

Steel Union Boss Seeks Extension For Negotiations

NEW YORK (UPI) — The President of the United Steel Workers Union, "anxious to negotiate a settlement," proposed today an extension of the steel contract talks until July 15.

The proposal was agreed to by the union's 171-man wage policy committee of the United Steelworkers Union at its session today in which it considered an industry proposal that the negotiations be continued indefinitely beyond the midnight June 30 deadline.



FRANCIS SNODGRASS Takes Chamber Post

Francis Snodgrass Takes Chamber Job 'Officially'

Francis Snodgrass will officially take over as manager of the Chamber of Commerce here this week.

He replaces Fred Schneider who will be taking over chamber duties for Walla Walla.

Snodgrass who was born in La Grande will, as part of his new job, be secretary-treasurer of the NE Vacationland, Inc., secretary of the 1959 Centennial Association, secretary of Industrial Development Corporation, secretary of the 1961 Centennial Association for Union County, and secretary-treasurer of the Retail Merchants Association.

Ike Vetos Wheat Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower today vetoed both the wheat and tobacco bills passed by Congress.

The wheat bill, designed to cut down the huge grain surplus, would have boosted price supports to 90 per cent of parity for the 1960 and 1961 crops and cut acreage allotments by 25 per cent.

The tobacco bill would have held price supports for tobacco at the 1958 level for the next four or five years. Sponsors said the "freeze" was needed to prevent a further loss of export markets.

Eisenhower said the tobacco bill was fundamentally without merit and that the wheat bill was contrary to the interests of the farmers.

Hatfield Names Lt. Col. Baum To Staff Post

Lt. Col. David Baum was named to the Military General Staff of Oregon Wednesday by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

Baum will replace Brigadier Gen. Alfred E. Hinta, who resigned to become adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard, a position that is automatically on the general staff.

The two year terms will officially begin today.

Alan Ray White Injured In Fall

Alan Ray White, 13, is in Mercy hospital in Nampa, Idaho, after falling 30 ft. from a tree while visiting friends.

His most serious injury was in his right arm near the wrist where "bones at the wrist were completely torn loose severing nerves and blood vessels," Mrs. White told the Observer.

He will be confined for at least two weeks with numerous injuries. Mr. and Mrs. White are in Nampa with their son.

WEATHER

Cloudy through Friday; occasional rain tonight and Friday; low tonight 48-53; high Friday 63-68.



DUKE AND DUCHESS—Kim Tameris and Judy Trump have been chosen to reign as Duke and Duchess of the 1959 Junior Rodeo in Elgin. Kim, 13, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Tameris; and Judy, 14, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvis (Pete) Trump, both of Elgin. The Duke and Duchess will be visiting royalty at the Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo at Halfway this weekend.

Commissioners Set Oct. 2 For Sewage Bond Election

By NEIL ANDERSEN, Observer Staff Writer

The city commission established October 2 as the date of the sewage treatment bond election, on the recommendation of the city manager, at their weekly meeting last night. The amount of the issue has not yet been determined but Fred Young will have an estimate for the commission's meeting next week.

The commission ran into several bug-a-boo's in connection with the bond issue. Commissioner William Herrmann questioned the rest of the members on whether a formal vote approving oxidation ponds and the location was ever approved by the group.

Commission president Gordon Clarke said he believed that no vote had been taken but the com-

mission had agreed to favor oxidation ponds.

The site for the construction of the ponds will be on city owned land near the airport. The cost of four and a half miles of pipe-line construction will partially be compensated for by the fact there will need to be no further land acquisition.

To Cover Cost

It will be necessary to set the bond issue high enough to cover the cost of the entire project. Federal funds are available through state sanitary officials to cover up to thirty per cent of construction costs. It is necessary, however, to get state approval.

Young told the commissioners that state officials seem "to favor or towns that have bond issues ready to go."

The commission also approved a raise in salary for Police Captain A. C. Meyers.

Meyers, who has been with the department for 16 years and served under 10 police chiefs, is an unclassified employee. Effective July 1, Meyers and the two assistant fire chiefs will be classified in the city's pay scale.

The captain was granted an additional \$15 increase to bring his salary to \$425 a month. He would have received a \$10 raise July 1.

The commission voted approval of the special increase on the recommendation of Police Chief Oliver Reeves after a letter to the city manager was read to the commission by Frank McShane, city recorder.

In other action the commission accept a bid of \$345 on an electric typewriter from Hill's Office Machines.

Louis 'Red' Statler was appointed to the airport commission on the recommendation of Arlo Noyes after he conferred with the other members of the commission. Statler will replace Ray C. Anderson who has moved out of the state.

The commission also authorized dropping of unpaid water and storm accounts from the active ledger beginning July 1.

For Special File

The commission had previously considered dropping the accounts completely after attempts by water officials to collect them had proven futile. Commissioner Merl Becket suggested that the accounts be taken from the active file and placed in a special file and any possible recoveries made at a later date.

The city manager also reported on contracts with outlying fire districts from a study he made on 30 Oregon cities. The commission considered the possibility of terminating its contracts outside the city in an attempt to improve the city's rating of '5' with the Oregon Fire Insurance Rating Bureau.

