

Strike Closes Martin Bros.' Box Plant At Oakland



ORE STIRS GOLD FEVER—Beaming like a cherub, Vernon Melick joins his mother, Mrs. Grace Melick for a magnifying glass view of ore from their farm near Port Angeles, Wash. An assay of the ore-bearing rock shows it contains \$123.60 a ton in gold and 80 cents in silver. News of the discovery has started a gold rush frenzy in the area and prompted Floyd Melick, former husband of Mrs. Melick, to stand guard with a gun over his property, which is just across the road from his ex-wife's. (AP Wirephoto.)

The Weather
Fair today, tonight and Friday. Slightly warmer.
Sunset today 8:40 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:39 a. m.

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400 Workers Out In Wage Boost Demand

AF Of L Union Wants \$1.55 1/2 An Hour Pay; Woods Crew Unaffected

Martin Brothers Box company at Oakland was closed today by a strike of AF of L employees, who have demanded a 10 1/2 cents-per-hour wage increase. Picket lines have been established. The strike went into effect at 6:30 a. m. today. Approximately 300 union workers, and an additional 100 plant employees are affected by the walkout. Both men and women are employed in the plant. M. E. Taylor, business agent of Local 2814, AF of L Lumber and Sawmill Workers, said the strike was called to support negotiations for the wage increase. He said the vote to strike was taken Sunday. Taylor stated that other employers under this union's jurisdiction have agreed to go along with this 10 1/2-cent wage increase during the last two weeks. The present minimum wage paid by the company under terms of a contract still in effect is \$1.45 an hour. The demand, if granted, would be for \$1.55 1/2 an hour. The demand is retroactive to May 1. Martin Bros. had been operating three shifts on a 24-hour basis. It is one of the largest operations in this vicinity. The woods operation, which is a CIO affiliate, is not affected by the walkout. Ben Martin, one of the owners and company manager, was not available today for a statement.

Rural District School Budget Wins By 199

Deer Creek, Glide Heavy On Negative Side

Total Amount Includes Excess Over 6 Pct. Limit; Four Units Tie In Vote

By a vote of 701 to 502, residents of the Douglas county rural school districts voted to approve a budget amount of \$829,037.44 in excess of the six percent limitation. The final vote was announced by County School Superintendent Kenneth Barneburg, who serves as secretary of the board, following a tabulation of the ballots by the board members.

The total budget is in the amount of \$2,457,218, with estimated revenues of \$1,628,180. The amount to be raised by taxation is \$1,243,987. Several of the rural school districts voted overwhelmingly against the budget. District 6, Deer Creek, registered 80 votes and only two votes for the measure. District 12, Glide, also indicated disapproval of the new budget with 27 votes cast against it and only five votes for adoption.

Other areas of the county approved the budget by an aggregate large majority. At district 19, Myrtle Creek, 98 votes were cast for adoption while only 16 votes opposed the budget. District 22, Drain, also signified a strong approval of the measure. A total of 53 votes were cast for the budget with only four negative votes.

Oakland registered the largest tie vote on the issue with 31 yes and 31 no votes. Three other districts posted the vote. District 17 at Glendale polled the largest vote—a total of 116—with 74 voting against its adoption. District Votes in Detail: The vote by districts was as follows: Oakland, yes 31, no 31; Wilbur, yes 9; Shoestring, yes 2, no 2; Green, yes 10; Deer Creek, yes 2, no 86; Tenmile, yes 30, no 34; Canyonville, yes 62, no 27; Gardiner, no 10.

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Middle-East To Get Big 3 Arms To Resist Reds

WASHINGTON, May 25.—(AP)—The United States, Britain and France today announced a joint agreement to supply arms to the Middle East — for defense alone. President Truman hailed it as a move to stimulate "increased confidence in future security" in that area.

Under the agreement, arms can be sent to both the Arab nations and Israel if they give assurances they will not use the military equipment "to undertake any act of aggression against another state."

