

215,000 Idled By Walkouts

Strikes and shutdowns kept nearly 215,000 away from their jobs today as reconversion barriers grew between workers and manufacturers, with the chief issue labor's demand that high wartime take-home pay be maintained.

In Detroit, where an estimated 84,000 workers are idle in 75 plants, powerful CIO United Automobile Workers union challenged the industry's "big three" to come out and fight or accede to a demand for a 30 percent pay increase.

UAW-CIO, claiming 1,250,000 members, warned General Motors and the Chrysler corporation to grant the wage boost immediately or feel the brunt of the union's newly-devised "secret weapon" — a concentrated system-wide strike against one manufacturer.

40,000 Out

The Ford Motor company was served with notice it might be selected to initiate the UAW's new strike strategy when Union officials scheduled a meeting of Ford locals Sept. 29 to ask permission for a national labor relations board strike vote.

Fifty thousand Ford employees, 40,000 in Detroit and 10,000 in branch plants, already are idle. Production of 1946 models was halted and work suspended in 10 plants when the flow of parts was cut off by a strike at the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel company, a Ford supplier.

Other major Detroit plants paralyzed by work stoppages included the Hudson Motor Car company, with 6,500 out, and the Murray corporation, with 3,100 idle.

Big Losses

Labor dissatisfaction with the handling of reconversion was evidenced again last night by an announcement that the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers (CIO) would seek a flat 30 percent increase and CIO President Philip Murray's action in backing the United Steelworkers' demand for a \$2-a-day wage increase.

Murray argued the steel industry had netted more than \$2,000,000,000 in war profits, whereas now are suffering great losses through reduction of hours, overtime and incentive pay.

Approximately 5,500 oil workers in the Chicago area were alerted for a walkout as union officials met with representatives of the Socony-Vacuum Oil company to present demands for a blanket 30 percent pay increase.

In Akron, O., Goodrich Rubber company officials expressed hope for an early end to a strike by 14,000 rubber workers. The strikers voted last night to negotiate a return-to-work agreement with the company.

30 of Sect Wait For World to End By Next Friday

PASADENA, Calif., Sept. 17 (UP) — Thirty devout Pasadena residents, their faces radiant, prayed and fasted today in preparation for the end of the world — come next Friday.

"Laugh and scoff, if you wish," the Rev. Charles G. Long, retired missionary turned prophet said, "but the end will be on Friday — and in a manner similar to the explosion of an atomic bomb."

The minister had interrupted his sermon to the group, mostly elderly women with scars around their heads but including a few middle-aged men, a boy about 15 and a few children who played in the middle of the floor of his living room.

It was their second day of prayerful fasting.

Victory Fund Group to Meet

Members of the La Grande committee of the victory fund campaign will meet for a kick off session at the Stein club tonight, Raymond Gray, chairman, announced today. The campaign to raise \$12,200 will start Tuesday noon.

EDUCATORS MEET

SALEM, Sept. 17 (UP) — Representatives of the state board of higher education were conferring here today with the special state tax study committee. This morning's discussion centered on operating costs of Oregon's educational institutions.



HEARS CALL—Because he believes "it must not happen again to any man," S/Sgt. Jacob D. DeShazer, 32, Salem, one of three Doolittle Tokyo raiders, says that he wants to return to Japan as soon as possible as a "missionary for Christ."

Clark Asks Split In ALCOA Holding For Competition

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (UP) —Attorney General Tom C. Clark, recommended today that the vast aluminum company of America be split up into a number of competing companies to provide a "more efficient, lower cost industry."

In a report to congress on monopoly factors in reconversion, Clark said ALCOA now controls, through ownership or lease, more than 90 percent of the aluminum industry's productive capacity. Reynolds metal, ALCOA's only competitor, is dependent on ALCOA for much raw material, he said.

Clark recalled the federal courts last March declared ALCOA a monopoly in violation of the anti-trust laws, but did not recommend dissolution because of the uncertainty as to conditions.

Clark's report was the fifth submitted by the justice department under the war mobilization and reconversion act of 1944. It was a complete survey of the aluminum industry, in which the government invested \$1,000,000,000 during the war.

