

'UAW To Use Labor Blockade'

DETROIT, Sept. 14 (UP)—Ford Motor company today sent home 50,000 workers and shut down virtually all its operations in the nation because of strikes which have shut off vital passenger car parts from supplying firms.

Meanwhile, United Automobile Workers (CIO) today threatened a shutdown strike in the entire General Motors system to enforce demands for a 30 percent wage increase throughout the motor industry.

Blockade
Describing action as a "labor blockade," UAW Vice President Walter Reuther said it would combine strikes in "every department and in every plant in every city" in which the industry operates.

UAW strategy approved by the international executive board would call for CIO boycott of all products of the industry singled out for the "blockade."

Walter Reuther, UAW vice president in charge of General Motors locals, said the blockade represented an enforcement strategy worked out by the UAW executive board at Flint.

Only One
The wage demand was applied against every company in the automobile industry, Reuther said. He said the strike and boycott weapon would be employed against only a single member in order to demonstrate the power of organized labor.

Reuther predicted the blockade would "wreck the business of any industry" affected by it. Competitors would not be affected, he said.

While holding the threat of a single-industry strike as a warning to management, the UAW cracked down on wildcat strikes and called for harsh disciplinary measures.

Argentine Boss Admits Plot to Revolt Gaining

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 14 (UP)—Vice President Col. Juan D. Peron, in an extraordinary proclamation, conceded a plot to overthrow the Argentine government is gaining support and called upon the armed forces to remain loyal to "those who have the responsibility of the government in these difficult hours."

Peron charged leaders of the conspiracy already were seeking supporters within the army with full knowledge any revolt would fail without them.

While the conspirators had failed to organize the mass of Argentine public opinion, he said, "it is undeniable that many people... carried away by their love of freedom and democracy fell victims to a propaganda which spared neither resources nor means."

Peron named as leaders of the conspiracy:

1. Politicians defeated in the June 1943 revolution and those "who are using even infamy to promote foreign intervention."
2. Employers who resist Peron's social policies in his concurrent post of secretary of labor.
3. Capitalists who suffered at the hands of the present government.

Lumbermen to Meet To Discuss Policy

A. J. Stange of the Mt. Emily Lumber company and president of the Western Pine Lumbermen's association, will leave Portland today to attend a meeting in Chicago of the executive committee of the National Lumber Manufacturers association, of which he is vice-president.

The purpose of the Chicago meeting is to determine post-war activities in the lumber industry throughout the nation from the point of view of program and plans. General policies of the lumber industry will also be determined.

DAV Will Have Forget-me-not Sale

First annual forget-me-not sale of the Blue Mountain chapter No. 21 of the Disabled American Veterans has been scheduled for Sept. 20, William Arrivey, commander, announced today.

Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Legion auxiliaries will be on the streets to sell the flowers, for which contributions, rather than a set price are to be received.

Forget-me-not sales are on an annual activity of the DAV, but since La Grande's chapter was organized only three months ago, this is the chapter's first sale.

CORRIGES HOME SOON

L. D. (Mickey) McCoy arrived in the United States yesterday and expects to be at his home in La Grande next week after receiving a discharge from the seas.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON, FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 14, 1945

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Temperature:
Maximum 92
Minimum 47
Forecast: Overcast near coast, otherwise clear tonight; Saturday partly cloudy.

FIVE CENTS

Forest Fire Appears in Control

Quotas Fixed in War Fund Drive

Truman Asks Big Navy Cut

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (UP)—President Truman today recommended to congress at \$17,000,000,000 cut-back in navy appropriations. He suggested a \$11,518,301,253 cut in current appropriations and authorizations for the navy department and \$5,306,252,674 in unrequired balances of past appropriations.

The president sent the recommendations to congress after conferring at the White House with top naval and congressional officials concerned with navy legislation.

Truman asked congress to "give consideration to a complete review of existing legislation authorizing the construction of naval vessels."

The president's recommendations were based on the navy's 250,000-man-a-month demobilization program, on cutbacks in its ship construction program, and on various other related cuts.

In his letter, Truman said full consideration had been given "to the tremendous problem of demobilization and the yet undetermined requirements for a peace-time navy" before the cut-back figures were decided on.