The agreement marked an end to long-standing differences among the western powers over the question of providing weapons to the forces recently engaged in bitter fighting over the partition of Palestine.

A British foreign office spokesman said the program is designed to help protect the Middle East countries against Communist penetration.

Britain already supplies arms to Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, under treaties with those countries. The spokesman said all four had furnished assurances under terms of the new three-power agreement that they would request arms only for internal security.

Ignoring Of Parking Tickets Draws Warning

Chief of Police Calvin Baird announced that rigid enforcement will be made of the parking meter ordinance.

Many persons have ignored their parking tickets, or have waited until they had several before coming in to pay their fines. He said the city council has authorized the police to take the necessary steps to bring such people into court. Warrants for their arrest will be issued if necessary, he said. A fine of \$50 was assessed Andrew Laurence Danford of Dillard Thursday, when he appeared in court. He had been issued 23 tickets.

Ten Convicts Perform Self-Mutilation Acts

HOUSTON, Tex., May 25.—(AP)—Nine convicts slashed their "heel strings" (tendons) last night and another slit a gash in his arm in the worst outbreak of self-mutilation in the prison system in the past two years, a prison warden reported today.

All are inmates at Darrington farm. The convict who cut his arm, apparently in a suicide attempt, is Olive Mann, 22, serving 12 years for robbery. The others are serving time for thefts, burglaries and other crimes.

Standby Draft Law Approved In House Vote

Registrations Continue But Actual Inductions Rest On Congress Action

WASHINGTON, May 25.—(AP)—The life expectancy of the nation's draft machinery became the Senate's problem today, following overwhelming House approval of a two-year standby selective service law.

The measure which the House passed late yesterday by a 216-to-111 vote would do little to keep the draft in readiness, so that the nation's youth would be registered and available if needed.

With an eye to the tense international situation, House members put up little resistance to the modified draft extension. At the same time, they placed the National Security Resources board on notice that they would like to see a total war mobilization plan as a companion to peacetime military registration.

The present draft law expires June 24. The bill passed yesterday would continue the registration and classification of 18-year-olds until 1952. But actual inductions would be prohibited until Congress declared the existence of a national emergency.

The so-called "draftless draft law" was entitled the manpower registration act of 1950 in keeping with elimination of compulsory induction requirements. Technically, it is an extension of the 1948 selective service act.

Repeated references to Russian military power spurred debate on the bill. Extension of the draft law was urged to "buy time" in case of war.

Until that happens, this would be the situation under the House bill: 1. Conscription remains on the shelf. 2. The President is prevented from mobilizing industry or taking over plants for defense purposes. 3. Voluntary enlistments under two years are banned, and 18-year-olds are barred altogether from volunteering.

The bill also permits the President, when Congress finds an emergency exists, to call all reserves to 21 months active duty immediately. Reserves under 19 would be excused from this service at their own request.

OLD STUFF FOR ACTOR—SANTA MONICA, Calif., May 25.—(AP)—Actor Lawrence Tierney paid a \$50 fine and was given two years probation after he pleaded guilty to a drunk and disorderly conduct charge yesterday. His arrest May 8 was the 11th in four years.

Heads Students



DONN D. DeBERNARDI, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. DeBernardi Sr. of Roseburg, was recently elected president of the Associated Men Students at Southern Oregon College in Ashland. Donn is a sophomore G.I. student majoring in the field of education. The Associated Men Students, comprised of all the male students of S.O.C. is the second largest organization on the campus.

Indochina Will Get American Aid

SAIGON, Indochina, May 25.—(AP)—The United States announced today a program of economic aid for Indochina, but warned that the main responsibility for restoring stability to the war-torn country rests with France and the associated Indochinese states.

The general expectation here is that the program will begin with an initial allocation of about \$23,500,000, reported to have been recommended by the American mission to southeast Asia under Allen Griffin.

