

# LOCAL MILK WAR ENDED BY COMPROMISE



**RAIL STRIKE ENDS**—Pennsylvania railroad yard workers at the 28th street station in Pittsburgh waved happily in front of a diesel locomotive after striking railroad firemen called off their walk-out against four major rail systems. The union abandoned its demand for an additional fireman on multiple-unit diesel engines and agreed to submit secondary demands to arbitration. (NEA Telephoto.)

**The Weather**  
Partly cloudy with scattered showers today and Friday.  
Sunset today 8:33 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 5:45 a. m.

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### Switchmen's Strike Threatens Ten Roads

#### Walkout Of 6,000 Stated Next Tuesday

**Union Demands 48-Hour Wage For 40-Hour Week; Refuses To Wait Longer**

CHICAGO, May 18.—(AP)—Ten midwestern and western railroads were threatened today with a strike Tuesday morning by 6,000 switchmen.

The walkout was called last night by the AFL Switchmen's Union of North America in a wage dispute.

It came less than 48 hours after settlement on the crippling six-day firemen's strike against five of the nation's carriers. The threatened walkout is not directed against any of the recently struck lines.

Union President Arthur J. Glover said in Washington the strike was set to enforce demands for 48 hours pay for a 40-hour work-week. The union, one of the five operating brotherhoods, was not affected by the 1949 decision by presidential emergency boards giving the 40-hour work-week to non-operating workers.

The strike action, Glover said, will be directed against the Chicago Great Western; Chicago, Rock Island and North Western; Denver and Rio Grande Western; Great Northern; St. Paul and Northern Pacific Terminal company of Oregon; St. Paul Union Depot company; Sioux City Terminal Railway Company, and Western Pacific Railroad company. The strike deadline was announced as 6 a. m. local time.

A spokesman for the Association of Western Railroads said switchmen, yard foremen, yard brakemen and helpers would be affected by the strike. The union, he said, represents about 10 percent of the men doing this class of work on the nation's carriers.

**Separate Action Wanted**

A presidential fact-finding board in a report to President Truman on April 19, had suggested the switchmen's case would be passed upon after hearing similar cases by two other operating unions, the Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors.

The board has been holding hearings here for two months and its report is due June 1. The switchmen contended its case deserved a separate board.

"We refuse to wait," Glover said in announcing the strike action. "We have waited long enough. We followed the law and we expect to be treated as law abiding citizens and as a law abiding union."

Glover said that "most of American industry has had a basic 40 hour work week for years. That's all we want."

#### Fiery Crash Of B-29 Kills All 16 Aboard

**PONTA DELGADA, Azores, May 18.—(AP)—**A B-29 bomber crashed off the runway at Lagens field last night and burst into flames, killing all 16 persons aboard.

Unofficial reports said the U. S. air force plane hit an automobile parked off the field. The plane caught fire immediately and burned in a few minutes. Fourteen men were burned beyond recognition.

The plane, carrying a crew of 11 and five passengers, believed to be military personnel, was en route from Bermuda to England.

Its home was Barksdale air force base at Shreveport, La. Capt. Salvadore Pelle, public information officer at Barksdale, said the plane had been diverted to Lagens field when it developed engine trouble. He said no high-ranking officers were aboard.

The bomber was en route to England as part of the air force rotational plan to provide overseas training for regular air force groups.

#### Primary Vote Of 50 Percent Is Predicted

**Registration Lead Spurs Democrats Of Oregon To Bid For State's Control**

SALEM, May 18.—(AP)—More than 350,000 Oregonians are expected to vote in tomorrow's primary election to decide who will be the Republican and Democratic nominees for state, national and local offices.

The campaign, featured by a bitter Democratic race for governor and a hot battle for United States senator, will end tonight with candidates making their final pleas to woo the voters.

The predicted total vote tomorrow is based on the fact that usually only about half of the registered voters cast their ballots in a primary election.