Outlying districts could go into the Island City fire district or incorporate their own. They could then apply to the city for fire protection on a millage rate. Contracts are now \$50 per year on a standby basis. In case of fire the fire victim pays the costs of the fire fighting equipment and men.

The rates reported in the survey ran from four to eight mills.

At next week's meeting the commission will have a budget hearing.

Newspaper Shakedown Next Target For Rackets Probe

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Rackets Committee headed into its last round-up of Teamster officials today with a possible Pittsburgh newspaper shakedown as the first objective.

William Poch, business manager of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, was scheduled as the opening witness in a two-week inquiry that will embrace Teamster President James R. Hoffa and most of the other top lieutenants.

Committee counsel Robert F. Kennedy told newsmen Poch would be questioned about a recent Sun-Telegraph strike and some of the events that preceded it.

He said Ted Cozza, head of a Teamster local whose members drive newspaper trucks in Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Washington, also would testify. He said the committee wanted to determine whether any shakedown was involved.

Earlier this year, the committee heard testimony that some New York newspapers were

forced to pay tribute to labor "fixers" to get their Sunday supplements delivered during Teamster strikes.

The committee has ranged far and wide to pull in Teamsters for the new hearings, which probably will be the final phase of a marathon three-year investigation of the Teamsters.

Hoffa, the controversial president of the big truck drivers union, likely will be called in Friday for his third round of questioning.

Kennedy said at least 15 other Teamster officials who had been previously quizzed also would make new appearances.

Subpenas have been served on them in such scattered points as Miami, Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and Houston, Tex.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) made it plain the main purpose of the hearing would be to build up more steam behind labor reform legislation, which now is before the House Labor Committee.

Satchmo Is In Grave Condition; Suffers Second Critical Relapse

SPOLETO, Italy (UPI) —Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong lay in a coma today in "grave" condition with bronchial pneumonia complicated by heart trouble.

The famous American Negro jazz musician passed into unconsciousness after suffering a second relapse this morning.

Doctors kept him in an oxygen tent most of the time, and his breathing was reported to be labored.

A communique said he encountered one crisis about 2 a.m. His condition was reported as "stationary" five hours later, and he showed only "slight improvement" by mid-morning.

Three hours later, his condition took another turn for the worse, and a hospital spokesman said at that time his condition was "grave."

The 59 year old jazz trumpeter was stricken with bronchial pneumonia two days ago and was hospitalized.

He was reported well on the road to recovery Wednesday, when he joked with visitors.

But during the night, his condition became worse.

Armstrong's wife, Lucille, his manager and his doctor remained at his bedside during the morning.

The suddenly grave condition of the man who has been one of the United States' most popular ambassadors of good will abroad was in contrast to his bounce and cheerfulness Wednesday.

"My breathin' sounded like a symphony orchestra," he said.

Armstrong has been on an extended tour of Europe and Africa as one of the most successful goodwill ambassadors the State Department has sent abroad.

He came here as the guest of composer Gian-Carlo Menotti to attend the "Festival of Two Worlds" but before he could unpack his famous trumpet the pneumonia struck him down.

Armstrong was fighting his battle for life far from the noisy clubs and concert halls in which he is accustomed to play. This little hill town two hours drive from Rome is a quiet spot, even jammed as it is now with music lovers.



LOUIS ARMSTRONG In Grave Condition

Gov. Faubus Says He Won't Stop Violence

Gov. Long Gives Talk To People

BATON ROUGE, La. (UPI)—Gov. Earl K. Long appealed to the people of Louisiana in a smuggled tape recording Wednesday night to pray him out of the mental hospital into which he said he was railroaded by his "jealous" wife and ambitious nephew, U.S. Sen. Russell B. Long.

Political observers speculated the colorful meandering stump-type speech, broadcast on radio stations throughout the state, might draw thousands of political supporters to the Covington Junior High School basketball court where Long will appear for a district court habeas corpus proceeding Friday.

His wife, Mrs. Blanche Long, whom he bitterly accused of conspiring with his political enemies, fled the state Tuesday indicating she would make no further effort to force mental treatment on her husband. Friends said she believed he would be released at Friday's hearing and feared his alleged "homicidal tendencies."

The court will not rule on Long's sanity but on whether he was properly committed to the state hospital.

Wants Sanity Ruling

New Orleans radio station WNOE to which Long's attorney, Joe Arthur Sims, took the original recording, quoted the attorney as saying Long would prefer a sanity hearing "to enable him to refute charges that he suffers from mental instability." The station also quoted him as saying that 15 doctors were being flown to the hearing by chartered plane.

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Local Man Dies In Plane Crash

Neil Johnson, one of the five civilian employees of the Boeing Airplane Company who were killed in the wreck of a B-52 bomber Tuesday, 35 miles west of Burns, is a former resident of La Grande.

Johnson attended his first six years of school at Greenwood and graduated from La Grande high school. For a time he attended Benson high school in Portland, but he came back to La Grande to attend school and live with his sister, Mrs. Ernest Keltz.

