

# TWO RAIL UNIONS BEGIN STRIKES



**PLANE RIDE AT AGE OF 90**—Mrs. James S. Hildeburn, 90, of 119 North Main St., was reluctant to go up in the air, but after much persuasion, she finally consented and returned safely from half an hour's air tour, and has talked of nothing else. It was Mrs. Hildeburn's first time aloft, and the occasion probably would never have happened if her grandson, Harry Hildeburn Jr., an army engineer's pilot from Omaha, Neb., hadn't dropped in for a two-week visit. Harry flew to Roseburg in his own private plane, a Bonanza. (He flies a DC-3 for the army.) The elderly lady had a definite place to go, once she was in the air. That was out over the farm where she once had lived for 15 years. The farm is located east of Olalla, about 20 miles south of Roseburg. Mrs. Hildeburn hadn't been back since she moved to Roseburg in 1898.

## Freight Car Shortage Stressed By Democratic Candidate For Governor At Partisans' Picnic

State Senator Austin Flegel Friday said, Douglas county "is getting the worst of the freight car shortage" and blamed the state administration for its continuance. Flegel spoke at the Democratic picnic Friday evening at the Roseburg Rod and Gun club grounds.

## Auto Mishaps In Oregon Kill Five

OREGON CITY — (AP) — Gust Bergstedt, 74, Seattle, was killed Saturday night in a two-car collision south of here. Two other persons were injured.

The Seattle victim's son, Fenton, 45, suffered a fractured leg. Mrs. Irene M. McCarthy, 60, Dallas, Ore., passenger in the other car, suffered serious internal injuries. Her son, Charles, 28, the driver, was not hurt.

Joe Nathan Pipkins, 40, pedestrian struck by an automobile a week ago, died Sunday of his injuries.

Gladstone police arrested Rufus O. Baker, 32, West Linn, on a charge of failing to stop at the scene of an accident on McLoughlin boulevard.

McMINNVILLE — (AP) — Dewey Jones, 27, McMinnville, was killed Sunday when his car hurtled off a gravel road at a sharp curve northwest of here.

Auto driver Gene Gilbert, 21, of Shaw community in Marion county, was killed Saturday night when his car plunged through a track fence near here.

PORTLAND — (AP) — A motorist slammed against a closed Willamette river bridge gate early Sunday, killing tender Frank J. Cook, 59, who was testing the barrier. Auto driver Louie R. Nufer, 32, was shaken but not hurt.

## In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
There are many questions these days. This one is asked as often as any:  
Are we going to have price controls and rationing?

I wouldn't know—but these factors are PULLING US TOWARD controls:

1. Scared by the sharp bounce in prices that followed the kick-off of the Korean war, people have been writing to their congressmen and senators and ASKING FOR CONTROLS.

2. We are governed by bureaucrats. Bureaucrats love to run other people's lives. Price controls and rationing ENABLE THEM TO RUN OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES.

As to letters to congressmen and senators, bear this in mind: ABOVE EVERYTHING ON EARTH, they want to be re-elected. The Washington file, screwball as it is from the standpoint of those of us who are out in the sticks earning a living for

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ANGLERS VANISH  
NETARTS — (AP) — Coast guardsmen today resumed search for trace of two Portlanders who vanished offshore in the fog Friday night while fishing from a 16-foot skiff. Missing are John Daibart, 31, and Kenneth Patton, 34.

## The Weather

Fair today, becoming partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Not quite so warm Tuesday.

Highest temp. for any Aug.	106
Lowest temp. for any Aug.	39
Highest temp. yesterday	99
Lowest temp. yesterday	59
Precipitation from Aug. 1	0
Precipitation last 24 hours	0
Precipitation from Sept. 1	34.16
Deficiency from Aug. 1	17

Sunset today, 8:07 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 6:26 a.m.

# The News-Review

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## Heavily - Strafed Reds Ready New Blows

### Foe's Losses In Three Days Set At 11,000

#### Two Communist Ships Laden With Ammunition, Troops, Are Destroyed

United Nations headquarters placed Red losses in Korea at 11,000 men in the last three days from slashing allied air and ground attacks, but the Communists continued building up strength today on both the northern and extreme southern fronts, possibly for twin full-scale offensives.

With only 10 days to go to carry out the Red Korean government's orders to throw the allies into the sea by the end of August, the Communists renewed a buildup on their side of the Nakdong river near Waegwan, 12 miles northwest of Taegu and just out of range of the U. S. First cavalry division's probing guns.

At the same time, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters said, a big buildup of forces was going on on the extreme southern front near Chinju, the Reds' southern base.

Fifth air force pilots said this was a "terrific attempt" to build for an offensive—a major drive against Pusan, the United Nations' last-ditch supply port.

