

Guaranteed Wage Demand Of USW

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A guaranteed annual wage — long one of labor's principal aims — and an unspecified pay increase keynote 1954 contract objectives of the powerful CIO United Steelworkers. The union outlined its program for negotiations with the basic steel industry, due to start later this month.

A four-point program embodying demands for the guaranteed annual wage and a pay boost was adopted by the union's 30-man executive board and presented to the policy committee. Final approval is seen only as a formality.

Rounding out the program are demands for improved insurance and pension plans and better contract terms on such items as seniority, holidays, vacations, overtime, severance pay and local working conditions.

ACTING PRESIDENT

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Regents of the University of Idaho have named Dr. Donald R. Theophilus, dean of the school's college of agriculture, as acting associate president and eventual acting president.

Japanese Say Americans Exploded Another Bomb

TOKYO (AP) — Two Japanese scientists said today the United States apparently exploded a fourth hydrogen bomb at Bikini between April 25 and 27.

They said their estimate was based on Geiger counter tests of rain which fell this week on widely separated areas of Japan.

Prof. Yasushi Nishiwaki of Osaka Medical University said rain which fell in Osaka about 300 miles southwest of Tokyo, yesterday was many times more radioactive than rain tested Monday.

Nishiwaki said there was a similar sharp increase in the radioactivity of rain 12 days after the second H-bomb test March 26 and 12 days after the third test April 6.

Dr. Hironobu Watanabe of Niigata University said rain which fell in Niigata, about 100 miles north of Tokyo, Monday and Tuesday showed a sharp increase in radioactivity.

Traffic Deaths Take 113 Lives In Oregon

SALEM (AP) — Traffic deaths took 113 lives in Oregon during the first four months of 1954, compared with 115 in the similar period of last year. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry announced Friday.

There were 25 killed in April, four fewer than in April, 1953.

Newberry also announced that motor vehicle registrations have reached a record total of 762,606. That is double the registration of nine years ago.

Tree Farms Pass 3 Million Mark

Oregon, the No. 1 timber state, had a new merit rating today in the forest-growing business — Tree Farms have just passed the 3,000,000-acre mark.

W. D. Hagenstein, manager of the Industrial Forestry Assn., and E. L. Kolbe, forester of the Western Pine Assn., announced jointly Oregon's Tree Farm register had reached 124 holdings totaling 3,008,284 acres. These two groups, both with offices in Portland, sponsor the Tree Farm program in western and eastern Oregon, respectively.

Of western states, only Washington has more certified Tree Farms than Oregon, according to recent figures compiled by American Forest Products Industries, Inc., national sponsor of the program. The neighbor state, which originated the Tree Farm movement in 1941, has 214 of them, totaling 3,195,405 acres.

Together, the two north coast states now have 6,203,689 acres in Tree Farm status, AFPI announced. This is the equivalent of six average-size counties. In the nation as a whole, there are currently 5,015 certified Tree Farms in 36 states covering 30,372,559 acres. Oregon leads the nation in forest acreage and volume of standing sawtimber.

Tree Farms are privately owned forestlands of any size on which the owners are growing timber crops as a business. More than half of the Pacific Northwest Tree Farms are small holdings, such as farm woodlots. Both in number and acreage, the movement is growing steadily, AFPI reported.

PRODUCING BOMBS

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's leading economic journal today quoted Japanese government officials as saying 35,000 napalm bombs to be produced here for the U. S. Air Force "apparently are for shipment to Indochina."

Mon. May 10, 1954—The News-Review, Roseburg, Ore.

Uncertainty Of Future May Be Unsteady Economy Cause

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's latest job figures indicate the main trouble with the nation's economy may be a lack of business and consumer confidence in the immediate future.

Business and consumers alike are investing heavily in the long-term future. The booming construction industry is an indication of that. Business is spending heavily on new plants and equipment, consumers are continuing to buy new homes.

But a Labor-Commerce Department survey on April employment showed that major trouble spots in the economy are the factories, the mines and the transportation field.

This report said April employment was 60,600,000, up nearly half a million from March and that unemployment had dropped from 260,000 from March to an April total of 3,465,000. This conforms to seasonal experience.

However, the number of factory jobs continued to drop last month.

The rest of the economy seems to be thriving.

The Labor-Commerce report showed an encouraging employment pickup in farming, trade, construction and other seasonal activities.

Consumers apparently are willing to spend on day-to-day needs at the grocery and department store, but seem unwilling to take on one and two-year installment plan obligations.

With a decrease of 250,000 from March and 1,350,000 below a year ago, mining employment was 23,000 under March and 100,000 under last year. There was a 15,000 gain in transportation employment in April, but the level still was 200,000 below a year ago.

A top government economist reasons the situation this way: Consumers, worried about how things will go in the next year or so, are reluctant to take on short-term debts. This affects sales of such things as autos, refrigerators, TV sets and so on.

Manufacturers of such items, noting slackened demand, are keeping stocks low. This is depressing factory activity and jobs.

This in turn has lowered demand for coal, steel and other raw materials, reducing employment in those industries.

Lower factory output and production of raw materials then have affected the transportation industry, where there have been heavy railroad layoffs.

Mother Says She Made Up Story About Fire

FAYETTEVILLE, W. Va. (AP) — A 23-year-old mother says she made up the story she told police last month about setting a fire which burned to death her illegitimate twin sons.

"I was mad at my husband," Mrs. Gloria June Vandall told a reporter at the Fayette County Jail, where she is being held on murder and arson charges.

She said the fire was accidental. Mrs. Vandall was arrested April 9, and police at that time quoted her as admitting setting fire to her home in April, 1953, because "my boy friend said he wouldn't marry me if he had to raise another man's kids."

Mrs. Vandall's 7-month-old twin sons and a niece perished in the blaze.

After the fire she married Dewey Vandall, 29-year-old coal miner. They have a five-month-old daughter.

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By Warren Goodrich



Warm Springs Indians Get More For Timber

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's Warm Springs Indians will get an extra \$260,000 a year for their timber, Interior Secretary Douglas McKay has ordered.

The order follows complaints by the Indians that they were entitled to more money for their reservation timber.

McKay said the Warm Springs Lumber Co. will pay \$26 a thousand and board feet, compared with \$16 it now pays. The Philip Dahl Co. will pay \$18, instead of the present \$13.

The Indians' complaint to McKay was made last March, and McKay sent three of his assistants to Oregon to hold a hearing.

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