Clark outlined the vast possibilities for new uses of aluminum in railway cars, automobiles, houses and ships. The survey showed that in the automobile industry alone some 3,000,000,000 pounds could be absorbed. The country's present total capacity is 2,500,000,000 pounds.

Concessions Planned At 4-H Club Fair

Announcement was made today a concession will be included in the county-wide 4-H club fair to be held Sept. 29 and 30 at the fair grounds.

Mrs. George M. Rother, La Grande, will be in charge of the concession, which will sell hot dogs, meat sandwiches, cold soft drinks, milk, ice cream, peanuts and candy.

Onions will be available for the hot dogs, it was announced, due to numerous requests received. (Mostly from R. W. Schand, Union county agricultural agent.)

Money realized from the concession will go to the Union county 4-H leaders association fund.

Business Places to Close Here for Show

Decision that all places of business will close at noon Thursday for the Mavericks horse show was made this morning at a meeting of the merchants committee of the La Grande chamber of commerce.

A parade will be held at 1 p. m. with the show starting at 2 p. m. Tickets are now available at the chamber of commerce office, in the New Foley building.

Japanese Continue Docile

State to Design New Ranch Refrigerator

Union county residents with home freezers, walk-in refrigerators, or any other type of home freezing units other than ordinary household refrigerators, are asked to communicate with the county extension office within the next ten days, Miss Doris McWhorter, Union county home demonstration agent, announced today.

Marine Training Base Damaged by Tropical Storm

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 17 (UP) —The great marine training base at Parris island was buffeted today by a 75-mile an hour wind and torrential rains as a tropical hurricane roared inland in the vicinity of Beaufort, S. C., south of here.

The storm, which had caused \$60,000,000 damage in southern Florida, lashed the big boot camp barracks but damage was not expected to be heavy.

The storm was expected to lose force and fade out by tonight somewhere over the Carolinas. Its winds already had diminished to 60 to 75 miles an hour.

The weather bureau ordered hurricane warnings to be lowered at noon, but kept southeast storm warnings displayed from Savannah, Ga., to Cape Hatteras, N. C.

Although the core of the hurricane swept across the coast south of here, winds of 50 to 60 miles an hour lashed Charleston and streets were flooded with 6.40 inches of rain.

All precautions had been taken here and along the coast and damage was expected to be slight. Planes from the Charleston army air base had been flown to St. Joseph, Mo., Saturday.

Russia Apologizes For Downing B-29

TOKYO, Sept. 17 (UP) —Russia apologized for shooting down an American Superfortress on a mercy flight over northern Korea and the case was closed today.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur had protested strongly and vigorously to the Soviet high command over the incident. The Soviet reply expressed regret and called the downing of the plane a mistake.

Four Russian fighter planes shot down the B-29 Aug. 29, two weeks after Japan's surrender, when it ignored their signals to land. All 42 American crewmen escaped injury. Six bailed out and the other six made a crash landing safely.

Crew members included Lt. Lucius Weeks, Spokane, Wash., gunner.

Captain Kennedy Home on 'La Grande'

Capt. Del Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kennedy, 1206 O avenue, recently returned to the United States from England aboard the U. S. S. La Grande.

"This was the ship's third voyage," said Captain Kennedy, "and it carried about 2,000 troops. We docked Sept. 5, after a seven and one-half day trip, from Southampton to Camp Shanks, N. J."

The ship, launched Jan. 16 in the Oregon ship yards in Portland, was christened by Mrs. Jess Rosenbaum of this city. It was originally a cargo ship, but was converted into a troop ship soon after its launching.

Captain Kennedy had nothing to say about his own experiences or decorations.

The station desires to adapt the design to the needs of the prospective user, and for that reason the criticisms and comments of those who already have such units are requested.

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Horstman Tells Of Experiences As Jap Prisoner

Jack Horstman, recently returned from a prisoner of war camp in Japan, was a special guest of the La Grande Lions club today at its regular Monday noon luncheon meeting held at the Stein Cafe banquet room. Horstman told the club members of his experiences on Wake, at the time it was taken by the Japs, and subsequent experiences in China and Japan, where he was taken by the Japs as a prisoner.