An American Economic Cooperation administration mission will begin functioning here within a few days to administer the aid program to the Indochinese states, now threatened by internal Communist rebellion and the presence of Chinese Communists on the border. French troops have been fighting guerrillas for years.

HECKLER, PICKETS FAIL

Gen. Clay Urges Germans To Resist 'Commie' Tide, Voices Warning To Soviet

NEW YORK, May 25.—(AP)—Heckled and picketed, Gen. Lucius D. Clay cast aside a prepared speech at an anti-Communist "hold Berlin" rally last night and issued a rallying call to the people of the German capital and a warning to the Russians.

To the people of Berlin, the former American military governor in Germany said: "You have within yourselves the moral strength to stop any attempted uprising among the youths of Germany which would destroy freedom. Be patient—the tide of freedom is rising."

A lone heckler disrupted the rally and caused brief disorder after police had routed 1,000 chanting pickets outside town hall. A loud murmur arose from the audience as a young man began heckling Clay because he had cut the prison sentence of the notorious Ilsa Koch of Buchenwald.

Many men and women jumped to their feet, some of them shouting. The heckler continued shouting above the noise until two detectives escorted him out of the auditorium. About 100 persons followed. Some of those who left the auditorium with him cried "let him speak."

Prepared Talk Shelved After Clay had answered the heckler, the general told the audience: "I came here tonight with a prepared speech, but now I am not going to make that."

Referring to the noisy, sign-carrying pickets who had been dispersed outside the hall, Clay said: "Having lived through the blockade of Berlin, I am not dismayed by a blockade in New York."

The rally was sponsored by Common Cause, Inc., an anti-Communist organization. The pickets, who chanted phrases often used by the Reds, represented the American Jewish Labor council and other groups.

The text of Clay's speech, which he ignored, denouncing the recent Soviet blockade of Berlin as "the most ruthless attempt in modern history to use starvation as a means of political coercion."

In his brief extemporaneous remarks after the disorder, he urged Berliners to repel the projected Communist youth demonstration this weekend with "moral courage."

Clay warned "Russians and Communists everywhere" against mistaking American patience for indifference.

U. O.'s First Registered Student Passes At 94

EUGENE, May 25.—(AP)—W. W. Scott, 94, first student ever to register at the University of Oregon, on Oct. 16, 1876, died May 22 at the Masonic home in Forest Grove. He was born in Scotts Valley near what is now Yoncalla, on March 6, 1856. He lived most of his life in Lane county. He was author of "The Oregon Pioneers," a narrative poem of book length.

Medicine Quack Draws Fine And Jail Stretch

PORTLAND, May 25.—(AP)—Six months in jail and a \$500 fine were given Otto Soles, 69 yesterday for practicing medicine without a license. A doctor had testified in the district court trial that Soles persuaded a woman that she could cure breast cancer with a calve he made in a laboratory here. The doctor said the woman had not submitted to surgery and now lay dying in a hospital. Soles' sentence was the maximum permitted by law.

Colombian Plane, 25 Aboard, Explodes In Air

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 25.—(AP)—Lansa Airways reported one of its DC-3 transports, carrying 21 passengers and three crewmen, crashed last night into the side of Galeras volcano near Pasto, 95 miles south of Popayan. The airline said it had received no word on the fate of the occupants of the transport. A newspaper quoted inhabitants of the area as saying they saw the plane explode in the air.



ONE TO BE SELECTED—Pictured above are contestants entered in the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse rodeo queen contest. Selection of a queen will take place next Sunday, May 28 at the fairgrounds. Left to right, they are (front row) Rita Kruse, Yoncalla; Shirley Hart, Fern Osborn and Nita McKinney, all of Oakland; (back row) Loretta Ferry and Doree Ellis, both of Roseburg; Pat McKinney, Myrtle Creek, and Ardis Giles, Days Creek. Queen contest chairman Del McKay said the entry list is not closed. He said that any Douglas county girl who desires to compete may do so by being at the fairgrounds Sunday at 2 p. m. with her horse. She must be between the ages of 16 and 21 years. Judging will be on beauty, horsemanship and equipment. The rodeo this year will be June 24 and 25.

