

CIO Breaks UE Hold On General Electric

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — After a long, bitter struggle, the CIO has broken the 18-year hold of the independent United Electrical Workers Union on the General Electric Co.'s main plant.

The CIO's International Union of Electrical Workers Wednesday night was declared the winner of a National Labor Relations Board election to decide which of the two rival unions should act as bargaining agent for nearly 20,000 plant workers.

An NLRB examiner announced after day-long voting at the plant that 9,065 of the workers had voted for IUE and 5,179 for the UE. There were 267 votes for no union.

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SLEUTH—Donald I. Surine has been investigating the Central Intelligence Agency for Sen. Joe McCarthy's committee even though he hasn't received clearance from the Defense Department. A former FBI agent, Surine was dropped from the rolls of 1950.

Boy Believed Instrument In Man's Desired Death

LEBANON, Ore. (AP) — A 2 1/2-year-old boy may have been the instrument of death for a father who wanted to die here Wednesday.

Marion Ezra Leavitt, 40, Lebanon, jobless and depressed from drink, implored several members of his family to take his .30-30 caliber rifle and shoot him.

When older members of the family stepped out of the room for a minute, a shot rang out. His wife, Rose, ran back to find his body on the floor, the rifle and a 2 1/2-year-old son, Clarence, beside him.

"Daddy told me to kill him, so I pulled it," the questioned boy told Coroner Glen Huston.

Leavitt, a lumber worker, had been unemployed since he hurt a hand several months ago. Besides the widow and Clarence, there are these children: Kenneth, 5; Karen, 8; and Leonard, 11.

EISENHOWER SIGNS BILL
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower signed Wednesday the \$457,071,300 Army civil functions appropriation bill providing money for flood control and navigation projects in the year starting Thursday.

Russia Using Atomic Power In Cold War

BY ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Russia might be able to use a lead in atomic industrial power development as a lever to outmaneuver the United States in the cold war between communism and the free world.

American atomic officials contemplated this prospect today in light of the Soviet's claim to have put into operation a nuclear power plant with a 5,000-kilowatt electrical power output.

While there was no immediate official confirmation of the announcement made by Moscow radio yesterday, there also was no disposition to deny that the Russians had succeeded in getting an atomic power plant into operation. Experts here well remembered the success of the Reds in producing a nuclear fission explosion in 1949—several years before the time generally predicted.

Those who look upon peaceful use of atomic power as an instrument of national policy contend: The nation which first succeeds in building practical atomic power plants capable of being assembled in components and shipped overseas will have an instrument to offer power-poor nations such as those of southeast and southern Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and in similar places.

If Russia should be ready first for the building and export of such plants, they say, she would have a good bargain to offer small nations which might be wavering between the free world and communism.

This is one of the arguments of those who urge a speedup in the United States' atomic industrial power development program, to telescope into something less than five years what they say would otherwise be a 10-year period needed to get nuclear power on a satisfactory, going basis.

Huge Alligator Ties Up Traffic

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A 12-foot alligator is back in the Everglades after tying up traffic on U. S. 1 north of Miami for nearly an hour.

Sheriff's Deputies Richard Wright and Robert Laichak suffered rope burns in the battle to subdue the huge reptile which was first spotted by a motorist along the busy highway.

Wright said they couldn't figure what to do when they arrived, since there's a \$300 fine for shooting an alligator.

"It lay there peacefully enough until three Humane Society workers arrived," Wright said. "But when we started to rope it, it went wild."

Four ropes were tossed over the creature's snout and neck. It whirled and lunged, snapping its huge jaws and thrashing its tail. More than 100 persons assembled and shouted encouragement while perspiring officers struggled with the 'gator.

Community News Items

Here From Medford — Mr. and Mrs. Fowler and sons, Robert and Sieve, of Medford visited last week with Mrs. Cora Holtzman at the Douglas County Home.

Visited Here Recently — Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCaden of Eugene were recent visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Plumer. Mrs. McCaden, the former Dorothy Plumer, was married last May.

Visits Grandmother — Susan and Janice Brown of Eugene spent several days last week at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Sadie Brown, who was on vacation from her work as nurse at the Douglas County Home.

15-Cent Coffee Gives 300 Per Cent Profit

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Fifteen cents per cup of coffee gives restaurants more than 300 per cent gross profit, says Dr. Roberto E. Canessa, minister of foreign affairs of El Salvador.

Dr. Canessa told the Chamber of Commerce of the Americas here yesterday that the public shouldn't blame coffee producers for these prices and said government leaders "have leaped on the coffee price bandwagon."

He said 1 cent per pound increase in the price of coffee costs American consumers 27 million dollars, but four-fifths of this remains in the United States.

Move To San Jose — Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Delaney and family have moved from Roseburg to San Jose, Calif., to make their home.

Has Accident — Mrs. Arline Hodges of Roseburg and her family were in a recent automobile accident in Nevada. They were on their way to Missouri to attend their son's graduation. No one was seriously injured but the car was completely wrecked.

Back From Trip — Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes have returned to their home on East Douglas Street, following a trip to Seattle and Hanford, Wash. They stopped over in Athena, Ore., en route back to visit Mrs. Josephine Smith, sister of Mrs. S. M. Moore of this city.

Go To Kansas — Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gee are enjoying a two-week visit in Kansas with former neighbors and friends.

Returns To Job — Mrs. Winnie Lamb has returned to her work as nurse at the Douglas County Home following a two-month stay in California.

Has Sunday Callers — Mrs. Dolie Lamb enjoyed a surprise visit Sunday from her grandson, Billy Bowen, and his wife and two children of Yoncalla.

Visits Son — Mrs. F. C. Gurnee of Portland was a recent Roseburg visitor at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith. The late Mr. Gurnee formerly owned a hardware store on Jackson Street in Roseburg.

Visits Daughter — Mrs. Richard Mulder and son, Dick, have returned to Roseburg following a week's stay in Klamath Falls, where they visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Leonard Beam. Mrs. Mulder has returned to her work at Gerding's Hardware Store.

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