



NO TOY—This giant sized band saw is taking time out for a sharpening, explained by Melvin Bork, one of the guides for the family tour of Mt. Emily mill. There were more than 300 persons taken in small groups on this tour in connection with Family Day. Getting first hand information about the saw are Mrs. Mae Byron and two grandchildren, Dee Ann and Jimmy McBath. Gale Beals and Dean Brice were hosts for the day. Beals expressed his appreciation that those attending were careful and the success of the day was complete with no mishaps. (Observer Photo)

White House Suggestion Is Ignored

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Labor Department has buried a suggestion relayed by the White House to publish an impartial report on steel wages and profits during contract talks, it was learned today.

The proposal was made by a news conference on June 17. The White House sent it to the Labor Department for study after the President called it a "most intelligent" request.

Government economists, however, took a slightly different view. They felt it would only irritate rather than educate negotiators for the basic steel producers and the Steelworkers' union.

The government continued its hands-off policy despite release of a "fact sheet" Friday by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) which he said showed the steel industry could raise wages without raising prices.

Kefauver's statement was studied closely by Labor Department officials, who generally had an unfavorable reaction. They said privately that "silence is golden" in the current stage of negotiations when a strike appears imminent.

One official said that even the base year chosen by the senator to measure steel profits—1947—was considered unfair by management. Selection of another base period might be construed as unfavorable by union spokesmen, he added, so there is no happy medium.

"The 'impartial' idea is dead," said one government economist. "I haven't heard it mentioned for several days."

The idea behind the reporter's request was to give the public enough factual material to judge the conflicting claims of union and management representatives.

Hubcap Theft Reported

Gary Decker, Hillcrest Drive, reported to police yesterday that a spinner hub cap was taken from his car between 2 and 3:30 a.m. In the process of getting away with the hubcap, the valve stem of the tire was cut. The loss is valued at \$75.

Long Leaves Motel; Revenge Expected

COVINGTON, La. (UPI)—Gov. Earl K. Long, freshly out of a mental hospital, roared away from Covington in an automobile today toward his country home in Winnfield, La., 150 miles away.

There was no certainty Long would go to this Winnfield home, where he suffered a heart attack about 10 years ago while chasing a hog up a hill.

He left the motel he was using as a temporary state capitol last night and a trooper said he had gone to Winnfield.

But he turned up a couple of hours later last night and went to sleep. Today, however his entire entourage left the Pine Manor Motel with him and reporters pursued him as far as they could along the road leading toward Winnfield.

It was presumed that Long took a psychiatrist with him, since two men in addition to his chauffeur left with him. Two other cars left the motel 30 minutes before the governor.

Long, 62, put himself under almost complete control of psychiatrists while political enemies talk of impeaching him.

But his official car later turned up at the motel and a new shift of troopers who came on duty early today said he had been out for relaxation and had returned and gone to sleep.

The psychiatrists made it plain School Election Due Here July 20

Elections concerning the proposed school administration district reorganization has been set for Monday, July 20. School district polls will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. for all eligible voters.

Under the new plan, two administrative districts would be formed in the county. District No. R-2 would comprise the districts now in La Grande, Union, Island City, Imbler, Cove, Ladd Canyon, Elgin, Fruitedale, Telocast, Alicel, Starkey and Palmer Junction.

District No. R-3 would include the present existing districts in North Powder elementary and joint Union high and Muddy Creek elementary.

accompanied by an affidavit by a physician attesting to Cohen's illness.

But Kennedy said the committee also had received information that Cohen was out on his yacht taking part in a tuna fishing tournament off Atlantic City, N.J.

He said a committee aide was on the dock there when the boat landed yesterday and spotted Cohen looking sun-tanned and healthy.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) immediately ordered both Cohen and his attorney subpoenaed for an appearance Monday to explain whether Cohen was fishing for health's sake.

Cohen, secretary-treasurer of Philadelphia Local 107 and an international trustee of the union, declined last year to tell the committee whether union funds were used for a \$1,000 down-payment on his boat, the Circle-R.

Cohen is one of a number of Teamster officials whose activities are being reviewed by the committee as a challenge to Union President James R. Hoffa's clean-up claims.

Hoffa, at a stormy session Friday, made it plain he would proceed against alleged wrongdoers in his own way and own good time, and would not be "stamped" into dismissing them.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Fla.) told Hoffa "I have no hope of your ever cleaning up the Teamsters Union."

LITTLE BLACK BOOK BULGES

PALISADES, N.J. (UPI)—Police suspected today that some young swain had suddenly added 40 choice listings to his "little black book." They reported that 40 completed entry blanks for the Miss New York State beauty contest—complete with names, addresses, phone numbers and vital statistics—were stolen from an amusement park here.

Democrats Protest Weak Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Northern Democrats protested today the watering down of their Senate amendments to the Administration tax bill. But they had little hope of making them stronger.