But the Communists were thrown off balance, largely through allied air power, which a headquarters officer said might have hurt the Reds far more than had been imagined.

Heavy Communist casualties were reported by an allied spokesman in the knocking out of two Communist ships loaded with troops and ammunition off southwest Korea by South Korean naval forces. One of the Red ships was reported sunk, the other damaged.

South Korean marines advanced from their peninsular beachhead in the south, capturing Tongyeong, 30 miles southwest of Chinju, and advancing northward with heavy casualties to the enemy. The marines had landed on the peninsula behind enemy lines.

Red Attack Smashed  
The allies gave ground only in one sector—a two-mile withdrawal north of Taegu on the central front. Here a Red attack was broken up when artillery, possibly for the first time in any war serving as a spotter for planes, lit up the sky with flares so that fighter-bombers could go into action. The planes were believed to have broken the back of an attack on the crack U. S. 27th infantry regiment.

On the ground in this sector, the infantry beat back a counterattack, and this morning a patrol found five Red tanks destroyed, two self-propelled guns, a troop carrier and three trucks knocked out by artillery, mortars and rocket fire.

On the southern front, a screaming charge by 1,500 Communists drove U. S. Negro infantrymen off Battle mountain, a strongpoint less than two miles southwest of Haman, 20 miles east of Chinju. It dominates other U. S. positions in the sector, and has changed hands four times in three days of bloody fighting.

Other speakers at the picnic were Earl Latourette, nominee for U. S. senate; Howard Morgan, for state labor commissioner; V. T. Jackson, for state representative 15th district; Joe Morgan, for county assessor; R. D. Williams, for county commissioner, and Howard Cracroft, for county judge.

Sidney Leiken, for state legislature, was unable to attend.

Speakers were introduced by the Douglas county Democratic chairman, Mrs. Christina Micelli.

### Roseburg Gets View Of Northern Lights

A rare and exceptionally vivid display of northern lights, the aurora borealis, was witnessed early Sunday morning by Roseburg residents. Seldom seen so far south and more rarely observed in summer months, the lights were quite bright and delicate colored.

The display was first seen shortly after midnight and continued intermittently until after 2 a.m.

Merry dancers, in white, pale red and light orange, shifted rapidly from east to west, appearing to emanate from a brilliant corona in the north-east.

### Ross Newcomb Named Fishery Research Chief

Ross Newcomb, who has been fishery field agent in the Umpqua river area for the State Fish and Game commission since 1945, has been transferred to Corvallis as chief of fishery research.

The newly-created position is slated to coordinate work on fisheries within the state. Newcomb is the first person to hold the title.

Newcomb and his wife, Lora, plan to leave Wednesday on a trip to Boston, Mass. He expects to attend the meeting of the American Fishery society in Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 11 to 15.

### SWIMMER DROWNS

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Gerald Biddle, 15, drowned in the Columbia river three miles west of here Sunday while swimming with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Biddle, Vancouver.

### JUDGE ACE HIGH

#### Court Session Has Language Of Poker Game

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Federal Judge Ben Harrison looked at a full house when he strode to the bench and ordered his clerk to call the calendar.

"Get this straight," he admonished, "we can open this session without the aid of a joker."

With a flush of embarrassment, the clerk checked his cards and stood pat. "Quong Hi, Wong Low and Luey Jaki!" he called.

There was the deuce to pay. Spectators roared, and Judge Harrison promptly took a hand.

"Three pokers faced Chinese shuffled forward. Each admitted crossing the border without proper credentials.

"Three of a kind," commented Judge Harrison. He then ordered each defendant to ante up one year in the federal jackpot.

### Quads Arrive In 50-Hour Period

SYDNEY, Australia — (AP) — Mrs. Betty Sara's quads, who gave most of Australia the jitters during the 50 hours they took to arrive, were reported in good health today.

The 29-year-old English wife and her husband, Percy, a former Australian air force gunner, announced the following names for the babies:

Alison, 4 lb 11, born Thursday night, weight 3 pounds 9/16 ounces. Phillip, born Friday night, weight 5 pounds 11 ounces.

Judith, born Saturday, weight 5 pounds. Mark, born Saturday night, weight not disclosed.

The 1,800 residents of Bellingen, where the couple lives, plan to enlarge the Sara home for the new arrivals. A Sydney newspaper has begun a fund drive to aid the quads.

Staff members at Bellingen hospital, where the four babies are now in incubators, say the quads are "lovely, lusty, crying youngsters."

Their mother has not seen her new brood yet. But she told reporters she was "feeling wonderful."

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### West Douglas Fair Attracts Large Throng

#### Park Dedication, Sports, Community Exhibits Are Outstanding Features

By WARREN MACK  
A crowd estimated at between 3,000 and 5,000 persons Sunday jammed the resort fishing community of Winchester Bay for the finale of the three-day Western Douglas County fair.

