

GOVT. PREPARES TO SEIZE STEEL INDUSTRY

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



LEO KIMBALL, painting contractor in charge of the finishing phase of the work at Rosewood Homes, federal housing project now nearing completion on Stanton Boulevard west of Fullerton School in West Roseburg, as he faced the camera with two of his men. Merle Palm is in the center of the picture, George Johnson at the right. The project there consists of 30 duplexes. A week or so ago I wrote a cutline under a construction picture, listing various types of skilled labor necessary to the finished product of a home—and bless me! I forgot all about the painters.

Can't possibly forgive you for that," Leo told me in no uncertain terms. "Everyone knows how indispensable a painter is. Why, a painter covers up all the mistakes all these other fellows make!" Well, Leo's big and husky—he can say that. The boulevard is named for Charles V. Stanton, editor of the News-Review, who is not much for tooting his own horn. It was the first I'd heard of it when the fellows out there told me. Could hardly believe it, as I couldn't see any place handy where there was any fishing—fishing being his pet recreation. Fishing and conservation. However, I've conserved a lot more fish than he has.

Wartime Rule Extension OKd

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Judiciary Committee Tuesday approved a 60-day extension of President Truman's wartime emergency powers.

Leaders hope to speed it through the House before recessing Thursday.

Truman sent Congress an urgent request Monday for an extension of his emergency powers, including authority to seize and operate the railroads, until Congress can act on a long term extension.

The committee action sent to the House without change a resolution to keep Truman's powers above an emergency basis until July 1.

The Japanese peace treaty is due to be proclaimed shortly by the President.

He loses some 60 wartime powers as soon as the presidential act is issued unless Congress acts to extend certain of them under the existing emergency.

DRUNKEN DRIVER FINED

Walter Ivan Lowe, 44, Post Office Box 429, Roseburg, was fined \$150 and his driver's license was suspended 90 days on a drunk driving charge, Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle reports.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Political news — possibly VERY important:

"General Eisenhower favors STATE OWNERSHIP to the oil-rich submerged coastal lands, according to today's Dallas, Texas, Morning News. The News quotes the general as saying he has not changed a previously-expressed opinion that federal control of these so-called tidelands would tend to 'centralize ownership and control....WHICH I HAVE BITTERLY OPPOSED.'"

If Ike feels that way about the tidelands, it is a reasonably dependable sign that he is a believer in states rights (in the Jeffersonian sense) as opposed to BIG FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

So far as I know, his statement to the Dallas News is the first time any Republican for the Presidency has touched upon this highly significant issue. I hope he has more to say about it — along the same line.

Out here in the West, the federal government already owns in the neighborhood of half of all of our land area. In the Santa Margarita

The Weather

Fair today, tonight and Wednesday, with some high cloudiness Wednesday. Low tonight near freezing.

Highest temp. for any April	96
Lowest temp. for any April	25
Highest temp. last 24 hours	60
Lowest temp. last 24 hours	33
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Sunrise today, 6:47 a.m.	33.28
Sunset today, 6:47 p.m.	5.42
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:42 a.m.	

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School Receives Priorities Nod

Eight Rooms Will Be Added To Fullerton

Clerk A. B. Collier, Ten Teachers Resign, Two New Instructors Hired

Federal government approval of priorities for construction of the eight-classroom addition to the new Fullerton School has been received by the architects, Freeman, Hay-slip and Tuft, the school board was informed by letter at its regular meeting Monday night.

The board expressed the hope plans and specifications for the structure may be ready in order that a call for bids may be issued at its May 5 meeting, in order to have the addition ready for the start of school next year.

Aside from a brief discussion on the audit of the school books submitted at the meeting, the session was routine. Two teachers were hired and a list of 10 teachers who will not be returning next year was submitted by Supt. Paul S. Elliott. No action was taken on the audit. A thorough study of recommendations will be made by the board.

Clerk Collier Resigns

The board formally accepted the resignation of Clerk A. B. Collier, effective July 1 with the close of the school year. Collier had previously informed the board of his desire to be relieved of the clerk's duties, a part-time position.

A study of coaches' and principals' salaries is to be made by a citizens' committee, headed by Jack Doyle as chairman, and recommendations will be made to the board. The recommendations will be based upon salaries paid by districts comparable to Roseburg's. Action will be taken by the board at its April 21 meeting.

Spokesmen for the newly-formed citizens' committee explained its purpose as a liaison between the school board and public in general, with its objective to develop greater public interest in the schools.

Teacher Change Listed

John Herbert Searl was hired to replace Orion Simms, commercial teacher who died recently. Searl, who was graduated at the close of the winter term at Oregon State College, will take up his duties immediately.

Also employed for a position at Riverside school for the next year

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City Of Pierre Braces For Missouri's Flood

PIERRE, S. D. (AP) — The flooding Missouri river rose to within half a foot of the level reached in the severe 1943 flood Tuesday, and a further sharp rise was forecast.

The river level was 18.98 feet. In 1943, when the city experienced its worst flood in recent years, the crest was 19.6 feet.