Three U. S. marines of the recruiting service, Sergeant Mallory, MT Sergeant Welk, and Sergeant Joachim, presented 40 minutes of technical-sound moving pictures of the battle of Tarawa and the invasion and conquest of islands in the Marianas group.

Walter Baer, was in charge of the program for the day.

Club members voted \$10 to make up Union county's quota for magazine subscriptions for soldiers at the McCaw Hospital at Walla Walla, Wash.

Visitors at the meeting were Wesley Brown, member of the club but now in the armed forces; Marshall Burton, visiting member from the University Lions club in Seattle, and Jack Horstman.

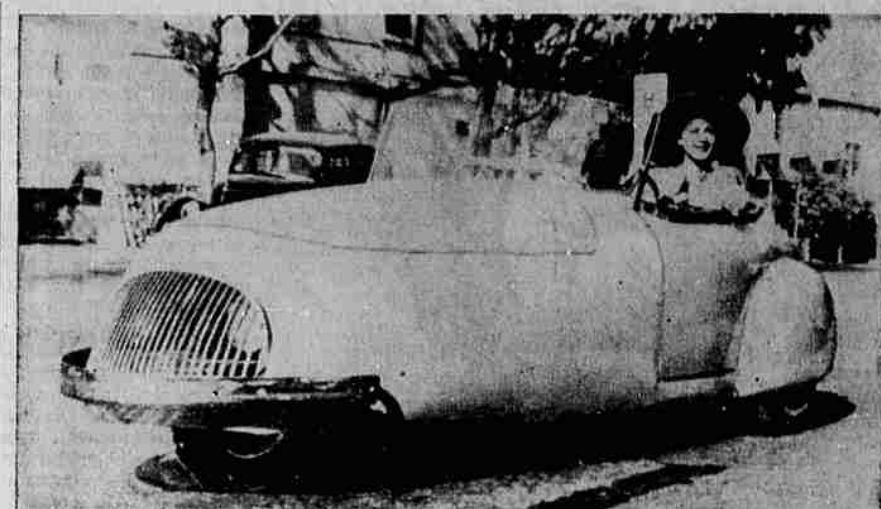
Committees for Barbecue Will Meet Tuesday

All members of committees appointed to plan for the barbecue which has been tentatively set for Sept. 25 will meet at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the city hall, Chairman Ernie Walden announced today.

The committee members are: Table committee—Claude Mackey, chairman, L. L. Welchko, Nate Zweifel, Laurence Walker, Mike Lynch, Bruce Morehead and E. W. Keeler.

Food committee—Gerald Pierson and Walt Sweet, co-chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Blake, Mr. Walt Sweet, Frank Flannery, Fred Roe, Clyde Sullivan, V. J. Courtney, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lester, Oscar Marshall, O. F. Howell, Carl Perrine, R. M. Walker, A. H. Labbe, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Spence and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith.

Entertainment — Fred Patton and Ron Walk.



FORTY MILES PER GALLON FEATURE OF CAR—Maria Montez, Hollywood, Calif., tries out new postwar car featuring three wheels, aircraft engine, plastic body and pushbutton to jack up car if tire blows. The 58 horsepower engine is capable of 100 miles an hour; brakes and acceleration are on one foot pedal. Makers promise unusual car will be on the market in 90 days.

62,740 Released From Navy Since Japan Surrender

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (UP) —The navy has released 62,740 men since Japan surrendered and plans the release of 3,000,000 by Sept. 1, 1946.

This was disclosed today by Vice Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, chief of the bureau of naval personnel, in testimony before the senate military affairs committee.

The 62,740, he told the committee, represent the first 30 days of demobilization. The daily rate of demobilization as of last Friday was 4,093, he said.

The navy's goal of 500,000 enlisted men and 50,000 officers by next Sept. 1, will be attained by following monthly release schedules, Denfeld said.

If the speed of release can possibly be increased, Denfeld said, "we will increase it."

Transportation, he said, is not "at the moment" a limiting factor on the rate of discharges.

Denfeld said under new navy rules any enlisted man aged 30 or more with three children is automatically eligible for immediate discharge.

Also, he said, the navy is keeping its promises "so far as we can" to 17-year-olds who enlisted for radar and other special programs.