County Judge D. N. Busenbark told fair visitors and fishermen that fame of Winchester Bay as a mecca for anglers has spread throughout much of the nation. The judge's remarks were contained in his dedication talk of the Winchester Bay Tidelands park and boat mooring basin, officially opened Sunday.

"In these times of stress," the judge said, "our nation's citizens have even more need for excellent recreational facilities. Douglas county can now offer improved recreation through this Tidelands park and mooring basin."

Long Swim Is Feature  
The final day of the fair officially began at 10 a. m. as three swimmers dove in the Umpqua river and swam about three and a half miles to Barrett's landing aided by the tide. Winner of the \$50 first prize was Phil Hansel of Purdue university, who negotiated the distance in one hour and three minutes. Florence, daughter of Florence was second, with a time of one hour, 23 minutes, and was awarded \$30. A Smith River housewife, Mrs. Mary Cowan, swam the distance in one hour, 48 minutes, collecting \$20 third prize money and a painful sunburn in the process.

A sidelight on the swimming event was provided by Chairman Frank Taylor, who said the second place swimmer, Richard Barrett, ended the race at the landing named for his grandfather many years ago.

Boats accompanied each swimmer and reported their condition and progress to judges and spectators on shore.

Bud Minkler, logger for the E. K. Woods Lumber company operation at Loon Lake, topped a fir tree

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MORTON SOBELL, at top, is the eighth American arrested on the charge of giving defense secrets to Russia. A former U.S. navy radar engineer, he was nabbed by the FBI in Texas last week after being deported from Mexico, following his flight from New York. Lower photo is that of Mrs. Ethel Rosenberg, the seventh jailed in the spy hunt. Her husband and brother were previously arrested in New York, as alleged aides of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, self-confessed espionage agent of Russia, now serving a 14-year term in a British prison.

### Logging, Mill Permits Stop In Fire Hazard

#### Douglas County Areas In Order Of Forester; Situation 'Critical'

SALEM — (AP) — Logging and mill permits in a vast nine county sector of western Oregon and in Douglas county were suspended before dawn today by State Forester George Spaur.

Fire dangers prompted the action. Spaur said the order halted use of power-driven equipment on or within one mile of forest lands. It will remain in force until rescinded.

Counties affected are Lane, Clackamas, Marion, Linn, Benton, Polk and Lincoln. The Douglas county sector includes land north and west of Highway 99 and the Drain-Reedsport highway and east of the range line between 10 and 11 west.

Spaur explained the order was necessary "by reason of the very serious fire hazard now existing because of weather conditions and the existence of an extensive amount of inflammable debris making forest operations in the area extremely susceptible to fire danger."

Fire Assistant Ray Hampton of the Umpqua National Forest said the order for logging suspension went into effect at 1 a. m. today. The decision was reached in a meeting of various forest protection agencies and state and national forest department officials.

Hampton said this is one of the most critical fire periods since 1939, necessitating the first such order for a number of years, although heat and humidity were nearly as bad a year ago.

He said no restrictions have yet been placed on campers but asked all campers to use every precautionary measure to avert fires in this "critical and unusual" weather period.

### Timber, Homes Cabins Fire Toll

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — (AP) — Forestry officials said that they expected to bring under control today one of the worst mountain fires in San Diego county's history. The flames, which have burned deep into the precious watershed and vacation land of this city's back country, were roaring into their sixth day.

Forestry officials estimated the area burned in the Cleveland national forest and Cuyamaca state park was 61,000 acres. Damage to the watershed foliage (which checks erosion and retards runoff of storms into streams and reservoirs) was described as a "catastrophe."

The structural property loss—as the fire raged wildly near mountain towns and resorts—was limited to the weary force of more than 1,000 fighters to 20 mountain homes and cabins.

The area burned is from 30 to 40 miles east of here.

### Northwest Phone Strike Is Settled

SEATTLE — (AP) — Representatives of the CIO-Communications Workers of America and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company reached a settlement today in contract negotiations for telephone operators.

The months-long contract discussions led last week to a strike of operators in Tacoma, Olympia and Shelton and the threat of a walk-out in a number of other communities.

The agreement, affecting some 3,000 traffic workers in the Washington-north Idaho area, embraces the union's demands for upgrading of town classifications in Tacoma, Spokane, Yakima and 14 other communities.

The operator apprenticeship period was cut from 7½ years to 6½ years.

A similar contract was signed for accounting departments in Spokane and Seattle.

### Pear Harvest Needs Fifty More Pickers

About 50 pear pickers are needed to harvest the pear crop in Douglas county, according to George Foster, manager of the Douglas county branch of the state employment service.