Lane Forest Fire Still Unchecked

EUGENE, May 25.—(AP)—Oregon's first forest fire of the year was still out of control today after brisk, dry winds stymied firefighters' efforts to establish a line around the area yesterday.

The fire is on the Razor Lumber Co. operation, about 25 miles east of Eugene, on Little Fall creek. The blaze now threatens adjacent Booth-Kelly timber. Jake Smith, eastern Lane fire patrol chief, said the fire started about Tuesday from rigging sparks. He estimated the damage in excess of \$200,000 in the blackened 200-acre area.

Huge old growth Douglas fir trees, burned through at their bases, were crashing to the ground on all sides. Firefighters felling snags with power saws worked with one eye on the sky.

About two million feet of felled timber has been burned over. No dwellings are threatened.

Navy Paymaster Accused Of Stealing \$19,000.

LOS ANGELES, May 25.—(AP)—The sheriff's office today said they are holding a navy ship's paymaster accused of jumping boat last Thanksgiving day with \$19,000 from the safe of the U.S.S. Navasota, a navy tanker. Federal agents identify the prisoner as Lt. Bascom Bertram Boaz, 38.

Two safes on the Navasota were found drilled open and the money missing from one of them. A search was started for Boaz when it was learned he jumped ship, took a taxi from here to Sacramento and gave the driver \$600 for the trip.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
FROM Philadelphia, where the American Waterworks association is holding its annual convention:

The war and politics were blamed by the experts for the nation's widespread water shortages. . . . It seems that during the war we couldn't get the materials for new waterworks projects. . . . After the war BIG FEDERAL SPENDING PROJECTS captured the public's imagination and purely practical things like new city water systems (that have to be paid for out of home-town taxes) went out of style. So, the talk among the experts a Philadelphia goes, we're short on things like new water systems for our cities and long on things that sound like they can maybe be paid for with funny money.

THE Baltimore & Ohio railroad has installed musical whistles on one of its fancy trains and has put single-chime whistles on eight of its switch engines. It is trying to make the necessary noises of

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Multnomah Seeks Aid In Fiscal Crisis

All Oregon Counties Will Be Polled On 'Relief' Session Of Legislature

PORTLAND, May 25.—(AP)—Multnomah county commissioners have decided to poll all Oregon counties to sound out state-wide sentiment for a "financial relief" session of the legislature.

They want to learn how badly other counties have been hit by the state law which makes inflexible demands on the counties to pay welfare costs. If other counties have been hard hit—Multnomah is behind a two and a half million dollar eighthall—the commissioners want to know what their officials think of a concerted appeal to Gov. Douglas McKay to call a special session.

Earlier McKay said he saw no reason for doing so. The statewide poll—to be made by telephone—was suggested to the commissioners by E. C. Sammons, president of the United States National bank and board member of the Library Association of Portland.

If sentiment is against a special session, then the commissioners should call another election to ask county voters to approve a special \$2,442,244 property tax. The voters turned that down Friday. Only Temporary Relief A special tax levy would solve Multnomah's problem for one year only, would have to be repeated next year, and would not help other counties. A special legislative session, by putting the welfare burden against the state, would be a semi-permanent change. That is the viewpoint of the commissioners.

The poll-of-counties talk came up when members of the library board met with the commissioners to talk over a proposed 77 percent emergency slash in library funds. Library officials said the cut would mean closing the library and its branches.

Moe Tonkin, board member, said the numerous budget cuts proposed by the commissioners so the county could pay a mandatory four million dollars for welfare, would be a blow from which the county's services could not recover for 10 years.