He told Sen. Harold H. Burton, r. O., the navy has no plan for releasing men needed in the reconversion program. He said reconversion needs might be considered as a factor but will not be determining.

Women to Attend Officers' School - - - Starts at Eastern at 10 a. m. Tuesday

Registration for all women attending the Union county home extension unit officers' training school will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow in room 19 of the Eastern Oregon college of education.

Mrs. Loren Tucker, La Grande, county chairman, will reside over the school, which is being held for all presidents, vice-presidents and secretary-treasurers of Union county home extension units.

Mrs. Tucker will install all officers of the individual home extension units, and will introduce Miss Frances Clinton, assistant state home demonstration leader.

Miss Clinton will talk on simple parliamentary procedure necessary for running a short business meeting.

Luncheon will be held at the school, with women bringing their own sandwiches, fruit, and cookies. A salad will be made from the fruit.

After luncheon, the problem of handling secretary's reports will be discussed, followed by a discussion of the problems of the individual home extension units.

A list of 16 requirements for standards home extension units has been prepared, seven of which are required for all Oregon units. From the remaining nine requirements, the officers will select four to be met by Oregon units this year.

Hoover Proposes Five Year Moratorium on War Debts

CHICAGO, Sept. 17 (UP) —Former President Herbert Hoover proposed today a five-year moratorium on lend-lease and other war debts and the United States' postwar loan be limited only to commodities essential to the borrowing nations' domestic needs.

Hoover pointed out his recommendations applied to government loans exclusive of the "billions of postwar aid" already pledged through the international bank, the stabilization fund, the export import bank and the United Nations relief and rehabilitation administration.

Neither war nor postwar loans can be repaid in full, Hoover said because of this nation's inability to absorb equal commodity return. He urged, however, there be no immediate cancellation of "our 40 billions of lend-lease."

"We should instead propose a world-wide moratorium on all inter-governmental war debts, and five years hence when the shape of the world is more clear we should join our allies in settling the disposition of all such debts," he said. "In the meantime, we should demand that all the weapons we have sent on lend-lease should be destroyed."

Speaking as "the sole surviving American official from world war I who combined the functions of authority over a portion of the loans made during and after the first world war," Hoover said he believes some of that war's debts might have been collected had congress granted his request for renegotiation.

"I was always of the opinion that had Roosevelt secured that authority from congress he might have saved something," Hoover said.

Rites Today for Walter Galloway, Oregon Musician

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a. m. today in the Masonic cemetery for Walter Galloway, former La Grande resident who died at Beaverton.

He was born in La Grande, Aug. 22, 1900 and attended the La Grande schools. Galloway was a musician, the drums being his instrument, featuring bells, xylophones and marimbas and he conducted his own orchestra.

He started playing professionally at the age of 14. He served the last year of World War I with the military police. After the war he toured with Grauman's Million-Dollar band. Returning to Oregon he studied and graduated from the Pacific college of Chiropractic. After practicing for some time in Portland he returned to the musical field and joined the George Olsen orchestra. When Olsen returned to New York, Galloway took over the orchestra and was featured at the Portland hotel. Later with his Symphonie Jazz orchestra, he was featured at the Peoples theater. He played at Jantzen Beach and other famous resorts. His last engagement was at Cal-Ore, the club at the California-Oregon border, where four years ago he suffered a stroke from which he never recovered.

He was the son of Mrs. Lillie West, now of Beaverton, and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Budge of La Grande.

Bowling League to Meet to Organize

Meeting to organize the men's bowling league again for the coming winter will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday, Secretary A. B. Olson announced today. All team sponsors, captains and others interested are invited to attend. Officers will be elected. C. M. Sherrill was president last year.

Eight teams were entered in the league last year. They were Evening Observer, Farnam Supply, Shell Oil, Service Wholesale, Richfield, Coca-Cola, Looce's Builders and Cherry's Florists. Farnam Supply won the title.

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Pacific Army May Disband In Six Months

TOKYO, Sept. 17 (UP) —Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today the U. S. army in the Pacific may be demobilized within six months.

Wooden-legged Mamoru Shigemitsu, veteran Japanese wartime diplomat, resigned as foreign minister in favor of "pacifist" Shigeru Yoshida.