Funeral services will take place at the First Methodist church in Seattle, tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. All five victims will be buried together in Seattle.

TURTLES HARD TO IDENTIFY

VICKSBURG, Miss. (UP)—The anonymity of turtles won Ernest Glidewell Jr. his freedom Wednesday. Glidewell was freed of a grand larceny charge in the theft of 589 baby turtles valued at 10 cents each from Kermit Aldridge when the state admitted it would be impossible to tell whether turtles in Glidewell's possession were those taken from Aldridge.

Sen. Morse Is Blasted By Goldwater

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) has endangered the dignity and reputation of the Senate with "personal invective" and "intemperate language," Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) charged Wednesday.

In a blast at the Oregon senior senator, Goldwater listed what he called recent examples of "name calling" by Morse.

"There are those who believe certain recent performances on the floor of the senate have been unconscionable and tend to undermine the reputation of this assembly," Goldwater said. "It seems to me, therefore, that the time has come for those, like myself, who are thoroughly conscious of the rights and privileges of American citizens, to speak out whenever intemperate language or name calling is used in debate."

Morse said he was "amused" by the attack and had no intention of discontinuing "calling a spade a spade."

Morse countered Goldwater's remarks by challenging him to introduce a resolution for censure.

Few senators were in the chamber when Goldwater delivered the attack.

Starkweather Dies In Chair

LINCOLN, Neb. (UPI)—Charles Starkweather, red-haired confessed slayer of 11 persons, went calmly to his death in Nebraska's electric chair early today.

Five charges of electricity were pumped into the body of the 20-year-old killer who committed 10 knife and rifle slayings in a bloody reign of terror in January of 1958. He later admitted an 11th slaying.

Dr. P. E. Getzler pronounced the killer dead at 2:05 a.m., e.d.t., only four minutes after he walked into the chamber.

Despite Recent Setbacks

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UPI) — Gov. Orval Faubus said Wednesday the federal government would have to use "live ammunition" to force integration on Little Rock's four high schools this fall and he would do nothing to help quell possible mob violence.

Faubus, handed two recent setbacks in his fight to maintain segregation in Little Rock, said if the schools should be opened on an integrated basis in September, it would be forced by the federal government and would not be the will of the people.

Last month, Little Rock voters recalled segregationist members of the Little Rock school board and replaced them with "moderates." Last week, a three judge federal court threw out two 1958 Arkansas laws Faubus used to close the four Little Rock high schools and withhold state money from the school district.

The new school board said it apparently paves the way to reopen the schools this fall under a federal integration order.

But Faubus said this is not necessarily so.

"In spite of the federal court ruling, I don't think we are any nearer to being integrated now than we were in 1957," Faubus said. "We had a plan and a court order then, and we still did not open."

"They used troops in 1957 and marshals in 1958. What they will use if forced integration comes this year, I don't know. But I do know that the integration will be forced, and it will be with live ammunition."

De Merchant Pleases Large Concert Crowd

By HOWARD ANDERSON, Eastern Oregon College

John De Merchant, baritone, pleased a large audience with his concert in the L.D.S. Tabernacle Wednesday evening. De Merchant has given many summer concerts in La Grande, and this one was marked by his usual variety of vocal selections.

The artist's voice is an exceedingly well-trained one and his clear diction and musical flexibility were especially marked in his opening selection by Haydn, "With Joy the Impatient Husbandman" from "The Seasons."

The weird, dissonant "Lullaby" by Moussorgsky showed off De Merchant's resonant low tones to their best advantage.

The high point of the concert for this listener was the performance of the charming and lovely song cycle, "Eiland" by Alexander von Fliezl. During this narrative group of ten songs the singer used his little black book to ensure accuracy in the words; most listeners are more impressed by perfect renditions than by perfect memorizations, and apparently no one in the audience was bothered by De Merchant's use of the book.

The formal part of the concert was closed by a La Grande favorite, "The Cowboy's Dream" arranged by Guion. Although the artist has performed this one many times in La Grande, he has never interpreted it twice exactly the same, one of the best criteria of vocal artistry.

De Merchant obliged the enthusiastic audience with two encores, a humorous one for the "children" and a favorite hymn.

The accompanist was Mrs. Erma Puls of Union who turned in a professional and flawless performance in her accompanying. Her piano solos were characterized by a light, sure touch as she played the quiet, soothing Chopin "Nocturne in F Major" and the brilliant, technically difficult "Scherzo" by Grieg.

Burrows Is Installed As President Of Group

E. O. Burrows was installed Thursday evening, June 18, as president of Chapter No. 73 of the Oregon State Employees Association.

At a ceremony in the pavilion at Riverside Park, Lorna D. Baker was installed as vice president, Cleo Staker, secretary - treasurer; Howard Fager, delegate; Stewart Bunting, alternate delegate; and Bob Haufler, director of District 5.



CARRIER OF THE MONTH—John Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bates, 2912 First street was chosen as June's Carrier of the Month. John has carried the Observer for two and one-half years and has saved enough of his earnings to buy a bicycle, phonograph, and a power lawnmower. He will be in the 9th grade next Fall and puts math, English, and band at the top of the list for school favorites.