This is the year that the Democrats are making their supreme effort to console the state. They have been heartened by the fact that for the first time, the Democrats lead the Republicans in the number of registered voters.

The Democrats have candidates for almost all offices. Never before have they had so many candidates listed.

Most interest is centered on the Democratic contest for governor, in which three Portland men have been fighting hard to win the nomination. The winner will oppose Governor Douglas McKay, who has no opposition in the primary.

The three Democratic gubernatorial candidates are State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson, State Sen. Austin Flege and former State Sen. Lew Wallace. This race is a toss-up.

**Morse Favored To Win**

U. S. Sen. Wayne Morse, running for a second term, is an overwhelming favorite to win Republican renomination. He's running against Dave Hoover, Lane county dairyman who has been putting up a stubborn battle in which he accuses Morse of supporting President Truman's program. Morse contends Hoover is an isolationist.

Third candidate is John McBride, who is clerk of a senate committee in Washington, but he hasn't campaigned.

On the Democratic side of the Senate race, Dr. Louis A. Wood, Eugene, retired economics professor, is running against Howard F.

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#### State Expense Brake, Revenue To Meet Tax Bill Problems At Legislators' Forum Here

How to hold state expenses to a minimum and how to raise money to pay Oregon's \$199,000,000 tax bill are the big problems the state interim tax commission is attempting to solve. Roseburg, visited Wednesday, was the group's 12th stopping place in a busy tour of the state. The commission is presenting facts about state finances and attempting to obtain local opinion on primary issues.

Approximately 60 persons, representing county, cities, school districts and civic organizations of Douglas county, gathered in the Hotel Umpqua for the talks by members of the committee and for a forum discussion which followed.

Headed by Senator Howard Belton, the delegation included Representatives Giles French and Mrs. Louise Humphreys, staff assistant, Oregon Business and Tax Research; Earl B. Day, former legislator and Jackson county judge; Representative John Sell of The Dalles, and Vern Young, assistant budget director.

Important topics discussed were: The basic school support \$30 increase measure, veterans bonus bill, elimination of the property tax bill, and the bill to eliminate relative responsibility for welfare cases, all of which will be up to the voters in November, and the proposed business tax.

**Tax Burden Cited**

Oregon has an overall tax burden of \$616,000,000. Senator Belton pointed out. This represents \$389 per capita or 39 percent of the assessed valuation of property in the state. Of this burden, \$413,000,000 is federal tax with \$22,000,000 returned to the state in the form of grants and federal projects. The remainder, \$199,000,000, represents state, county, city and school taxation.

State budget balances are shrinking, and even if the people vote no on measures on the ballot in November, the state will have a deficit of over \$7,000,000 by the end of next biennium, unless additional revenue is provided, Belton added.

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### Homes Again Getting Dairy Deliveries

**Producers Accept Price Of \$5.73 Cwt. On Milk, Halfway Between 2 Rates**

Roseburg's "milk war" is over. Representatives of the Milk Producers' association met last night with owner-managers of Umpqua dairy and Roseburg dairy and reached a compromise on a milk price, thus renewing home milk deliveries stopped here more than two weeks ago.

Farmers will be paid \$5.73 per hundredweight for raw milk of four percent butterfat content. They were asking \$5.96 per cwt., 46 cents above the state-authorized minimum.

The compromise price is retroactive to May 1.

Local persons will now pay a half cent less per quart than they were paying before May 1, when the actual dispute flared up. Pasteurized milk will sell for 20 cents a quart and homogenized will cost one cent more.

**Halfway Mark Gets O.K.**

A statement issued jointly by the Umpqua Valley Milk Producers' association and distributor representatives said:

"We have reached a practical solution in a democratic fashion. Retroactive to May 1, farmers will receive \$5.73 per cwt. for their milk. This represents a halfway mark between the price originally asked and the price set as minimum by the state. The agreement has been reached and accepted without prejudice on the part of any person involved."

