

World News Capsules

Over 800 Northwest Workers Join National Telephone Strike

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(From the wires of the United Press and Associated Press)

More than 800 Western Electric company workers in the Pacific Northwest joined some 16,000 CIO workers who left their jobs Monday in 43 states and the District of Columbia. The company is the installation and maintenance subsidiary of the American Telephone and Telegraph company. At the same time, 51,000 operators and clerks of the Bell System went out on strike in Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, Northern California and Nevada. The Bell workers are also members of the CIO Communications Workers union.

Arne Gravem, Oregon director of the CIO Communications Workers of America, estimated that about 360 Oregon workers were involved. They are employed by the Western Electric company to install and repair equipment for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Oregon Telephone company workers, although members of the same union, are not involved in the strike. Gravem says they probably will observe Western Electric picket lines. Telephone service has not been affected so far by the walkout.

Thousands of steel workers are idle . . .

. . . as the deadline nears for the nationwide strike. The plants have been speeding up the shutdown process in anticipation that the strike will start on schedule one minute after midnight Tuesday. And there is no sign that government efforts will succeed in heading off the strike, although talks are continuing in New York. The government's wage chief, Nathan P. Feinsinger, said he would confer with the two sides separately during the day, both in person and by telephone.

The government has frozen all shipments of steel for civilian goods because of the threatened steel strike. The action is designed to conserve steel for defense. Defense production manager Manly Fleischmann says the strike would have an immediate drastic effect on the atomic energy program, jet engine and ammunition production and the completion of new defense plants.

Two-thousand persons are homeless . . .

. . . as a result of the rampaging flood waters of the Sioux and Missouri rivers.

At Bismarck, N.D., the Missouri river has dropped about two feet . . . but it is still three and a half feet above flood stage.

Huge blocks of ice . . . some as big as houses . . . are racing down the churning river at Bismarck. About a mile of the Northern Pacific railway's main line has been washed out in this area. Some 300 homes were swamped by the flood waters and some 1,000 persons were left homeless.

The Sioux river has burst its banks at Sioux Falls, S. D. The airport has been flooded . . . and a nearby housing project has been swamped. About 1,100 residents of the project have been evacuated.

The flooded Missouri is racing southward and the twin cities of Pierre and Fort Pierre, S. D., are getting prepared for what some rivermen believe may be the worst flood in 71 years.

A C-54 Military Air Transport plane crashed . . .

. . . and exploded on the crest of a hill five miles southeast of Jefferson City, Mont., Monday and it is not known if any of the three men aboard survived.

Great Falls air base information officer Lt. James R. Rector, confirmed that the crashed plane left from his base. He said the names of the crewmen would not be released until the next of kin were notified.

Another crash in the Queens section of New York caused the New York councilmen to demand closing of the city's two big airports . . . La Guardia and Idlewild.

The government investigators say that the fatal plane's engines apparently were functioning properly when the plane crashed.

Exercise Long Horn . . .

. . . the biggest army-air force maneuver in history, was launched by the powerful First Armored division Monday in an offensive aimed at neutralizing the "aggressor" army.

The attack marked the opening of the maneuver's phase in Fort Hood, Tex., after troops on both sides observed a day of rest.

The final phase began late Sunday night when squads of U. S. observers were dropped behind the aggressor lines with radio equipment. They will report to the attacking units on movements of the aggressor, played by the 82nd Airborne division.

Thus, far, the make-believe war has tested atomic weapons in tactical situations, the ability of the air force to airlift troops and equipment, the projected military government for captured areas, U. S. intelligence and counter-intelligence efficiency and various propaganda schemes.

Simulated battle casualties neared 10,000, mostly from theoretical atomic blasts. But seven men have met actual violent death since the operation began.

Adm. Kichisaburo Nomura . . .

. . . Japanese ambassador to the United States at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, said Monday that Japan must re-arm because "an independent Japan must be able to defend itself."

He urged close cooperation with the United States under terms of the peace treaty and the Japanese-American security pact but added, "I think it is a mistake for the Japanese to talk about independence while continuing to depend on the presence of foreign troops for security."

Respect for Individual Must Remain Our Hallmark, Jones Tells Confab

Saturday night that respect for the individual "must continue to be . . . the hallmark by which we live."

Speaking at the wind-up banquet of the Mid-century Area Conference on Children and Youth, held in the Student Union Friday and Saturday, Jones defined civilization in terms of the individual.

"A Faith" "Ultimately a civilization is a faith and a civilization is great when it has a great faith . . ."

And he added: "We find faith in this country . . . is completely dedicated to the conviction that the human personality is the most valuable thing in . . ."

Dean of Administration William C. Jones told a dinner audience

the world." Human rights, he concluded, "must come to the children as part of a heritage of being born into our way of life."

Improvement Needed The acting head of the University pointed out the need of improving the world's education and wealth, admitting however that neither of these things alone "would be enough" to preserve the individual.