The occupation of Japan was proceeding so smoothly, General MacArthur disclosed, within half a year — unless unforeseen factors arise — not more than 200,000 men will be necessary to garrison the nation.

Regulars

MacArthur believed this force can be taken from the regular army, permitting complete demobilization of "our citizen Pacific forces."

Shigemitsu, in stepping down from his post, said the reconversion of Japan is "going smoothly" and the first obstacles had been overcome. He felt his work is done. During his long career in diplomacy, Shigemitsu was minister to China, ambassador to Moscow, London and the puppet Chinese government at Nanking.

Former Premier Hideki Tojo appointed Shigemitsu foreign minister in the "Pearl Harbor" cabinet to succeed Shigenori Tojo in April, 1943. Shigemitsu remained with the cabinet of Kuniaki Koiso and resigned with it April 5, 1945.

Uses Government

Yoshida, 67, also a career diplomat, accepted Premier Haruhiko Higashi-Kuni's offer to succeed Shigemitsu. Higashi-Kuni telephoned him at his country home. Yoshida probably will arrive in Tokyo tonight or early Tuesday and proceed to the palace for his formal appointment.

The United Press revealed last Wednesday Yoshida was jailed several months ago for membership in a cabal with four other prominent Japanese to start a peace movement. He was released from custody immediately prior to the capitulation.

Want Peace

Yoshida and his colleagues held five meetings and planned to contact Britain with peace feelers and approach the United States through former ambassador to Japan Joseph Grew. They were seized when they sent their "peace resolution" to Prince Fumimaro Konoye.

MacArthur said by using the Japanese governmental structure he was enforcing the surrender terms with only a small fraction of the millions of men, billions of dollars and years of time that would have been necessary if an allied military government had been established.

German Prisoners Give Selves up

PORTLAND, Sept. 17 (UP) —Two escaped German prisoners of war are in police custody today after surrendering themselves to police Sunday by walking into a Portland automobile showroom and asking an attendant to call the authorities.

Wanted for escaping the Lakebrook hop farm near Salem, the prisoners, Rudolph Hoffman, 26, and Johann Joachim, 19, said they had hitchhiked to Portland from Salem. One of the prisoners wore a raincoat and the other a jacket which concealed the "PW" on their uniforms.

Rites Wednesday For Carl McClure

The body of Carl Hill McClure, jr., seaman first class, aerial photographer, will arrive in La Grande on train 17, Tuesday evening, accompanied by Harry L. Beck, same rating, and funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, in Snodgrass Funeral Home. Rev. Clarence Kopp, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal church, will officiate.

Graveside services will be conducted by the American Legion in the American Legion plot in the Masonic cemetery.

McClure was killed in a training flight crash Sept. 12 near Miami, Fla.

Don't Like the Weather? Atomic Power May Change It

Editor's note: What will the atomic age be like? When will nuclear power be available for general use? What changes will it bring?

The following is the first of a series of dispatches rounding up predictions of the shape of things to come when the power of the atom can be made generally available, and estimating when this may be.

By ROBERT L. FREY
NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (UP) —What will the atomic age be

like? Will it be a blessing or a curse? Will man master nuclear energy or be destroyed by it?

The scientists who worked on its discovery and invented the atomic bomb are not talking.

Change Climate

But the smashing of the nucleus of the atom and its promise of power in quantities hitherto unknown opens what some see as a fantastic vista.

First use of nuclear energy, according to the scientists who developed it, probably will be in

the production of heat. Beyond this they see it being used in medicine as a source of radioactive material to supplement our slim supply of radium; and possibly producing new metals and making old ones cheap.

Raymond Loewy, well-known industrial designer, speculated on the possibility of the use of nuclear energy to control the weather. Why not have our air conditioning outdoors, he asks.

Break Storms

"We could conceive of manufacturing our own weather," he

said, "by reducing heat and humidity in summer and increasing heat in the winter. Further we might use atomic energy to create artificial areas of atmospheric high and low pressure. Controlling these areas from a central international keyboard, like an organ perhaps, a staff of experts could make our weather to order, on a global scale. They would also, given a network of local control centers, break up approaching storms, hurricanes or tornadoes."

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