Home milk deliveries were begun this morning by Umpqua dairy and Roseburg dairy, whose delivery trucks had been idle for 13 days.

**Pickets Withdrawn**

Spokesmen for the parties involved met last night to negotiate a price which they deemed satisfactory and operations in the two distributing plants began almost immediately. Pickets, posted by the farmers group to support their demands for a wholesale milk price, were removed from Umpqua dairy and plant workers there went back to the job at 10:30 p.m. Roseburg dairy, which has been accepting and processing milk throughout the dispute, also resumed normal operations and began delivering today for the first time since the strike began.

No mention was made today of a statement carried in a Portland newspaper which said farmers here would resist efforts of the milk marketing administration to remove milk quotas from individual farmers.

#### Escaped Convict, Pal Nabbed; Holdup Admitted

**MYRTLE POINT, May 18.—(AP)—**Richard Johnson, 27, who escaped from a prison work gang near Salem Saturday, was nabbed here Wednesday while seated in a tavern.

With him was Peter Paul Biziko, 29, Toledo, wanted on a Marion county warrant charging him with aiding in the escape.

State police from Coquille made the arrests.

There was no resistance.

State Police Sgt. E. Kenton Thompson said the tip came when the men sold a .22 caliber automatic pistol.

This pistol was used in an armed robbery at Newport Sunday, Thompson said Johnson told him. He said Johnson reported that the two held up a taxi driver at Newport and later forced him to drive them to Gardiner where they got out of the taxi and went on foot.

Johnson, a Lane county resident who was serving a seven-year sentence for assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon, ran from a gang of prisoners who were picking strawberries. He jumped into a passing car to make his quick getaway.

Two ex-convicts are being held in jails at Salem and Toledo on charges of aiding his escape.

Biziko was released from the prison March 13 after serving a term for larceny.

His brother, Louis, is held in jail at Toledo, and the other ex-convict, Robert Roy Hooker, is in jail at Salem.

State Police Lt. Farley Morgan said Hooker told him that he was offered \$20,000 to help in the escape.

#### Phone Co's Request For Rates' Boost Suspended

**SALEM, May 18.—(AP)—**The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's request for a \$2,920,000 rate increase in Oregon was suspended today by Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg.

Flagg's action is routine. The suspension order has to be issued before he can fix the date for a hearing on the increase.

If Flagg hadn't suspended the requested increase, then the increased rates would have become effective today.

#### Doukhor Prison List Upped By 56

**GRAND FORKS, B. C., May 18.—(AP)—**Three-year prison sentences were given another 56 troublesome Doukhor prisoners yesterday, bringing to 146 the number sentenced since April 28.

The latest group, as well as 52 others sentenced Tuesday here and at Nelson, were charged with nude parading.

Another 211 sect members, all belonging to the radical sons of freedom branch, await trial for arson and nudism.

Meanwhile, in Ottawa, Justice Minister Garson announced that a detachment of 22 Royal Canadian mounted police is being sent into British Columbia from Alberta to help bring the rebellious sect under control.

The additional help was requested by the British Columbia attorney general several days ago following the dynamiting of a Canadian Pacific railroad bridge.

Assignment of the police detachment brought to approximately 60 the number of officers on duty in the strife-ridden Doukhor area.

#### Rights Restored To Freed Convict

**TACOMA, May 18.—(AP)—**A convicted forger who served nearly four years in the state penitentiary had his full rights restored yesterday in a tradition-shattering move by a Pierce county judge.

The order, signed by Superior Judge W. A. Richmond, restored full rights to an American citizen to Lemuel L. Wingard of Tacoma.

The action was believed without precedent in the state's legal history. It constitutes, in effect, a pardon—a power normally exercised only by a governor or president, depending upon whether the crime is a violation of state or federal law.

