

RAILWAY STRIKE POSTPONED TWO WEEKS

Government Pushes Plan To Effect Peace

Prospects For Settling Dispute In Telephone System Appear Very Poor

(By The Associated Press)

A two-weeks truce was called for one of the nation's two major threatened strikes but there appeared little hope today of settlement of the second.

Railroad firemen, called to strike against four of the country's biggest carrier systems tomorrow morning, last night postponed their walkout until May 10. Meanwhile, the government pushed efforts to effect a settlement before the new strike deadline.

The government, successful in averting the rail walkout, attempted in last minute negotiations to head off the walkout tomorrow morning of some 230,000 telephone workers.

Neither side in the telephone dispute was hopeful of settlement of the twice-postponed strike. As negotiations resumed in New York today, some 10,000 equipment installers were on strike against the Bell system with orders to jam long distance lines wherever possible. Telephone service to the general public, however, was not hindered immediately.

The telephone walkout, unless there is an unexpected break by possible arbitration or appointment of a presidential fact-finding board, is set for 6 a.m. local time tomorrow. President Truman's strike truce ends at midnight tonight. A general strike would cut off virtually all of the country's phone service.

Long-standing disputes between the company and 34 of the union's divisions have continued since last October with virtually no progress.

The threatened walkout by some 18,000 railroad firemen was to be against four major carriers—the Pennsylvania, the New York Central, the Santa Fe and the Southern. The strike was called by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen to enforce its demands for an extra fireman on big diesel locomotives. The diesels now have two-man crews, an engineer and a fireman.

In another labor development, federal mediators called the dispute between Chrysler and the CIO United Auto Workers a hopeless deadlock. The strike was in its 32nd day.

Fire Razes One Sawmill, Poses Threat To Second

The Sanders Lumber company sawmill at West Melrose was destroyed by fire Monday at 2 p.m., resulting in damage of approximately \$200,000.

Vern Sanders, mill owner, said the fire evidently started at the diesel motor and spread so quickly that workmen were unable to check it. The loss was not covered by insurance.

Sanders indicated he will rebuild the mill immediately. A second sawmill, located a mile south of the Sanders mill, was threatened by fire earlier in the day. However, workmen at Morgan's mill soon extinguished the blaze and little damage was inflicted. Origin of the second fire was not determined.

These two fires bring to three the number of mill fires noted in this area during a two-day period.

The Tyee Lumber company sawmill west of Sutherlin was also destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Extent of the loss and origin of that fire has not yet been determined.

Alaska Easy To Capture, Senate Committee Told

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—A warning that Alaska could be captured in "a matter of 48 hours" by paratroopers today faced a Senate committee considering statehood for the territory.

William L. Baker, editor and publisher of the Ketchikan (Alaska) Chronicle and long-time Alaska resident, said that lack of voting representation in Congress makes it tough for Alaska to build up and maintain adequate defenses.

"Defense begins at home," he told the interior committee yesterday.

Not having senators and a congressman in Washington to "swap votes" puts Alaska at a disadvantage when Congress talks defense, he said.

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The Weather
Mostly cloudy today and Wednesday with few scattered showers today.
Sunset today 7:07 p.m.
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WHO DOES WHAT

By Paul Jenkins



THE YOUNG LADY pictured above doing oh, such an intricate dance step, is Dana Rhoden, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rhoden. She is practicing in her mother's dance studio for a ballet the latter soon is presenting, and if you ask me I think Dana shows pretty good form. A lot of it, anyway.

Economy Try In House Loses On Two Items

Fresh Effort Slated To Prevent Boost In Funds For Public Hospitals

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Routed House economy forces beat the bushes today in an attempt to defeat a move to add \$75,000,000 for public hospital funds to a \$29,000,000 appropriation bill.

They were up against a strong opposition of Republicans and Democrats who have announced that they will try to double the \$75,000,000 recommended by the House appropriations committee for the hospital program.

