NMB Pulls Out Of Rail Work Rules Dispute

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The National Mediation Board pulled out of the rail work rules dispute today, clearing the way for a showdown between the nation's railroads and five train-operating unions in 30 days.

The board's action will make it possible for the carriers to put rule changes into effect Aug. 16 that would throw thousands of locomotive firemen out of work and overhaul pay and seniority systems for train crews.

Leaders of five unions have threatened to strike if the changes are made.

Board Secretary Eugene C. Thompson said letters were sent to the unions and the nation's leading railroads concerning an NMB proposal to arbitrate the issues in dispute.

The railroads accepted arbitration. The labor organizations turned down the offer.

Under the Railway Labor Act, neither side can make any changes in rules or working conditions for 30 days.

It appeared that only appointment of a presidential emergency board to investigate the dispute and make settlement recommendations could stave off a transportation crisis in mid-August.

Both sides expect that President Kennedy will intervene. This would delay any changes or resulting walk out for at least 60 days after he names such a special board.

The issues in dispute were studied for more than a year, however, by a presidential railroad commission consisting of five public, five union and five management representatives.

The railroads accepted the recommendations but the unions rejected them. Negotiations began April 2 in an effort to resolve the differences.

Management negotiators walked out twice, claiming that the rail brotherhoods were stalling. The unions replied that the companies did not seem interested in discussing the issues raised by the unions.

The unions involved are the locomotive engineers, firemen, conductors, trainmen and switchmen.

The carriers have indicated they want to institute the changes recommended by the commission as soon as possible whether the unions agree or not.

At the outset of the 3-year-old dispute, the railroads contended that obsolete work rules they called "featherbedding" were costing $500 million dollars a year. The unions said the rules were necessary for efficiency and safety.

Famed Marionettes To Appear At Fair

A third engagement at the Douglas County Fair and Exposition has been slated for the Lesselli Marionettes when the 1962 edition of the fair opens Aug. 15.

The fascinating collection of circus animals, clowns and variety acts is set to delight all fairgoers, Bert Allenby, fair manager, said today.

Marionettes selected to perform during the course of the fair are: Cyco the clown, who rides a unicycle and juggles at the same time; two dancing marionettes; Leo the lion; Fleurette the donkey who succeeds in disposing of a wayward balloon; Mike the monkey on the flying trapeze; Boxo the clown and others.

The Lesselli Marionettes are owned and operated by Les and Ellie Heath who formed the name of their marionette group by combining their first names. They have been producing marionette shows for the past 26 years. Their marionettes have appeared on TV, vaudeville bills, in films and full length children's productions as well as fairs.

The Lesselli Marionettes will give four free performances daily at the Douglas County Fair.

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lindsay Jr. and children Linda, Corinne and Bernard, and Mrs. Carl Lindsay Sr. all of Houston, Tex., are stopping over for a few days at the City Center Motel. The Lindsays are former Roseburg residents, Carl Lindsay Jr. formerly being associated with his father in the ownership of the Melrose Store. He later managed a service station at the corner of Oak and SE Rose streets. He is presently foreman of the aircraft hydraulic section at Ellington Air Force Base in Texas and is also in the Ready Reserve 446 Troop Carrier Wing, U.S. Air Force. The Lindsays moved to California in 1937 and this is their first visit to Roseburg in 25 years.

They are on a trip to Yellowstone National Park and the World's Fair in Seattle. The Lindsays have three grown children, Lt. Robert Lindsay, U.S. Army; Mrs. Patricia Dawes, Carol Lindsay; and three grandchildren. The visitors hope to see many of their old friends while in the area.

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MISS UNIVERSE, 1962 version, and four runners-up are, from left: Maria Olivia Rebucas of Brazil, Anja Jarvinen of Finland, Miss Universe Norma Nolan of Argentina, Iceland's Anna Geirsdottier and Republic of China's Helen S. M. Liu. (UPI Telephoto).

Famed Evangelist Opens Eight-Day Fresno Crusade

FRESNO, Calif. (UPI) —Evangelist Billy Graham, suffering from a slight sore throat, planned to preach on the problems of youth, security and sex tonight in the second sermon of his eight-day crusade in Fresno.

Graham opened his crusade Sunday night with a ringing criticism of modern living and a call to return to God. He addressed a capacity crowd of 23,000 in Ratcliffe Stadium, a college football stadium converted into an open-air church for his appearance here.

"We are a people filled with fear, frustration, disappointment and sin," Graham said. "We are in danger of becoming haded, empty and banal."

The evangelist said it is "doubtful that a country with no highly developed sense of national purpose, with an overwhelming accent on personal comfort and with insufficient social discipline can compete with a purposeful, serious and disciplined society such as that of the Soviet Union."