Restoration of full rights as a citizen permits a person to vote or to hold public office. State law denies both rights to persons convicted of a felony.

Under terms of the conditional parole, Wingard was directed to live within King county and "to leave King county only with the written permission" of the parole board; to refrain from writing letters criticizing public officials; to support his minor children and to consult on alternate weeks with father McGoldrick, Seattle university psychiatrist.

Wingard signed the parole under protest.

#### Woman Auditor Enters Arizona Governor Race

**PHOENIX, Ariz., May 18.—(AP)—**Mrs. Ana Frohmiller, Arizona's state auditor for 24 years, today entered the race for the Democratic renomination for governor.

She is the first woman to seek the Arizona governorship.

Mrs. Frohmiller, 58, is known in her state as the "watchdog of the treasury" because of the many times she has rejected expense claims of state officials and departments because of doubtful legality.

She has been elected state auditor 12 successive times.

#### Old Anti-Bowling Law Stated For Knockout

**BALTIMORE, May 18.—(AP)—**Bowling to Baltimore is the same as smoked glasses to Hollywood. One goes with the other.

But it's just been discovered that the game has been illegal here for 117 years. With a \$2 fine, to boot.

A councilman thumping through dusty city ordinances came across a section that outlawed the game of "long bullets."

A little research made it pretty obvious that "long bullets" was a forerunner of the game that is a \$4,000,000 business here.

But don't worry about bowling alleys installing speakeasy-style peep-holes in their doors. The law is to be wiped off the books at the next council meeting.

#### Dope Ring Operating On Mexican Border Smashed

**GALVESTON, Tex., May 18.—(AP)—**Federal and local officers claim to have broken up a \$1,000,000 dope ring which bought heroin from New York racketeers with marihuana smuggled from Mexico.

About 50 suspects were arrested yesterday in a day-long series of raids on taverns and rooming houses in this Gulf coast area.

Al Scarf, customs agent in charge at Houston, said the ring paid a New York syndicate \$250 an ounce for heroin by trading marihuana in payment. He said the value of marihuana ranges from \$50 to \$60 a pound.

#### Western Europe Defense Planned

**LONDON, May 18.—(AP)—**Atlantic pact foreign ministers set up a permanent high command tonight and ordered it to develop the armed forces necessary for the defense of western Europe.

Each of the 12 member foreign ministers will appoint a deputy to serve on the permanent committee.

The appointments will be made "with the least possible delay" in November, the state will have a deficit of over \$7,000,000 by the end of next biennium, unless additional revenue is provided, Belton added.

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#### Interest Cut On Tax Refunds Voted

**WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—**The House voted today to cut to 2 percent the interest rate the government pays on overpayments of taxes that later are refunded.

The rate now is 6 percent. The committee decided to keep at 6 percent the rate the taxpayer must pay if he is late with his payments.

At present, the government pays out about \$100,000,000 a year in interest on tax overpayments later refunded. Staff experts advised the committee that cutting the rate from 6 to 2 percent would save the government \$67,000,000 a year.

Some big taxpayers are suspected in fact of deliberately overpaying their taxes in order to collect the 6 percent interest on being what they are—and bond yields as low as they are—an overpayment of taxes is one of the most profitable safe investments a man with surplus money can make.

#### Mother, Three Children Perish In Home Fire

**VICTORIA, B. C., May 18.—(CP)—**A 30-year-old mother and three of her five children died in a fire which destroyed their two-story home today in suburban Saanich.

Dead are: Mrs. Annie Reid; Sharon, one-year-old today; Brian, three, and Jackie, four.

Ray Reid, husband and father of the victims, succeeded in rescuing two other children by breaking a window and tossing them to the ground from a second story bedroom. He suffered painful burns on the wrists and face.

The fire is believed to have started from smoldering clothes which were hung around the kitchen stove to dry during the night.

#### Romania Orders U. S. To Reduce Legation Staff

**WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—**Communist Romania today demanded that the United States reduce the staff of the American legation at Bucharest by approximately half.

