

House Probers May Again Ask Lewis Testimony

WASHINGTON. —(AP)—A congressional subcommittee, shorn of its subpoena powers, may try again by invitation to get labor leader John L. Lewis to testify about alleged union misdeeds.

After a House labor subcommittee heard two suspended miners complain against union practices, Chairman Jacobs (D-Ind) told reporters: "We can only send Mr. Lewis another invitation. We can't even send him an engraved invitation." Jacobs said he believes Lewis and other United Mine Workers officials should be questioned be-

cause the subcommittee record so far contains only one side of the story.

But the group has not reason to expect that the UMW president will take any more kindly to the new bid than he did to a previous one, which he declined.

The subcommittee's subpoena powers were revoked last week by Chairman Leskinski (D-Mich) of the full labor committee, after plans to summon Lewis were disclosed.

The miners who testified were Lloyd H. Sidener, former local UMS president at Canton, Ill., and Joseph L. Dickmon, of Liberty, Pa. Sidener testified in response to a committee invitation; Dickmon came on his own and asked to be heard.

Sidener said he was fined \$50,000 and suspended from the union until he pays the fine, after he and



AMATEUR WINNER—Chuck Wagner, right, Tuesday night won the grand prize as the outstanding performer on the Roseburg Active club-sponsored amateur program. Wagner, singing "Chasing Women," with his own guitar accompaniment was loudly applauded by the crowd, and was a popular choice. Master of Ceremonies Albert G. Flegel, left, made the presentation. (Picture by Photo Lab.)

about 130 other miners tried to return to work last February following issuance of a federal injunction ordering striking miners back to the pits.

He said he never was informed officially by the union what the charges against him were.

Dickmon said he was suspended for six months because he wrote a letter last January to the Pittsburg Post-Gazette and described Lewis as "a dictator" and made some suggestions for changes in union operations.

OSC Buildings Now Assured

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Early beginning on construction of the animal industries and food technology buildings here has been assured when bids recently obtained by the state board of higher education proved to be well within the estimates and funds available.

Total construction contracts on the animal industries building amount to \$920,814.30, while the total budget for this building, in-

cluding \$130,000 for equipment, will be \$1,195,000.

Construction contracts for the food technology building total \$507,594, and the total completed cost \$695,000, including \$99,000 for equipment. Total costs on both projects include architects' fees, utility connections, roads, walks, landscaping and other items.

The Donald Drake company of Portland was low bidder on the general contract for both buildings. A saving of \$25,000 was made when the Drake company won both contracts and thus can build the two together.

Funds for the construction come from Oregon State's share of the special legislative appropriation passed a year ago. The animal industries building will, among other facilities, provide the dairy department with a long-sought, modern dairy products laboratory. The new food technology plant will house a pioneer department now internationally famous and which has long outgrown its present quarters, built in 1919.

The buildings will be located on either side of the north end of the agricultural mall at the northwest corner of the campus.

Termination Set For 2nd Mortgage Loans To Veterans

October 20 has been set as the effective date for terminating combination, or second mortgage loans, to veterans as provided for under Section 504 of the service-men's readjustment act, Clifford Fields, contact representative of the Veterans administration, says.

These instructions, he said, have just been received from the VA's Central Office in Washington, D. C., putting into effect provisions of the Housing Act of 1950, recently signed by the President, which requires that this type of loan be discontinued not later than December 31, 1950.

In order to effect the transition in an orderly manner, giving full consideration to the interests of veterans and the building industry, Fields said four dates have been established for four successive steps.

Under the law, he said, combination loans are of two classes. One class requires that the loan have prior approval of the VA before a guaranty will be issued. In the other class, known as supervised loans, no prior approval is required. Two of the steps in cutting out combination loans apply to prior approval and two of them apply to supervised loans.

The steps are as follows: After July 20, prior approval of second mortgage loans will generally be withheld unless the first mortgage loan is at a rate of 4 percent or less.

After August 20, guaranty will generally be refused on supervised loans except where the first mortgage loan is at 4 percent or less.

After September 20, certificates of approval will not be issued on new applications for prior approval on combination loans.

After October 20, combination loans will not be guaranteed. All loans already in process prior to this date will be completed.

Southern Bloc Sure It Can Beat Gag Rule Plan

WASHINGTON. —(AP)—Southern bloc members today can beat an expected administration attempt this week to curb Senate debate on a Truman civil rights proposal.

Majority leader Lucas (D-Ill) has told the senate that he will make the test Friday in an effort to push through the controversial fair employment practices commission (FEPC) bill.

Senator Russell (D-Ga), floor general for southerners battling the measure, told a reporter: "I don't think it's possible for them to get 64 senators to invoke a gag rule this week."

West Germany To Be Given Ruhr Powers

BONN, Germany. —(AP)—The western allies announced Wednesday they have decided to give the west German government at some future date power to fix the form of ownership of the Ruhr steel and coal industries.

This decision is contained in the preamble to the new allied law on reorganization of the German coal, iron and steel industries. It means the government at Bonn will decide in the future whether the Ruhr industries will be privately owned or run by the government.

An allied dispute over the ownership provision held up the law for months. French fears that it would enable the Germans to set up a super-monopoly of heavy industry caused the law to be referred back to the three allied governments.

After weeks of discussion, the British and American commissioners voted for the law a month ago. The French commissioner protested the inclusion of the ownership clause. This automatically referred the issue back to the allied governments. It was discussed in London by the three foreign ministers.

Meanwhile France proposed a pooling of German coal and steel resources in a plan open to all European nations. The Bonn chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, announced "full determination" to help bring the French plan to realization. He said technical difficulties such as continued allied limitation on German steel production would not be allowed to interfere with achievement of the greatest possible unity between the two traditional enemies.

Housing Project in Portland Arouses Controversy

PORTLAND. —(AP)—The AFL labor council charged that a "vicious propaganda" campaign was being waged here against the ballot issue on building 2,000 low rent housing units in Portland.

The council called for a congressional investigation to learn the source of the money for the campaign and what it said were "tricky slogans" which twisted the truth. Rep. Frank Buchanan, chairman of the house lobby investigation committee, was asked to make the probe.

The council hinted there are two

national anti-public housing organization agents in the city directing the campaign against the question on the Friday primary ballot.

The city is well covered with billboard signs asking: "Can you afford to pay someone else's rent?"

Speakers at the council session said the federal money is already appropriated and Portland will pay its share of the cost whether it gets the housing money or whether some other city does.

Work-Relief Project Begun To Ease N. Y. City's Load

NEW YORK. —(AP)—New York City's first work-relief project since the depression days of the 1930's is expected to get under way by July 1.

City departments bid eagerly for the first 5,000 able-bodied relief clients to be made available by the welfare department.

Some will be used to clean vacant lots, guard waterfront buildings, watch play streets and work in hospitals.

They will be paid at prevailing wage rates and are expected to work enough hours a week — up to a 40-hour maximum — to make up for the relief checks.

The city is now assisting 350,448

persons, of whom 140,000 are on home relief. The remainder are blind, aged, or otherwise incapacitated. Of the home relief group, welfare Commissioner Raymond M. Hilliard hopes to have 21,000 available for the work program when it gets into full swing.

Women as well as men will be selected, he said.

Hilliard said he hoped the program would have three results: to restore self-respect to many of the clients and lead them into private employment; to force out clients who already are quietly working on the side while receiving relief; and to aid the city itself.

RIGHT ATTITUDE

TOKYO. —(AP)—Prime minister Yoshida, has called again for an early peace treaty—and indicated he does not care if Russia and Red China do not sign it.

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