The city is prepared. Merchants have moved stocks from basements. Five thousand sandbags have been flown in. A five-foot dike has been built around the power plant.

Fort Pierre, across the Missouri from Pierre, has been partially under water for a week. Traffic was halted Tuesday when waters rose to a depth of two feet on seven blocks of the main street.

A forecast of rain posed an added threat.

Costello Fined \$5,000, Sentenced To Prison

NEW YORK (AP) — Gambler Frank Costello was fined \$5,000 and sentenced to 18 months in prison Tuesday for refusing to testify before the Senate Crime Investigating committee.

Sentence was pronounced by Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan who denied Costello's last minute effort to obtain a mistrial.

The sentence would be served in a federal prison.

It would be the first time Costello, with a long career as a racket boss, has served time behind the bars since 1915, when he spent 10 months in jail for carrying a gun.

RECKLESS DRIVER FINED

Donald Hugh Dewing, 24, Portland, was fined \$25 Monday in district court after pleading guilty to reckless driving. He was arrested Monday by state police.

Sewer Survey Of City, Adjacent Area, To Insure Future Adequacy Of Improvements, Council's Plan

Bids Opened For Administration Building At Airport; Hearing Set May 5th On Sewer Assessments

Funds to conduct a sewer survey of Roseburg and surrounding area will be proposed in the next fiscal budget, it was decided at a City Council meeting last night.

The proposed survey would be used as a basis for future sewer improvements. City Manager W. A. Gilchrist read to the Council a letter in which the Corvallis engineering firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield proposed to make the survey for a maximum cost of \$5,200.

Representatives of the firm met recently with Councilmen Frank Ashley and Cecil Hugh and City Engineer John Loosley.

The firm proposed to map out existing sewer lines and suggest new ones, making full use of the existing ones.

Engineer Loosley declared such a survey was the best way to insure that improvements would be adequate in the future.

Improvements Asked

Marion Peck, who lives at the corner of Eddy and Strong streets, appeared at the meeting to ask about improvements in Miller's Addition.

Peck said the area has been in the city about two and one-half years and the streets have seldom been graded.

Apparently representing a number of residents of Miller's Addition, Peck said:

"I'm also supposed to ask how we go about taking ourselves out of the city."

City Attorney Paul Geddes answered that it wasn't possible.

Mayor Albert G. Flegel said not a great deal could be done in Miller's Addition. "About all we can offer," he said, "is street lighting, fire and police protection and a certain amount of maintenance."

He explained the terrain was too hilly and the assessed valuation too low to accomplish any major improvements.

In a letter to the Council, the Senior High School Dads Club requested opening of the swimming pool early to be made available to high school physical education classes.

The matter was referred to the city park commission for consideration at its meeting tonight. Council members spoke favorably of the early opening, provided several technical difficulties can be ironed out.

Other Business Transacted

In other action last night, the Council:

1—Authorized a route change of the city bus lines and denied a request to eliminate the Sunday runs.

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Lumber-Laden Truck Upsets, Killing Driver

MEDFORD (AP) — A truck loaded with lumber overturned seven miles north of Trail late Monday, and fatally crushed the driver who was thrown from the cab.

The victim, Melvin E. Thompson, 26, of Central Point, had picked up the load of lumber at a mill near Tiller and was en route to White City when he lost control.

Survivors include his wife Lila, a son 5, and a daughter 1.

FOREST SERVICE OR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT?

Showdown Nears On Which Will Administer Indemnity Strip For O & C Railroad Lands

WASHINGTON (AP) — A controversy over administration of 462,000 acres of Western Oregon timber land may be headed for congressional showdown.

The answer will determine the extent to which 18 counties will share in the millions of dollars received for timber sold from the land.

The land is part of an indemnity strip set up by Congress, in the late 1860's, for the Oregon & California Railroad. If the original grant was not sufficient, the company was to make up the difference from the indemnity strip.

When the railroad violated terms of the grant, Congress reclaimed the entire grant. In the meantime, however, the 462,000 acres had been reserved by executive order for national forest purposes.

The result is a still continuing controversy over whether the disputed land should be administered by the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

which controls the bulk of the O & C grant, or the U.S. Forest Service. It is now administered jointly under a "gentlemen's agreement."

Two Bills Before Congress

The showdown may come on either of two bills now before Congress. One, by Sen. Gordon (R-Ore) is pending on the Senate calendar. A similar measure, by Rep. Ellisworth (R-Ore), is being given a hearing by a House Interior Subcommittee.

Both bills would place administration under BLM and would authorize an exchange of lands between BLM and the Forest Service to solidify holdings of the two agencies.

The sub-committee headed by Rep. Bentsen (D-Tex.) began its hearings Monday.

Frank Severs of Portland, attorney for the Association of O & C Land Grant Counties, said his organization favored the bill because it felt BLM would administer the lands more in the interests of the

counties. He said BLM timber sales have brought higher prices than those conducted by the forest service.

He said his group's principal interest, however, was that the manner of distributing timber receipts not be changed.

Revenue Phase At Stake

Under the O & C law, all 18 counties in the O & C unit share in 75 per cent of timber sale receipts. Under the forest service law, only 25 per cent of receipts would go to the counties and then only to those counties which fall within the national forest area where the timber was sold.