The program is handled by the Federal Security agency, whose funds are included in the section of the one-package money bill which came up for House consideration today. The funds are in the form of contract authority and are used by the FSA to help states and local communities build public hospitals.

The appropriations committee has recommended \$1,591,784,590 in cash and \$78,288,000 in contract authority for the FSA for the fiscal year starting July 1. This compares with \$1,635,083,600 cash and \$161,211,000 contract authority requested by President Truman.

The "economy" headed by Rep. Taber (R-NY) fared poorly yesterday.

It was unable to cut \$2,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance corporation's administrative expense allotment and was beaten 93 to 88 on an amendment that added \$1,000,000 to the bill.

An amendment to add \$22,000,000 for the postoffice department's operating expense allotment was defeated without a major fight. To date the House-voted cuts total \$7,700,000, or less than one-half of one percent on the basis of items totaling \$2,192,584,402 already set out.

Taber earlier had called for total cuts of at least a billion dollars.

While major sections of the bill are still to be considered, there is a possibility that substantial increases may be voted in funds for national defense and for rivers and harbors and flood control projects.

Ailing Veteran Commits Suicide

Tony Dutchick, 62, a patient at the Veterans hospital, took his life by strangling himself with his belt last night according to Coroner Stern's report.

Being held today to determine the exact cause of death. Hospital officials report Dutchick was found almost immediately but efforts to revive him by artificial respiration and use of oxygen were of no avail.

Dutchick, hospitalized since April 1947, had been suffering from arterio sclerosis (hardening of the arteries), the hospital officials said. Born in Russia, he had served with the U. S. army from Sept. 9, 1918, to Dec. 9, 1918.

A nephew, Fred Zelich, of Hines, Ore., survives. He has been notified, and funeral arrangements will be announced later by Long & Orr Mortuary, which took charge of the body.

The hospital officials said this was the first suicide to take place inside the hospital. They said closure watch is made of any person who shows any inclination to take his own life.

Don't Trail Fire Depr. Too Closely, Warning

Fire Chief William Mills today issued a reminder to persons who disregard warning tickets given drivers who follow too close to fire department vehicles.

"According to the state fire marshal's law, Mills said, 'persons receiving such warning tickets are liable to a fine of \$100 and ten days imprisonment if the offense is repeated. We keep the names of offenders on file.'

Mills referred to the penalty clause contained under section 115.365, state fire marshal laws.

Girl In Tragedy-Hit Family Ends Her Life

STOUGHTON, Mass., April 25.—(AP)—Helen Schmitchel, 14-year-old junior high school girl, has gone voluntarily to death, which in violent form had claimed six members of her family in eight years.

Yesterday her body was found in the home of her uncle and aunt. She was lying on a couch. Four gas jets were open on the kitchen range. She left a note but police declined to reveal its contents.

Dr. A. C. Woodward, assistant medical examiner, called her a "suicide because of despondency."

In 1942 Helen's father, Henry Schmitchel Jr., was killed in a fall from a window.

Since then she had lost her stepfather, Clarence A. Vines, in the war; and her mother, grandmother and a sister and brother in fires.



BUDGET DIRECTOR—Frederick J. Lawton (above) has been appointed budget director succeeding Frank Pace Jr., promoted to secretary of the army by President Truman.

Father Tries To Slay His Four Children With Gas

LAWRENCE, Mass., April 25.—(AP)—A former Lawrence postal employee was booked today on a charge of attempting to murder his four children with illuminating gas.

Deputy Police Chief Arthur J. Riley said James M. Ryley 36, was taken to a hospital for mental observation. The deputy said Ryley tied the four children, ranging from six to 14 years of age, to chairs and then turned on gas in a kitchen stove and a jet on a gas heater.

The eldest child, James, 14, freed himself, the deputy added, and notified neighbors. They called police.

Two patrolmen found Ryley in and upper room of the two-story single family house. They found the other three children, all tied to chairs, in the kitchen.

None of the children was over-come.