Mass communications and wartime propaganda have created stereotypes of other nationalities in our minds, he said. From this the problem has arisen, "How can we bring the individual out of the group."

Education Would Help "I heartily agree," Jones said,

that more education would help this situation.

In the United States, he noted, a random selection of 100 people over the age of 25 would show that four have never been to school, 13 have not finished the fourth grade, 56, not the eight grade and 75 not high school.

More Wealth And the world needs more wealth to bolster the individual, he related, noting that one and one-half of the two billion people of the earth "live like animals."

Not over ten per cent ever have had a meal "such as you and I had this evening," he said.

300 Participated Jones' talk ended the two day conclave sponsored by the Governor's State Committee on Children and Youth. Nearly 300 people participated in the meetings and about 70 attended the dinner.

Preceding Jones, Carl C. Ashley, vice-chairman of the Governor's committee, outlined the history and activities of the committee.

It was founded in 1948, he said, to prepare the state's contribution to the president's Mid-century youth conference at the White House. Among the committee's recommendations already realized, he revealed, was the new 125 bed hospital at the University medical school in Portland.

'India Day' Planned

(Continued from page one) Rounds, U. S.; Said Nehorayan, Iran; Yoshiko Seki, Japan; Mary Sawada, Japan; Peter Behncke, Germany; Wah Chun, Hawaii; and Toby MacCarroll, U. S.

Faculty sponsors are Paul S. Dull, associate professor of political science and history; W. S. Baldinger, associate professor of art; Paul Means, head of the religion department; Donald Willis, assistant professor of Oriental languages; Theodore Stern, assistant professor of anthropology; Sheldon Erickson, assistant professor of geography; and M. D. Wattles, assistant professor of economics.

Barry Calls For Oregon Students To Visit Willamette Convention

A call for students to attend the Willamette Mock Republican convention May 9 and 10 at Willamette university has been made by Tom Barry, chairman of the Oregon delegation.

Oregon will send 27 delegates to the convention. Barry and four delegates will arrive Friday evening May 9 for national committee and resolutions committee meetings, while all 27 delegates will be in attendance for the opening session at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Three Delegations States to be represented by Oregon are Wisconsin—six delegates with Bob Ridderbusch, senior in law, as chairman; Michigan—nine delegates with Chairman Dick Paul, graduate in political science; Illinois—12 delegates with Charles Carter, graduate in education, as chairman.

Carson Moore, senior in liberal arts, is chairman of the foreign

policy resolutions committee assisted by Jim Crittenden, junior in political science. The domestic policy resolution committee will be headed by Paul assisted by Ellen Christiansen, senior in political science.

Carlson Speaker Key-note speaker for the convention will be Sen. Frank Carlson, Republican from Kansas. Local and visiting dignitaries are also to attend. A banquet for all delegates will be held May 10 at 6 p.m. at the Senator hotel in Salem, to be followed by the actual business of the convention which will induce balloting for the presidential candidates and formulation of the party platform.

The convention will be similar to the one to be held on campus May 2 and 3, but will be a statewide affair, with 14 Oregon colleges and universities participating.

The Senate Judiciary committee . . .

. . . says it will hold hearings on President Truman's nomination of James P. McGranery as attorney general. No date was set for the hearings, nor was there any indication whether they would be public or held behind closed doors.

But the decision to hold hearings apparently forestalled any chance of quick senate confirmation of McGranery's nomination.

The committee action came after Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R.-Utah) said the group should "lay aside" the "courtesy" usually given former congressmen and conduct a thorough investigation of McGranery.

McGranery, former Democratic member of the house from Pennsylvania, was named by Truman last Thursday after the firing of Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

Grede Stresses

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The NAM, Grede said, has been harping about free enterprise for a long time. "We are for the Sherman Anti-trust law," he stated, "against combinations, but government, which recognizes labor as a monopoly, is not against this labor monopoly." He pointed out the Norris-Guardia act, exempting labor unions from prosecution under the Sherman law.

No Jurisdiction Labor is spoken of with a capital "L," Grede said, but management cannot be. The NAM has no jurisdiction over its members. He said Americans don't divide sharply, that all of us are laborers, management, and capital combined. "We of the NAM are just folks," he said.

"I am concerned over our loss of freedom," Grede warned. Stating that the Boston tea party was held for less reason than we have now, he asserted that our lack of action is either a reflection on the integrity of the American people or a very serious misunderstanding of what makes us great.

And what makes us great, he asserted, is the freedom which has developed from religion. Out of this freedom has resulted political and economic freedom. "Freedom is individual," he emphasized.

At a dinner earlier in the evening, attended by 37 Eugene businessmen, officials, University faculty and students Grede outlined the operations of the NAM.

Steamboatmen on the Congo in Africa judge the river's depth by the sound of the "mustache" of water tossed up by the vessel's bow. The "moustache" makes different sounds in deep water and in shallows over sandbars.

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