He added that he plans "a continuing review" of naval appropriations and will recommend to congress further "adjustments" as conditions warrant.

Saratoga Arrives With 3,710 Aboard

ALAMEDA, Calif., Sept. 14 (UP)—U. S. S. Saratoga, queen carrier of the U. S. fleet, lay quietly at anchor here today, her huge flight deck empty, her 3,710 "passengers" home.

At 4:14 p. m. yesterday "Sara" knocked on the Golden Gate.

In place of the planes that roosted on her flat top from Guadalcanal to Iwo Jima were wildly cheering navy officers and men back for discharge or reassignment. Some of them had ridden "Sara" through eight major Pacific campaigns and 23 "assignments."

Most had been in uniform since before Pearl Harbor. As a group they had seen service from the Aleutians to Australia.

Shirley's Fiance To Get Furlough

SPOKANE, Sept. 14 (UP)—Sgt. John Agar, 24-year-old soldier who will marry Shirley Temple in Hollywood next Wednesday, left on an army plane for Santa Monica from Geiger field here at 9:03 a. m. today. He was granted a seven-day furlough plus eight days' travel time before being sent on an overseas assignment.

Col. James W. Park, commanding officer at Geiger, said Agar's furlough is not a favor but the treatment granted every soldier before going overseas. The furlough and travel time will give Agar 15 days in which to marry and spend his honeymoon.

Hess for Miss Gavin's Right to Object But Sees no Point in Her Protests

Action of Miss Celia Gavin, vice chairman of the state democratic central committee, in opposing her nomination for U. S. district attorney for Oregon, brought only a jocular statement from Henry Hess, La Grande attorney today.

He said: "I do not know why Miss Gavin opposes the president's recommendation for my appointment as U. S. district attorney for Oregon. But as Voltaire would say, 'I would defend to the death' her right to do this. That is what makes America great—such things as freedom of religion, freedom



TOJO RESTS, BUT NOT TOO WELL, THANK YOU—Shortly after he attempted suicide in his home near Tokyo and was given an American blood transfusion. Japan's former Premier Hideki Tojo rallies and rests in a chair in a semi-conscious condition. In the background, an American officer is holding the gun Tojo used to shoot himself. U. S. Navy Radiophoto.

13,000 Doctors, Many Nurses To Get Out of Army by 1946

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (UP)—The war department today announced a plan to return 13,000 physicians, 25,000 nurses, 3,500 dentists and other army medical department officers to civilian life by the end of this year.

Any army doctor or dentist, with the exception of about 200 scarce specialists, may now be released if he:

1. Was in service before Pearl Harbor.
2. Is 48 or older.
3. Has 80 or more discharge points.

Heretofore doctors and dentists needed 100 points for discharge, or 120 if their particular skills were scarce.

Any one of the three qualifications is sufficient.

Army nurses will be released if they have 35 points, or if they are 35 years old, or if they are married, or if they have a dependent less than 14 years old.

Physical therapists and hospital dieticians will be released if they have 40 points or if they are 40 years old, or if they have

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County Committee Approves Agency Budgets at Meeting

Jack Fitzgerald, general of the Union county war chest campaign, today began mobilizing and marshaling his forces to begin the drive for \$20,560, which is the quota fixed for the entire county. County wide drive begins Oct. 2.

Fitzgerald and his staff met last night at the Sacajawea hotel to adopt and approve budgets of the various participating agencies and to outline some of the early moves in the county and La Grande campaign.

Present for the meeting were G. I. Hess, Union; H. V. Leffel, T. B. Lumsden, Chairman

Raymond Gray of La Grande forces, F. M. Hughes and Mrs. C. T. Mitchell of Starkey, and Colon R. Eberhard, Union county member of the state committee.

Of the entire county quota of \$20,560, \$12,675 will go to the USO for various uses.

Of the total quota, La Grande will raise \$12,220 and the rest of the county will contribute \$8,340.

Besides the USO, participating agencies in La Grande are the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army and the Do-Nut Hut. In the rest of the county, besides the USO contributions, the Boy Scouts and the Do-Nut hut share in the fund.