They were Ryley's children by a previous marriage. His present wife, Dorothy, a registered nurse was out on a case.

The deputy police chief said that Ryley could give no explanation for his act.

U. S. Bonds Safe, Holders Assured

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—The Treasury said today that the people of this country need have no fear for the safety of their investments in government bonds.

"Never in the history of this country has the federal government defaulted on any of its obligations or paid them at less than par," the Treasury wrote Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.).

The present debt will be no exception. Nor need they have any concern as to the ability of the United States government to protect its financial position or to meet its obligations under any conditions that may exist."

The question was called up by a constituent who wrote Magnuson that he had been investing \$75 a month in E series bonds. He said it had been pointed out to him the government was not using the money to retire its debt but for general purposes "including redemption of bonds being cashed in by frightened citizens."

Magnuson sent the letter to the treasury and received the reply. In it the treasury said that the only way to repay the debt "From excess of government receipts over expenditures."

Entertainers Sue On 'Commie' Label Claim

(NY) HARTFORD, Conn., April 25.—(AP)—Two entertainers came into federal court today, each seeking \$100,000 damages from a Greenwich, Conn., housewife who they claim called them pro-Communist.

Paul Draper, dancer, and Larry Adler, harmonica player, contend Mrs. Hester McCullough damaged them by charging they were "pro-Communist in sympathy" and "open supporters" of Communist front organizations. She is the wife of a Time magazine editor.

The entertainers claim they lost professional engagements as the result of alleged libelous statements made by Mrs. McCullough in an article published in a Greenwich newspaper and in spoken comments.

Jail Term, Fine Meted For Pointing Fierm

Elbert King Troxel, 31, Glendale, was arrested by state police officers Sunday on a charge of pointing a firearm at another person. Troxel, arraigned in justice court, was sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail and fined \$100 plus \$4.50 costs, reported Justice of the Peace E. S. Skillings of Glendale.

State police said Troxel pulled a gun on an officer called to investigate a complaint.

Senators Given New Urging On Rent Controls

Failure To Extend Would Spell Chaos, 'Violence,' Warning To Committee

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois told senators today a sudden end of federal rent controls on June 30 would result in disorder, confusion and "perhaps some violence."

Stevenson said that unless Congress extends the federal controls he will be forced to call the Illinois legislature into special session to pass a state control law.

But under questions of Chairman Maybank (D-SC) of the Senate banking committee, Stevenson said he could go along with a reported compromise.

The report would retain existing controls until the end of this year with a provision for an additional six-month extension if states or cities request it.

Stevenson is among a number of state and city officials urging the full-year extension of controls asked by President Truman.

"If we are forced to state legislation and local control in Illinois it will be unavoidably a last minute improvisation with serious dislocations in effective administration."

Regardless of whether the controls are extended, Maybank said in advance of the hearing that Congress should provide funds to carry on the present program to June 30.

Maybank was commenting on the testimony of Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods that his agency will be "broke" by May 26 unless it gets another appropriation.

Woods, whose office administers the controls, appeared before the committee yesterday to urge a year's extension of the regulations.

Support for the control extension also came today from officials of other cities, including Aaron W. White, assistant city solicitor for Philadelphia.

White said the housing shortage still is critical for middle and low income groups who must rent their homes.

Mayor Ralph A. Villani of Newark, N.J., said it is "absolutely essential" to continue federal controls "for at least another year."

Bulletin!

PERU, Neb., April 25.—(AP)—Dr. B. K. Baker, psychology professor at Peru State Teachers college, today killed Dr. William Nicholas, president of the college, and Dr. Paul A. Maxwell, assistant instructor, and then killed himself.

Kiechel said a note was found beside Dr. Baker's body which said in part "Willis (Dr. Nicholas) tried to fire the wrong person."

Expelled Students At Salem Abandon Fight

SALEM, April 25.—(AP)—The 18 boys who were expelled from Salem high school for belonging to a secret fraternity gave up their court fight today.