The Senate adopted four major amendments in a marathon session Thursday. But Friday a House-Senate Conference Committee settled on a diluted version of them.

The Committee's version of the bill is expected to go before both chambers Monday for a final vote.

The bill must be signed by President Eisenhower before Tuesday midnight to prevent a drop in the tax rate back to peacetime levels.

Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) one of a Senate group who had fought for amendments to the bill, said there would be strong sentiment to return the bill to conference to demand further yielding by the House. However, he conceded that the chances for such action were slim.

The House passed the bill as the Administration had recommended to extend present corporate income and some excise tax rates for another year to June 30, 1960. The excises are those on cigarettes, automobiles, auto parts, liquor, wine and beer.

Enactment of the bill would mean about three billion dollars for the Treasury.

One Senate amendment would have repealed the 10 per cent tax on domestic passenger travel, effective Aug. 1, at a cost to the Treasury of about 235 million dollars. This loss was more than offset by another amendment to repeal the chief major tax concession now granted taxpayers for income from stock dividends.

The Conference Committee abandoned the dividend tax repeal provision completely and rewrote the travel tax provision to make it meaningless for at least a year. The revised amendment would have five per cent of the tax terminate June 30, 1960 and leave the balance as a permanent levy.

Another Senate amendment would have terminated the 10 per cent tax on telephone, telegraph and other communication services June 30, 1960. The conference committee limited this to the tax on local telephone service.

Jump Stunt Almost Ends In Tragedy

HOOD RIVER (UPI)—A parachute jump publicity stunt for the Oakland 4th of July celebration nearly ended in tragedy here Friday night.

Louis Avila, former paratrooper and veteran of two wars, missed his jump target and landed in Hood River canyon. Another jumper, Bill Hakala, an Army paratrooper, also missed but landed safely in a pear tree.

Avila was pulled dazed, shocked and suffering from possible internal injuries, from the swift waters of Hood river by a deputy sheriff.

He was taken to Hood River Memorial hospital for treatment. A wind carried his bright, red-rippled chute from the target, a hay field, into the canyon. He struck the water and became entangled in his chute lines and harness. The current finally ripped the harness off and he was swept downstream.

Workers, Industry Agree To Resume Steel Negotiations



CLEAN UP—Willard Rudd was using the fire hose for something besides a fire yesterday while he was cleaning ladders and other fire equipment.

TALKS RESUMED IN EFFORT TO AVERT NATIONAL STRIKE

NEW YORK (UPI)—The steel industry agreed today to resume contract negotiations with the United Steelworkers Union in an effort to avert a nationwide strike.

In a communication to David J. McDonald, president of the union, the 12 major steel companies said: "We have been standing by ready to meet with you at any time, and will continue to do so."

"We neither propose nor accept specified conditions under which we meet. We will await your call."

McDonald had broken off negotiations with industry's top-level four-man team when he refused Friday to attend a 2 p.m. meeting with them charging that they were conducting a "filibuster."

Today, after failing to get the chief executives of the 12 major steel companies to meet him face to face, a move rejected by industry, McDonald offered to go back into negotiations with the four-man bargaining team.

McDonald reported industry's offer to resume negotiations to

BULLETIN
NEW YORK (UPI)—The steel industry joined the United Steelworkers Union today in accepting President Eisenhower's proposal to continue contract negotiations without interruption of production, thus assuring that there will be no steel strike on June 30.

his 30-man Executive Board at a closed-door meeting this afternoon.

Industry's reply to McDonald stated that he knows full well that the union's "specific proposal" to which McDonald had referred "was rejected because it contemplated continuation of the inflationary trend of wage and benefit increases which the companies are compelled to resist."

McDonald had expressed willingness to meet with industry if industry would "negotiate on the basis of union's specific proposal or make a fair proposal of its own." McDonald was referring to a proposal that he had made last Wednesday, the details of which he did not reveal although he claimed it was "realistic" and "non-inflationary."

R. Conrad Cooper, executive vice president of U.S. Steel Corp. and industry's chief negotiator, said in a statement that "the union well knows that its proposal means continuing the inflationary trend of wage and benefit increases which the companies are prepared to resist."

The union's Executive Board approved McDonald's action. The Board issued a statement explaining the union's position.

The Executive Board statement said that the union does not want a strike, that it wants "a fair and honorable settlement."

"Although time is running out," the statement said, "a strike can still be averted if the industry will negotiate on the basis of the union's specific proposal or make a fair proposal of its own for settlement."

The industry's four-man team has so far refused to do either. Nevertheless, the union negotiators would be remiss in their duties if they did not exhaust every possible opportunity for achieving a settlement. The union's negotiators, therefore, are prepared to meet with the industry's representatives to this end."

Science Sees Survival From H-Bomb Warfare

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The H-bomb can slaughter millions in a day, doom other millions to slower, more agonizing death, and inflict upon the human race and nature damage that might take a thousand years to repair. But atomic experts agreed today that:

—It cannot possibly wipe out mankind.
—It cannot conceivably destroy civilization.
—Populations can be protected in large measure against its lethal radiations and fire and to considerable extent against its fantastic blast.