A note to the State department called for trimming the staff of 19 persons to 10 and renewed charges that some Americans have taken part in spying against the Communist regime.

It was a new blow in the running dispute between the United States and other Western powers on one hand and the Soviet bloc Eastern European countries on the other.

The U. S. only last month required Romania to close an office of its commercial attache in New York city. Earlier, Romania had forced suspension of operations by the U. S. Information service in Bucharest.

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#### Inheritance Shifted By Voodoo Trick, Suit Claims

**LOS ANGELES, May 18.—(AP)—**Voodoo and mystic voices talked her blind mother into disinheriting her from a \$100,000 estate, Mrs. Frances Howe claims.

The estate was willed instead to a spiritual medium, Mrs. Teresa Anderson, who arranged the seances in which an Indian guide named White Feather advised the mother. Mrs. Howe's complaint alleged yesterday in superior court.

The suit charges Mrs. Anderson conspired with six other persons to fake messages to Mrs. Martha L. Franklin, who died last month at the age of 88. Mrs. Anderson was named sole beneficiary and executrix in Mrs. Franklin's will.

#### Narcotic Activity Of Juveniles Stirs Police

**VANCOUVER, B. C., May 18.—(AP)—**Declaring that narcotic activity among juveniles has hit "major crime proportions" in Vancouver, police officials ordered an all-out drive yesterday on adult peddlers believed to be supplying the youngsters.

Among the juveniles taken into custody was a 14-year-old girl charged with possession of narcotics.

#### Stalin In Good Health, Trygve Lie Reports

**MOSCOW, May 18.—(AP)—**United Nations secretary-general Trygve Lie says Prime Minister Stalin is hale and hearty.

Lie, who talked with Stalin for an hour and a half on Monday, told reporters the Generalissimo "was healthy and lively as he was in 1948."

"All these rumors about his health are lies and false," Lie said. "Maybe they are wishful thinking on the part of some people."

Lie last talked to the Russian leader when he was in Moscow four years ago.

#### Damage Suit Results From Political Frauds

**PORTLAND, May 18.—(AP)—**A \$50,000 damage suit for a punched and broken nose—over the Dave Hoover campaign for the GOP senate nomination—was filed here yesterday.

Orville K. Buckner, who once directed the financial end of Hoover's campaign, complained that an advertising man had broken his nose. He said J. Showalter Lynch, who handled Hoover's advertising, struck him while both were seated in a restaurant May 1.

Lynch said Buckner was overly critical of the advertising.

#### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FOR three days in Chicago, the Democratic party held a JEFFERSON JUBILEE CELEBRATION which brought to the Windy City all the members of the President's cabinet along with some 3,000 of the party's leaders from all over the country.

It was climaxed by the return of President Truman from his wholly non-political, just-visiting-with-the-folks tour of the country. The little man from Missouri made a speech. It wasn't a political speech. It COULDN'T HAVE BEEN, for his tour wasn't ended till he got back to Washington, and he has been telling us over and over that it wasn't a political tour.

The taxpayers paid for it and quite a lot of Republicans are taxpayers. I can't believe our Harry would be a party to a sneaking little scheme to call a political trip a non-political trip just so its cost could be saddled onto the taxpayers as a whole instead of being paid for by the Democratic national committee out of funds collected for political purposes.

I choose to BELIEVE OUR PRESIDENT when he says the trip was completely non-political. So I

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#### Two Men Jailed Here On Outside Requests

**Ray Sabera Pruitt, 57, of Myrtle Creek was arrested Wednesday at Myrtle Creek on a warrant issued at Independence, Oregon, charging Pruitt with auto theft. Pending removal to Independence, Pruitt is being held in the county jail under \$1000 bail, Sheriff O. T. Carter reports.**

**Earl I. Barton, 35, Rapid City, S. Dak., is being held for authorities of that state on a forgery charge. Barton has waived extradition proceedings and the S. Dak. authorities are on their way to pick him up, sheriff Carter said.**

#### Argentine Banks Given Export-Import Bank Loan

**WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—**The Export-Import bank has announced approval of a \$125,000,000 loan to a group of banks in Argentina.