Ralph Moody, attorney for the boys, said they withdrew their appeal to the state supreme court. The circuit court ruled the school board had authority to expel them.

RESIGNS AS REGENT Banker Giannini Quits U. Of California Body For Dropping Anti-Red Oath

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., April 25.—(AP)—Because of his "conscientious convictions against communism," the head of the world's biggest bank has resigned from the board of regents of the University of California.

L. M. Giannini, president of the Bank of America, has fought for weeks to preserve the anti-Communist "loyalty oath" once ordered, then dropped by the board of regents.

"You can't make peace with a Communist," Giannini said last night at his home here. "It's always a surrender. And if you trade with a Communist, you will soon find that you have traded your heart away."

Giannini said he had mailed his resignation to Gov. Earl Warren. He declined to make public the contents of the letter but said he had empowered Governor Warren to do so if he wished.

The professors opposing the "loyalty oath" have maintained that Communism was not the issue. They held that the controversy was over the right of the board of regents to set up conditions which could result in the firing of faculty members without a hearing.

But Giannini said last night, "I cannot understand why the issue of academic freedom is being

Lumber Market's Boost By Intensive Publicity Told By Arthur Priaulx, Assn. Agent

Importance To Douglas County Stressed By Its Great Timber Resource, Expansion Prospects

Two great industrial stories for the Northwest were told Monday by Arthur Priaulx, manager of advertising and publicity for the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Featured at the Chamber of Commerce noon forum luncheon at Hotel Umpqua, Priaulx highlighted the value of timber resources and their development in Douglas county and told of the "transition in thinking" of west coast lumbermen.

Priaulx, a former Roseburg resident who was graduated from senior high school here before entering the newspaper business, mentioned the relatively low timber cut noted here in the 1920s as compared to the present volume.

"In those early years, Douglas county was cutting only about 45,000,000 board feet of lumber a year, and most of that near Reed's port," he said. "Last year, Douglas county cut 796,000,000 board feet, more than the entire period from 1925-35."

He also touched on the increase since 1940 when the first marked climb was noted. He said the lumber industry meant to this area alone more than \$50,000,000 cash and employed more than 7,000 workers.

On the resource side, Priaulx said the latest survey indicated 71 billion feet of "timber is now standing in Douglas county—more than all of the New England states put together." He said no other state has as much standing timber as Douglas county, except Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California, and that the standing timber here covers 7/8 of the county area.

Priaulx spoke at length on what he called the "transition in thinking" by lumbermen of this area and cited the "amazingly successful results" noted during the national advertising campaign conducted by west coast lumbermen.

"Our lumbermen got together in 1944 to map operations for entering the highly-competitive postwar building market and decided on a campaign to appeal directly to the consumer," he said. Priaulx called this approach "highly unique," since lumbermen were trying to sell unfinished goods by consumer market methods.

On this one advertising campaign, he said western lumbermen spent \$1,000,000 with 20 national magazines in an effort to convince the nation that there still was lumber in the West "enough to rebuild every home in the nation" and to tell of the advantages of lumber as a building material.

A second campaign was soon launched—sell the nation on low grade lumber. Lumbermen adopted as their slogan, "There's a right teacher training."

The state board of higher education made the appointment to fill the vacancy at the Monmouth institution caused by resignation of Dr. Henry M. Gunn.

To take over at La Grande, the board appointed Dr. R. G. Langston, 35, president of Eastern Oregon college. He now is associate professor of education at the University of Oregon.

These were the top changes in the annual personnel list.

But high in general interest was the board's acceptance of the resignation of William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture at Oregon State college. It will be effective next October 1, the date set by the dean in his request for retirement.

He is 61. He has held his present position for 19 years, having been named to it after a long record of educational and governmental service in agriculture.

Jury Acquits Man Of Killing Woman Friend

KINGSTON, N. Y., April 25.—(AP)—Theodore Lutzel, 47, was acquitted by a jury last night on a first degree murder charge in the shooting of his woman friend, Ruth S. Bergemann, 36.