Severs said that to change this policy now would be unfair to the northern O & C counties where the timber cut has been heaviest. These receipts have been spread over all 18 counties, he asserted, and they in turn now are sharing in receipts from timber sales in the southern counties.

He noted that because of the ju-

Picket Lines Already Form Ahead Of Deadline Tonight; Govt.-Labor 'Deal' Charged

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The fading hours before a nationwide steel strike at midnight Tuesday brought frenzied mediation efforts, spreading walkouts in advance of the deadline and plans by a governmental department to operate the steel mills in the event of seizure.

In the nation's capital, the Department of Commerce was reported readying plans for operation of the steel industry if President Truman orders seizure.

Chairman Nathan Feinsinger of the Wage Stabilization Board talked to leaders of both the CIO United Steelworkers and the big companies in a last-ditch attempt to reach agreement in New York.

He has advanced suggestions he hopes may provide the basis for a settlement.

In Pittsburgh and Detroit, unionists threw picket lines around several plants hours before the start of their scheduled strike in support of wage demands.

Over the nation, the steel industry which began the week at full capacity, approached a complete shutdown as plants banked iron and steelmaking furnaces to prevent damaging costly equipment.

Executive Muris Charge

And a leading steelmaker accused government and labor leaders with making a deal on a wage increase.

The charge was hurled by Ernest T. Weir, board chairman of the National Steel Corp., who told a news conference that the recommendations of the WSB for settling the steel dispute followed what he bluntly termed a deal.

"There must have been a deal between powers in the administration and labor leaders in which the labor leaders received assurance their demands would have support," declared Weir, adding:

"My own opinion is that there was a deal made — maybe not on a definite amount — but there was a handshake Wage Stabilization board for the purpose of supporting whatever deal was made."

T-H Law Use Urged

The WSB recommended the steelworkers get a 17 1/2 cent wage increase and opposed the union's demand for a union shop.

Weir called for use of the emergency provisions of the Taft-Hartley act to avert the midnight strike by 650,000 unionists.

Under that law, President Truman can ask the courts for an order which would delay the strike for 60 days.

Mill shutdowns already have idled more than 100,000 of the 650,000 steelworkers ordered to strike some 98 steel producing companies.

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Enforcement Lack Perils Tax Set-Up, Warning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Revenue Commissioner John B. Dunlap has called on Congress to provide money to enforce the new gambling tax law or repeal the law immediately.

In fact, Dunlap said, the entire federal tax system is "balancing precariously on the brink" of collapse through lack of funds to enforce payment.

Failure to enforce the gambling tax would be "the final straw," Dunlap added, and "the result will be widespread cynical contempt for all types of taxes."

Dunlap laid his views on the line in a letter to Sen. Kilgore (D-WV), chairman of a subcommittee considering the Revenue Bureau budget. The letter appeared in a monthly report of revenue activities, released Tuesday.

It urged the Senate to restore a 25-million-dollar cut in Revenue Bureau funds approved by the House.

Dunlap said there has been "no appreciable enforcement" of the five-cent-a-ounce-old-gambling-law so far because Congress failed to provide money to hire agents. Without enforcement, he added, the tax is "sheer mockery."

Ex-Land Board Scribe Handed Prison Term

OLYMPIA (AP) — Sam Emmanuel, former State Land Board secretary convicted in Superior Court here of asking a bribe in connection with a state timber deal, Monday was sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary.

Superior Judge Charles T. Wright set the maximum prison term and also fined Emmanuel \$5,000 and costs after denying the defendant's second plea for a new trial.

Emmanuel will remain at liberty on \$5,000 bail pending his appeal to the State Supreme Court. He is to go on trial in Lewis & Clark County April 22 on three counts of asking and receiving bribes totaling \$6,000 in deals involving state timber.

Emmanuel was convicted here March 7 of asking a bribe from Charles Hovey.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

In their expressed disapproval of Gen. Eisenhower as a presidential possibility, it must be quite annoying to labor unions to note the three last letters in their major weapon—"strike."

Passage of that measure, he declared, "will end once and for all dual management by government agencies on intermingled and adjacent timber, will result in large administration economies and will place under an experienced, competent agency all commercial government forest lands."

McCann will be recalled by the subcommittee Wednesday for questioning. Also scheduled to testify in opposition to the bill are spokesmen for the Forest Service.

Umpqua Basin communities of Oregon.

Timber sales on government land would be stymied, McCann said, and this would lead to an excessive overcut on private lands, thereby "causing early destruction of a portion of the economic support of communities."

Urging that the bill be disapproved, McCann proposed that a senate bill to transfer all BLM timber lands to the Forest Service.

Plywood Operator Opposes

But James D. McCann, vice president and general manager of the Umpqua Plywood Corporation at Roseburg and Myrtle Creek, Ore., sharply opposed the bill.

He said it would increase costs of administering the forest lands, would require survey and other appropriations not provided for in the bill, and "will effectively lock up timber on in excess of 350,000 acres of land tributary to the