Foster said they must be old enough to handle a 14-foot ladder, which is necessary for pear picking. He suggested a minimum age of 16, although younger persons are acceptable if they could handle the ladder adequately.

Application may be made at the employment office, 437 N. Jackson St., in Roseburg.

## Terminals In 3 Cities Tied By Token Move

### Walkout May Become Nationwide; Present Pay For Hours Cut At Issue

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Trainmen walked out in three key terminals today, the first step in a threatened nationwide railway strike.

The report from the White House was that President Truman is watching developments, but there was no indication that he intends to seize the railroads.

The country-wide dispute is over wages and hours. Today's token strikes were called for five days. Trainmen said the idea is to call attention to the fact that the dispute has dragged on for almost a year and a half without a decision. Here is where the men went out:

IN LOUISVILLE — 250 switchmen on the Kentucky and Indiana Terminal railroad left their jobs. All of the road's 1,200 employees were idled. A union official said the walkout was 100 percent effective.

IN ST. PAUL — 175 employees of the Minnesota Transfer Railway company failed to report for the 6:30 a.m. shift. The road handles most of the switching of freight cars in and throughout Minneapolis and St. Paul. The line's 450 workers are affected by the strike.

IN CLEVELAND — The River Terminal railway, owned by Republic Steel, was shut down by 200 strikers. Employing some 400 workers, the line serves Republic's big steel plants. The steel company has laid off 1,500 of its 7,000 workers.

Strike Spread Scheduled  
Trainmen and conductors, asking for a 40-hour week without loss in the present 48-hour pay for those in yard service, have insisted that the President take over the nation's major lines under an act of 1916. The strike is scheduled to spread tomorrow to two steel and coal hauling short line railroads.

Both conductors and trainmen are due to walk out on the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railroad, Chicago, and the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie line, Pittsburgh, tomorrow. After that, the strike may spread to a major line if the dispute is not settled, a union spokesman said.

If President Truman decides not to take over the lines, he could take these peace steps:  
1. Call in the parties with a personal appeal for the dispute to get the long dispute settled.

2. Direct the heads of railroads to meet with the union presidents. (The unions claim that so far they haven't had any conferences with "top railroad officials.")

OTTAWA, Aug. 21 — (AP) — The Canadian cabinet held an emergency meeting last night in what was believed to be a last-ditch effort to avert a nationwide rail strike set for tomorrow.

Some 124,000 non-operating rail employees have called a strike to back demands for higher pay and better working hours.

### Fire Levels Unit Of Sutherland Mill

The L & H Lumber company sawmill head rig was destroyed and a part of the mill damaged Saturday in a fast-burning fire which nearly razed the entire Sutherland mill operation before being brought under control.

Firemen from Oakland and Sutherland stations battled the blaze and brought flames under control before they reached lumber stacked at the west end of the mill. The Roseburg fire department dispatched a truck and firemen to stand by at Oakland during the absence of firemen there.

Prompt action on the part of firemen was responsible for saving a part of the mill. Although the plant was not operating at 3 p.m. when the flames were discovered, a few workers were on hand to aid firemen. The sawmill employed about 50 men and is owned by Sid Leiken, democratic nominee for the state legislature from Douglas county.

### Drain Resident Found Dead Of Rifle Bullet

The body of Eldred Kenneth Hoodentley, 38, of Drain was found Sunday five miles west of Drain on the Hardscrabble creek road, dead from a rifle wound.

Reports from state police and District Attorney Robert Davis indicate the rifle wound apparently was self-inflicted.

Davis said an autopsy will be performed, and a coroner's inquest will be held soon.

The body was removed to Stearns mortuary at Oakland.

The body was found by Gene Delaney of Drain, who notified Deputy Sheriff Vern Pouncey, who in turn notified state police.

### Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein  
(1) If New York could spare its professional rainmaker, and (2) the ghost of Horace Greeley should say 'Go west young man' and (3) Roseburg were pin-pointed as the precipitation producer's destination, wouldn't there be a lot of joy in this locality!



DEMOCRATS FEAST—Political bigwigs of the Oregon Democratic party gathered with county candidates and party members Saturday at the Roseburg Rod and Gun club grounds for the annual picnic. The picnic followed a district meeting held at the city hall. Pictured above in appropriate costume for the picnic are, from left J. M. Morgan, candidate for county assessor; Roseburg Mayor Albert G. Flegel, standing next to his brother Austin Flegel, candidate for governor; and Earl Latourette, who will oppose Wayne Morse for the U. S. senatorial position. Other Democratic political candidates attending the picnic included Sidney Leiken, state legislature from Douglas county; David Shaw, U. S. representative; V. T. Jackson, state legislature from Douglas county; Howard Cracroft, county judge; and R. D. Williams, county commissioner. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)