The jury of seven women and five men was out less than four hours after a two-week trial.

Lutzel had faced a possible death charge verdict.

The state accused him of shooting the woman and leaving her body in the village square of High Falls, N. Y., last Nov. 27 after a round of taverns.

In his defense, Lutzel claimed that the woman took a pistol from her purse and that it was discharged accidentally during a struggle for it.

Husband Slays Escort Of His Wife To Movie

PRINCETON, W. Va., April 25.—(AP)—Frazier Harless, 24-year-old Bluefield, W. Va., truck driver, took another man's wife to a drive-in movie last night in his truck. Her husband spied them.

Harless drove quickly to the Princeton police for refuge. He and Mrs. Eva Carper, 36, scampered up the stairs to the desk sergeant's office. There were two shots.

Harless tumbled down the steps and died of wounds in the back.

"Sure, I killed him—and I'm not sorry," Patrolman A. E. French quoted Irving Carper, 36-year-old strip miner.

The husband is charged with murder.

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City Planning Commission Approves One Offered Plat, Tentatively O. K.s Others

The city planning commission Monday night gave final approval to Hously Heights plat 1, subdivision of block 10, and tentative approval to other plats.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I'd like to offer for your thoughtful consideration today a recent exchange of political statements between Howard Morgan, of Monmouth, a former Oregon state representative, and Oregon State Senator Tom Mahoney, of Portland.

In Monmouth the other day, Morgan charged that Oregon State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson, who is running for the Democratic nomination for governor, is being supported by "the John Hall wing of the Republican party and the Tom Mahoney wing of the Democratic party."

That brought from Mahoney in Portland the following blast: "Former Governor Hall and myself have never discussed at any time or in any manner the current governorship campaign. We have never acted together in any way, shape or manner concerning that or any other campaign."

I'd like to ask you this question: Do you believe a word EITHER of them says?

I don't. I simply assume that they are talking for purely political purposes and let it go at that. I

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RESERVATION SPURNED FAIRBANKS, Alaska, April 25

(AP)—Shungnak natives rejected by a vote of 51-25 yesterday the interior department's proposal that they accept a reservation.

No word of the outcome of similar elections at Kobuk and Bydaburg was available.

PROTESTANTS ON DEFENSE

East German Reds Spur Campaign Designed To Bury Church Altogether

By Daniel De Luca
BERLIN, April 25.—(AP)—Protestantism in Soviet-occupied east Germany is fighting with its back to the wall.

Church sources accuse Communist leaders of forcing Protestant clergymen to join the "national front Communist mass organization at the price of their moral integrity.

Using the schools and the "Free German Youth" organization to turn the younger generation

More than 14,000,000 of the 18,000,000 Germans in the Soviet zone are baptized members of the Evangelical (Protestant) faith.

With so much at stake, eastern Protestantism has sought repeatedly to avoid an open break with the Communist-controlled government. But the Communists have appeared to interpret this as a weakness.

They have stepped up their campaign first to capture the church's influence and eventually to bury the church altogether.

The struggle may be racing to an early showdown. Last Sunday in more than 4,000 churches of east Germany Evangelical pastors read a common denunciation of Communist pressure. Communist Prime Minister Grotewohl

would call this an "attack on the constitution, the government and the republic."

Under the loosely-written Communist constitution of east Germany, each pastor laid himself open to possible imprisonment or even death by his act. None has been reported arrested yet. But the threat hangs over all pending a conference Friday between Grotewohl and Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin-Brandenburg.

Church sources said the next development may depend entirely on what orders the east German government gets from Russia. Anti-church campaigns in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary since the war have had the whole-hearted endorsement of the Soviet union.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Eugene voters are to be asked to ballot on a proposed retail sales tax to meet municipal financial needs without adding to existing burdensome property taxes. It's a straw in the wind that may blow to other Oregon cities, including one with a name that starts with "R."