The crowd of shirtsleeved men and women wearing light summer dresses sweltered in 90-degree heat as Graham called for a rededication to God.

"God has become only an extension of our own desires and imaginations," he said. "We have made a pygmy God, a miniature deity, fashioned in our own image. We need to accept the Biblical concept of God."

New Jersey 'Train' Heads For Salem

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI)—New Jersey's motorized wagon train wound its way toward Salem, Ore., today — the last "Salem" that stands between the caravan and the World's Fair at Seattle.

The 85-member group, commemorating New Jersey's 300th birthday a year ahead of schedule, is following the trail of the pioneering Street family that headed west from Salem, N.J., in 1805 and founded other "Salems" along the way.

The 30-vehicle caravan, includes New Jersey's tercentenary history-mobile. That 16-ton trailer carries historical exhibits and genuine Atlantic Ocean water to be dumped into the Pacific.

The caravan is scheduled to arrive in Seattle Wednesday.

So far, the New Jersey contingent has visited "Salems" in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa.

Heading the caravan of trailers and cars is New Jersey state trooper Ernie Wrzesinsky, 22, in his black and white patrol car.

Wrzesinsky says he drew the coveted assignment because his uniforms are brand new. The fact that he was high man in his class at the police academy might also have contributed to his selection.

He is acting as liaison man with police along the route.

Liquor Possession Nets Jail Term For Youth

Ronald Harrison Barr, 19, of DuBois, Pa., recently was found guilty of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor in Roseburg Municipal Court.

He was fined $30 and $5 costs but will serve out his sentence in the city jail.

Barr had been picked up by Roseburg Police the previous night with beer in his possession. A juvenile, arrested at the same time was turned over to county juvenile authorities.

Road Viewers' Report Gets Court's Approval

The County Court, headed by Judge V. T. Jackson, has written the final order accepting the modified report of the county road viewers on the North Fork Road on Smith River.

The board of viewers was appointed by the court to assess damages in the widening and realignment of the county road.

The road is 7.6 miles long. Contract on the proposed work will be let in the future by the court.

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County Court Approves Retarded School Funds

The County Court has again signed a contract with Roseburg School District to supply part of the cost of running Park School.

The Court since 1957 has aided in the operation of the school for retarded children. Under the contract the county pays half the per-student cost up to $300 apiece.

Park School is limited to 32 children. Transportation to the school is not provided by the district.

Argentine Beauty Wins World Title

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (UPI) — Dark-eyed Norma Nolan, 24, the "world's most beautiful girl" is not one to kiss and tell.

The model from Argentina made that clear in her first interview after winning the 1962 Miss Universe Beauty Pageant Saturday night.

At a reception Sunday, Norma said she was "very happy, but oh, so tired." She expresses surprise that she was chosen from among 52 contestants from throughout the world. She said she would like to return to Buenos Aires as soon as possible.

Was it true, she was asked, that she had an Italian boy friend back home? Would that be the reason for her homesickness?

"That is my private life and I do not wish to discuss it," she replied, with finality. The subject was dropped.

Norma said her immediate plans called for rest. After that, she said, she did not know what was in store for her as Miss Universe.

Miss Nolan was selected from 15 semifinalists before a capacity crowd in the Miami Beach Convention Hall. Her winnings include $15,000 in prizes and a world tour.

Runners-up were Miss Iceland, Anna Geirsdottier; Miss Finland, Anja Jarvinen; Miss Republic of China, Helen S.M. Liu; and Miss Brazil, Maria Rebucas.

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Goldberg To Ask Ban If Missile Workers Strike

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg has indicated he will ask Congress to bar walkouts at missile sites and plants if that defense industry is hit by a strike scheduled for a week from today.

Goldberg said the security of the nation could not afford work stoppages in this field.

The United Auto Workers and the International Association of Machinists are jointly negotiating, mostly in California, with five major missile and aircraft producers. Little progress has been made so far and the two unions have said they will call their members off the job if a settlement is not reached by July 23.

Goldberg said that while strikes anywhere were not desirable, they could at least be tolerated in most areas of the economy as a price the nation pays for freedom.

But he said, the nation could not afford a strike in the missile manufacturing plants because "the security of all of us depends on uninterrupted production."

The secretary made his comments in a radio-television interview with Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, R-N.Y., for broadcast to New York stations.

Goldberg said that in the event of a strike, the government would use existing devices such as the Taft-Hartley Law. If those are exhausted, he said, the administration would come to Congress for further relief.

"It should not be necessary and I hope it won't be necessary," he said.

He appealed to the companies and the unions to reach "an amicable and peaceful settlement."

It has been reported that the chief stumbling block to a settlement so far is the companies' resistance to a demand for union shops. Wages and other matters, however, are also at issue.

Goldberg said it was the responsibility of both parties to avoid the necessity of government action.

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