Damages Demanded For Alleged Auto Blow

William L. Scholtens has filed suit in circuit court to recover damages totaling \$55,407.70 alleged resulting from an automobile accident. Defendant is Clifton E. Jones. Scholtens charges in his complaint that Jones was driving a pickup truck in a negligent manner on the night of December 9, 1949, and hit the plaintiff while he was walking near the Umpqua river bridge at Reedport.

Human Chain Saves Girl From Horrible Death

NEW YORK, May 25.—(AP)—A four-year-old girl screamed as she hurtled into the deep, choppy water. She might drown or be crushed between pier pilings and the swaying hulk of a 10,000-ton ship moored at a Brooklyn dock. But it took only three minutes for 150 husky longshoremen to nudge the freighter back while a trio of fellow workers formed a human chain and pulled her to safety.

Two Douglas Students Receive Scholarships

Ann Roth of Roseburg and John West of Sutherlin, Douglas county seniors, have been awarded two of 106 scholarships to Oregon State college, according to Dallas Norton, chairman of the OSC scholarship committee. The scholarships have been approved by the high school college relations committee of the state system of higher education. The scholarships were divided equally between men and women.

ONE HOOK: 14 SHARKS
BRIELLE, N. J., May 25.—(AP)—Here's the biggest fish story of the season: 14 sharks with one hook. Sigmund Scharf of New Brunswick hauled in a six-footer off Brielle. Aboard the boat, it gave birth to 13 more, each about a foot long.

Ex-Army Officer, Wife In Hospital With Gun Wounds

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., May 25.—(AP)—A Pennsylvania coal mine operator and his wife were in Broward general hospital today, both shot twice in the abdomen with the same weapon.

Police Lt. J. Lester Holt identified them as Pearson B. Brown, 57-year-old retired army colonel, and his wife, Blaine, 51. The Browns are part owners of a coal mine in Somerset, Pa.

The hospital listed Brown's condition as satisfactory early today. Mrs. Brown's condition was described as fair.

Holt said notes in Mrs. Brown's handwriting indicated she planned the shooting.

He said Brown was shot twice in the abdomen but dragged himself to the telephone and dialed police. As he did so, Holt continued, Mrs. Brown went into the kitchen and shot herself twice with the .32 caliber pistol.

The notes gave instructions for disposal of their house and furnishings and care of the pet dog. They also asked that relatives be notified.

Holt said both were shot at point blank range and the slugs passed through their bodies.

Brown, a native of Pittsburgh, is an expert accountant and in recent years had worked for the Reconstruction Finance corporation and the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

He was a colonel in the 28th division in World War I.

Oak Ridge Atomic Plant Paralyzed By Strike

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., May 25.—(AP)—A MAMMOET atomic plant construction project was shut down completely today by a wildcat walk-out of AFL workers.

The strike, which members of the Laborers and Hodcarriers union began yesterday without warning, spread to all other crafts working on the project, the atomic energy commission reported.

The strike came a day after an arbitration board had ended a hearing on a wage dispute involving the Laborers and Hodcarriers union.

The union, reportedly asking a wage hike from 95 cents an hour to \$1.25, and the company were pledged to abide by the decision of the presidentially appointed panel. Workers ended a seven-day strike April 21 when the body agreed to take the case.

Missing Skier Sought In Changed Locality

LONGVIEW, May 25.—(AP)—The focal point in the search for Joe Carter, 32-year-old Seattle Boeing worker missing since Sunday, last night was moved from the Spirit lake area to the Lewis river ranger station near Cougar.

The Longview ski patrol today said searchers and the coast guard communications truck traveled through the night to the ranger station, following the report that Carter's tracks had been picked up on the Lewis river.

Fear for Carter's safety has been increased by the fact he has a diabetic condition and was without insulin when he disappeared.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein
President Truman's plan to 'aid' small business via Federal loans recalls the ancient admonition to 'beware of the Greeks who come bearing gifts.'