrysler corporation's nationwide operations today.

Six months of negotiations failed to bring agreement in a pension plan dispute between the company and the CIO United Auto Workers. Talks broke off 15 minutes before the 10 a.m. walkout.

From the bargaining room, the union flashed the message to locals in 25 plants:

"Hit the bricks, boys."

Assembly lines ground to a halt as day shifts in the sprawling Detroit plants, first to get the word, warned out. Workers in the rest of Chrysler's factories followed suit.

Before long almost all Chrysler's 110,000 employees across the nation will be idled.

The big snag in efforts to avoid the strike was a union demand that Chrysler make a dollars-and-cents commitment in a new contract. Benefits worth 10 cents were as low as the "rockbottom" figure.

True Fund Is Snag

Chrysler stuck to its offer of a \$100-a-month plan administered entirely by the company. It would be financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. The company rejected the idea of a jointly run trust fund, upon which the union insisted.

Under such a trust fund arrangement the union asks that the company pay a set amount into the fund covering all work-

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Morse No Backer Of Harry Bridges

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24 (AP)—A tentative plan to call U. S. Senator Wayne Morse (R-Ore) as a character witness for Harry Bridges appeared beset with difficulties today.

Morse indicated at Eugene, Ore., that he would not be a very friendly witness for the Australian-born CIO longshore president, on trial for perjury. The government charged Bridges lied when he testified at his 1945 naturalization hearing that he had never been a communist.

Defense Attorney James Mac Innis said yesterday he would, "if possible," call Morse, once West Coast Maritime labor arbitrator. In that post he had frequent contact with Bridges.

Morse commented:

"I cannot see why the defense would want to subpoena me. If I were permitted to testify beyond appearance in court in regard to Harry Bridges, I would say this: If he isn't a Communist he certainly follows the Communist line straight down. I am completely out of sympathy with Bridges."

Dimes March Container Stolen From Mart

Each year an unknown individual is nominated for the meanest man in town.

The present annum, 1950, is hardly begun, but a likely candidate has already been reported.

The nominee is the person who made away with a March of Dimes container from Henninger's Mart, according to Roseburg chairman Del McKay.

The container, one of several hundred put out in places of business throughout the Roseburg area by the Active club, contained an estimated \$10 to \$15.

McKay pointed out that the polio campaign is one of the most worthy of charitable causes, since the money goes for the direct relief of polio victims, and research aimed at stamping out the disease.

First Twin Sons Born In Danish Royalty History

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. 25 (AP)—Countess Fleming of Roseburg gave birth to twin sons today—the first set of twins in the history of the Danish Royal family.

The countess, former Miss Ruth Nielsen, is married to a nephew of King Frederik IX, Count Fleming, who gave up his claim to right of succession to the throne in order to wed a commoner. He now is a Danish Navy lieutenant.

The two sons automatically will become Counts of Roseburg.

FOUND DEAD IN COLD

CANYON CITY, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—The screaming of Cougars got worried neighbors last night to check on John Peter Klaus, 84, who lived by himself in a small cabin at the edge of town.

They found him dead from exposure on the edge of Canyon creek, a quarter-mile from his cabin.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Robbery in Boston yesterday of a club payroll from Brink's, a week after Brink's, Inc., was nicked for \$1,500,000, make it appear that the nation's hub of learning is on the BRINK of a holdup epidemic.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WINSTON CHURCHILL opens the Conservatives' campaign for the big British election next month with a warning against "another plunge into socialist regimentation." . . . He calls for a "return to free enterprise to win us back the glorious ascendancy that marked the rise of the British empire." . . . He declares that socialism is the weakest defense against communism and is being discarded in the rest of the British commonwealth and in most of Europe.

Churchill's matchless oratory was undoubtedly more thrilling and was probably more convincing, but reading the dispatches telling of the speech leaves one a little let down.

It sounds like free enterprise is being as badly sold to Britons as to Americans.

HAVE the feeling that in this country too many opponents of the welfare state are against it because it is BAD FOR THEM.

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Chicken Theft Charge Sends Woman To Jail

Edna Mae Benedetti, 42, Roseburg, charged with petty larceny involving the theft of a dressed chicken, was lodged in the county jail in lieu of paying a \$50 fine, when she appeared in justice court Tuesday, Judge A. J. Geddes reported.

Geddes added that William Ralph Lawhorn, 36, Seaside, charged with trespassing, was fined \$40 and lodged in the county jail in lieu of payment.

Body Of Outstanding Girl Student Found In River

PIKEVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 25 (AP)—The long search for an attractive 18-year-old girl, Evelyn Bedwell, ended yesterday when her body was found in Sequatchie river.

A coroner's jury said she had drowned. No evidence of foul play was reported.

The Bledsoe county high school graduate and outstanding 4-H club member had been missing from her home near here since Dec. 17.

MINIMUM WAGE BOOSTED

Labor Act Changes, Now In Effect, Up Employers' Cost \$300 Million A Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—The 75-cent an hour minimum wage and other changes made by Congress in the new deal's 12-year-old wage-hour law went into effect today.

The new wage minimum, nearly double the previous 40-cent an hour floor, is estimated to require a wage boost averaging between five and 15 cents an hour for about 1,500,000 workers. The cost to employers is estimated at about \$300,000,000 a year.

President Truman said the new law was "dictated by social justice" and will add to the nation's economic strength.

He said in a statement yesterday that the original law "added to the purchasing power of our low-paid workers and, by encouraging the spreading of work, put more people on payrolls."

Labor organizations cheered the higher minimum, too. The CIO called for early consideration of a \$1 an hour minimum, and broadened coverage of workers.

The new law is actually a compromise result of a long fight in congress. It boosted the wage

minimum but did not include some of the workers labor wanted covered. It also simplified some provisions of the old law.

Estimates were made in Congress that between 200,000 and 1,000,000 workers formerly covered by the law now will be exempt. But the wage-hour administration said yesterday it feels the number of workers covered will remain the same, about 22,500,000.

Main Provisions Listed

Still exempt from the law are government employees, agricul-

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