Scouts Busy
Boy Scouts of this area are about to begin distributing posters and setting them up in various business places about the city. The posters explain the need for the fund again this year and why it is probably greater than before.

In La Grande itself, the special gifts committee will have started its work by next Tuesday. Details of this phase of the campaign will be arranged later and personnel of Chairman Gray's forces will also be completed in the next day or two.

County Chairman Fitzgerald today announced the names of community leaders in the county. They are:

- Elgin—H. V. Helling.
- Alicel—Mrs. Bruce Clark.
- North Powder—W. A. Hudelson.
- Cove—Glen Sands.
- Hilgard—Perry—Mrs. Robertson.
- Pondosa—Lloyd Davis, Sam Hornbeck, Hillard Brown.
- Imbler—Edna Jordan.
- Starkey—Zella Mitchell.
- Island City—Mrs. John Bowery.
- Kamela—Mrs. Alex McKenzie.
- Union—Carl Posey.
- La Grande—Raymond Gray.

Ogilvy to Plead Before Sept. 25

Selection of Boon Cason, Portland attorney, as counsel for Claude N. Ogilvy and Carroll Jesse O'Brien was announced today.

At the grand jury session last week, Ogilvy was indicted for first degree murder in the shooting of his neighbor, Jack Starco.

At the same time O'Brien was indicted for jailbreaking and for obtaining money under false pretenses.

The men have been given until Sept. 24 to plead, after which time the date of the trial will be set.

TO REORGANIZE
WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (UP)—Gen. Omar N. Bradley today ordered reorganization of the veterans administration along army lines. He named Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley the agency's acting surgeon general.

4-H Club Displays to Feature Show
Many Mavericks in Pendleton for Rodeo

A large number of Mavericks today are in Pendleton advertising the coming Horse Show, set for Sept. 20 at Union county fair grounds.

Plans have gone smoothly for all events and with greater seating capacity this year, double last year's attendance is expected.

All horse drawn vehicles are welcome entries for the parade, and persons having entries as yet unregistered may contact Frank George, chairman of the parade committee.

The drill teams have practiced until perfection has been reached and besides the men's and women's drill teams of the Mavericks club, the Baker Oregon Trail Riders and riders from Mt. Emily camp have prepared and entered similar groups.

Each chairman has worked out the details of his department and all is in readiness for the Fourth annual show. In addition to the rodeo and horse show a display will be made of 4-H club work and animals. This is the first year that 4-H club work will be shown in conjunction with the show.

Nations Invited To Give Opinions

LONDON, Sept. 14 (UP)—Yugoslavia, Italy and the British dominions were invited by the council of foreign ministers today to submit their views on an Italian peace treaty and the Italo-Yugoslav border dispute to the council next Monday.

Simultaneously, it was disclosed the council had received a proposal calling for the return to Austria of the south Tyrol district, now held by Italy.

To Probe Reports Of Cause

Although the forest and grass fire in the lower Cove area is thought this afternoon to be nearly under control, crews totaling more than 60 men are still patrolling the area to try to prevent any outburst.

Forestry officials also were preparing to investigate a report the fire, and two other smaller ones near Cove, had been started about 4 p. m. yesterday by something which fell or was dropped from a plane, not identified.

400 Acres
The largest blaze, which by this morning had covered 1,200 to 1,400 acres of which about 400 is timberland, started near the Gray place, eight miles northwest of Cove, between Cove and Mt. Harris, forestry officials said.

The grass fire spread rapidly in both directions and soon involved the privately owned timber on the "east mountain." The timber is reproduction Ponderosa pine and foresters said they expect a "complete kill" on about 400 acres.

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Navy Mothers Will Buy Yarn for Rugs

Navy Mothers met in the USO rooms last night, with Mrs. Charles Murchison, president, conducting the meeting, and appointed Mrs. Harold Dow to buy rug yarn for the Walla Walla air base hospital. The evening was devoted to working on afghans and putting strings in Navy day tags. Today the group furnished food for the Do-Nut Hut.

Peave, Province Fly at Pendleton

Keith Province and W. M. Peave flew airplanes to Pendleton to fly in formation over the Round Up parade, scheduled for 10 a. m. today. Miss Ruth James went along as a passenger and planned to stay to attend the afternoon show.