The approval was disclosed in a statement which said the credit is being made after lengthy consideration of the economic and financial position of Argentina and its trade relations with the United States.

The export-import bank said unpaid debts owed by Argentine business firms have put a heavy crimp in that country's dollar reserves.

#### Wage Increase Won By Lumber-Sawmill Union In Douglas Fir Areas Of Northwest

Northwestern council of Lumber and Sawmill workers, AF of L today announced it has reached a proposed settlement with a large part of the Douglas fir area, for an across-the-board increase of 10 1/2 cents an hour, retroactive to May 1, according to Ted Prusia, business agent of Local 2949.

The proposed settlement establishes a minimum of \$1.55 1/2 an hour within the industry, up from \$1.45 the previous prevailing scale. All wages will be increased accordingly. Executive committee of the council is recommending to all local unions and district council that if any employer in the northwest lumber industry refuses to grant the 10 1/2 cents increase retroactive to May 1 "with absolutely no strings attached," that strike action be taken.

The recommended agreement covers approximately 22,000 workers in the Douglas fir belt.

Strike votes already have been taken in western Washington by the Puget Sound District council and in the Willamette Valley District council area.

**Deduction Plan Rejected**

The AFL-LSW Workers negotiators rejected all offers of wage increases which would be deducted by the employer to be turned over to insurance companies for welfare benefits, it was announced.

This was done, it was explained, because such deductions would increase income tax and other withholdings, an increase which the employees would never receive, causing an actual wage reduction and "because it would place the entire obligation of establishing a welfare program on the union and employees only."

The Northwestern council announcement said that the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers also rejected all other settlements offered in lieu of wage increases because they were not offered or obtainable without strings attached that would make the value of such offers, including paid holidays, more favorable to employers than to the workers.

"The AFL-LSW did not agree to withhold any further demands for pensions for any period of time and intends to make further studies along this line," according to Kenneth Davis, executive secretary of Northwest council. "We still believe a pension in which the employer is obligated is a definite benefit to the industry."

The recommended agreements covering all of Willamette valley fir belt and other areas adjacent to Portland, and the plywood and door industry in Oregon and Washington, were completed by AFL negotiators with Willamette valley operators' association and the Plywood and Door Manufacturers Industrial committee.

#### Waterway Projects Bill Signed By President

**WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—**President Truman has signed a bill authorizing flood control, navigation and reclamation projects estimated to cost \$1,730,251,825.

The bill carries no appropriations. It simply clears the way for future appropriations by Congress for the various projects listed.

Criticized by opponents as pork barrel legislation, the bill includes projects in virtually all of the 48 states.

#### Plane Crash Victim Dies Enroute To Hospital

**SEATTLE, May 18.—(AP)—**As an ambulance sped him through Stevens pass toward Seattle, Robert Hughes of Cashmere died yesterday of injuries received in an airplane crash Sunday.

The 30-year-old man was being brought to a hospital here for emergency surgery.

Hughes was a passenger in a training plane piloted by Vern Moss, 30, Cashmere airport commissioner. Moss died shortly after the crash near Cashmere.

#### Sentence Imposed

**Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Wednesday sentenced Carl J. Drake to two years in the Oregon penitentiary. Judge Wimberly imposed the sentence following a plea of guilty entered by Drake last Saturday to the district attorney's information charging him with obtaining money by false pretenses. The district attorney said Drake had passed a number of bad checks in this vicinity.**

#### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reisenstein

Dutiful citizens will mark X on primary election ballots tomorrow. The not-interested type will be represented by the prefix of "X" in front of "Vote."