—Granted such protection, this country could survive a nuclear war and, eventually, recuperate.

This was the consensus among scientific witnesses who testified at a five-day hearing on H-bomb warfare before a congressional atomic energy subcommittee.

The subcommittee assumed for purposes of the hearing that Russia hit 224 U.S. targets with 263 H-bombs equivalent in power to 1,446 megatons, or 1,446,000,000 tons, of TNT.

This country retained, it was assumed, and in all 4,000 megatons of hydrogen fury was unleashed.

The hearing produced one stark and unforgettable statistic, 54,000,000 American men, women, and children killed or fatally injured.

Comfort Removed
It removed any comfort from the assumption that the aggressor nation would be subjected to heavy retaliatory blows. As Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.), subcommittee chairman, said:

"I have no desire to live in a world where 50 million of my neighbors had been destroyed. I would be too busy burying corpses."

From a technical standpoint, the hearing produced these disclosures:

—The Office of Civil Defense and Mobilization has been using an obsolete formula for estimating the early fallout hazard of a nuclear attack. A new formula indicates this hazard is 2.7 times worse in the early days.

Hawaii Votes Today On Statehood

HONOLULU (UPI)—Hawaii voters go to the poles today in predicted record numbers to vote yes or no on whether they want the 50th star on Old Glory. They also will nominate candidates for Congress and state offices.

There was little doubt the islanders would vote a resounding yes to the three questions they are required to answer affirmatively on the ballot before statehood can be conferred upon them.

Within 10 days after today's vote, if the results are affirmative as expected, Gov. William Quinn will certify to President Eisenhower that the plebiscite results are official. The President will then proclaim an "Hawaiian Admission Day," officially marking the 50th state's entry into the union.

Quinn said Friday he would report personally to the President on about July 6.

The polls opened at 7 a.m. h.s.t. (1 p.m. e.d.t.) and will close at 5 p.m. h.s.t. on neighbor islands and at 5:30 p.m. on heavily populated Oahu, where Honolulu is located.

Election officials predicted that up to 85 per cent of the 174,063 registered voters would show up at the 186 precincts scattered around the islands.

Today's vote is a combination plebiscite to signify that Hawaii accepts statehood, one of the requirements set by Congress, and a primary election in preparation for the general election set for July 28.

Voters will select party nominees for Congress, governor, Lt. Governor and the state legislature. At stake in Washington are two Senate seats and one in the House of Representatives.

MARNATE, Italy (UPI)—The U.S. airliner that crashed near here yesterday, killing 68 persons in the worst air accident in Italian history, came within a few yards of causing many more deaths.

The Chicago-bound TWA Super Constellation, which disintegrated after being struck by lightning, plunged to earth barely 30 feet from a farmhouse which is the home of 22 Italians. Bits of flaming wreckage fell within 50 yards of a tuberculosis sanatorium housing several hundred sick children.

All of the plane's 59 passengers, including citizens of eight countries, and 9 crewmen were killed. At least 31 and perhaps as many

officials who will investigate the crash.

Farmers who saw the plane crash said a wing fell off after the plane was struck by lightning. The plane hurtled earthward in a huge ball of fire, crashing in two main sections and scattering bits of wreckage over a wide area.

The impact blew in the door of the nearest farmhouse, and farmer Davide Barbieri lashed out to find the wreckage lying 10 yards away.

Other farmers also rushed to the scene, but there was nothing they could do except call a priest to administer last rites to the victims.

Partly cloudy Sunday with chance of afternoon showers or thundershowers in the mountains; low tonight 40-46; high Sunday 73-78.

WEATHER

Schaad Reappointed To Wheat Commission

SALEM (UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield Friday afternoon made these appointments:

Lamar Tooze, Portland, as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council to succeed Harry Brumbaugh, also of Portland, resigned.

Tooze was recommended by the Director of Civil Defense on a list of suggestions submitted.

Roland W. Schaad, La Grande, was reappointed to the Oregon Wheat Commission for a term expiring June 30, 1964.

Tuna Fishing Teamster May Get Hooked By Rackets Committee

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A sun-tanned tuna fisherman, who is also a top teamster official, may get hooked by the Senate Rackets Committee for angling when he should have been testifying.

Chief Counsel Robert F. Kennedy said he believed the Teamster, Raymond Cohen of Philadelphia, could be cited for contempt of the committee for failing to show up for a hearing yesterday.

He said the committee received a letter from Cohen's attorney, Sam Dash, reporting that Cohen had a severe virus infection and was under doctor's orders to stay in bed for a week.

The letter, dated June 24, was

international trustee of the union, declined last year to tell the committee whether union funds were used for a \$1,000 down-payment on his boat, the Circle-R.