

Benson Asks New Wheat Bill To Replace Vetoed Measure

Trucker Avoided Contract

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Rackets Committee heard charges today that Teamster President James R. Hoffa's home local in Detroit refused to accept Negroes as members.

Chief counsel Robert F. Kennedy also said Hoffa's friendship allowed a Kansas City, Mo., trucker to circumvent the union contract in selling vehicles to his employees and changing rates of pay.

But Richard E. Hiss, the trucker, not only denied that his deals were improper, he swore that the employees themselves asked for the truck-sale arrangement and stood to gain more than they lost from the wage adjustment.

Testimony of racial prejudice in Hoffa's Local 299 came from Ross Hill, a Negro who said denial of membership to him in 1953 ultimately cost him his job and home.

Hill, now an operating engineer in Compton, Calif., said he joined a teamster local in Youngstown, Ohio, and kept his job as a steel hauler for the Ohio Northern Truck Lines of Youngstown.

But he said the hardships involved, including a ban on his use of the company's Detroit terminal because he did not belong to 299, eventually were too much for him. He had to sell his truck, his car and his house and move elsewhere.

Hill said "the situation may have improved," but that in 1953 there were only five or six Negroes in Local 299's membership of between 12,000 and 13,000.

Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) called this "a very black mark" against the local and "one of the most atrocious things" the committee had learned.

Today's testimony paved the way for Hoffa's reappearance Monday.



AVERELL HARRIMAN Makes His Report

Gov. Harriman Discusses New Red War-Talk

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Averell Harriman told Vice President Richard M. Nixon today that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev looks on Nixon as "the next President" — but Harriman insisted it will be a Democrat.

The former New York governor held a 40-minute private conference with Nixon as the first in a series of Washington talks reporting on new Soviet war-talk. He scheduled afternoon meetings with Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Harriman said he told the vice president he thought Khrushchev should be invited to visit this country but that Nixon made no comment. Nixon will be in Moscow late this month and expects to confer with the Soviet Premier himself.

Harriman told newsmen after the Nixon meeting that he does not think Khrushchev wants war "any more than we do" but that there is danger of a "miscalculation" by the Soviet leaders which might result in a conflict.

"We need more exchange," he said, and he believes Nixon's visit is of "very great importance" in advancing that program.

As to a Khrushchev visit to this country, Harriman said: "I think it would be a splendid idea. He could see the strength and vitality of this country. He thinks the workers here have no influence and he would see differently."

The dog, described as part Cocker and part Australian Shepherd, was wearing a brown collar with no license.

The police department impounded the dog.

Among the outstanding swimmers scheduled to appear in tonight's events are Nathan Francis, Howard Meyers, Paul Kruger and Jay Kane of The Dalles; Carolyn Mullinix, Kit Harvey, Pat Fitzgaldin and Mike Williams of Biltz; Billy Graham, Jim Johnson, Barbara Moore, Donna Beagle and Guy Moore of Hermiston, and Mike Challis, Jennifer Smith, Steve Fedor, Art Samson, Mike Jones and Laury Danson of La Grande.

Couches of the visiting clubs are: Champ Lake of Boise, Howard Steers of The Dalles and Ron Stevens of Hermiston. La Grande is coached by Bob Smith, Larry Seachrist, Marilee Meppen, Dot Ann Anson and Ellis Scott.

A halfway feature on tonight's program will be a five-minute water ballet exhibition by older girls of the swim team, coached by Marilee Meppen and Don Ann Anson.

POAGE SAYS SECRETARY WON'T 'BUDGE ONE INCH'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson has asked the House Agriculture Committee to draft a new wheat bill to replace the measure vetoed by President Eisenhower last month.

However, Benson did not propose any compromise for breaking the stalemate between the congressional farm leaders and the Republican administration.

Rep. W. R. Poage (D-Texas) charged that Benson was refusing to "budge one inch" despite his assertions that he was willing to accept any compromise that was good for agriculture.

The vetoed bill would have cut back planting allotments 20 percent but raised price supports to \$2.13 a bushel on the 1960 and 1961 crops.

This compares with \$1.81 a bushel on this year's crop.

The administration's proposed program would reduce price supports starting next year, and ultimately relax production controls. Democratic farm leaders contend this would cut back grower income without curbing surpluses.

● The Agriculture Department has sent another agricultural observation team to the Soviet Union under the U.S. government's scientific and technical exchange agreement with the Soviet.

The group is the seventh agricultural team to go to Russia since the agreement became effective last year, and the first team to leave this summer. Its purpose is to gather technical information regarding biological controls of pests.

● The U.S. pest control group, composed of scientists of Iowa State College, the University of California, Purdue University, and the Agricultural Research Service, will visit scientific institutions and agricultural areas of Russia.

● The Agriculture Department's purchase of frozen and dried eggs this week were the equivalent of 95,540 cases of shell eggs and cost a total of \$1,655,000.

The department has been purchasing frozen and dried eggs in an attempt to help stabilize prices to producers.

This week's purchases included 740,025 pounds of dried whole egg solids (equivalent to about 74,000 cases of shell eggs) and 840,000 pounds of frozen whole eggs (equivalent to about 21,500 cases of shell eggs.)

Since the egg buying program began in April, the department has spent \$7,835,300 for dried eggs and \$715,200 for frozen eggs.

The picnic begins at 10:30 a.m. and members are asked to bring their own food and table service. Refreshments and ice cream will be furnished by the league.

There will be games for the women and children and horse-shoe pitching for the men.

The "kids" races will again be a featured part of the afternoon activities and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

An Elk's spokesman urged everyone to "come and bring the whole family."



George Berscheid of the U. S. Forest Service shows Glenn Westenskow and Ron Lilly, all of La Grande, some of the fine points of forest knowledge. More than 100 children are attending the camp.

SUMMER CAMP LORE

George Berscheid of the U. S. Forest Service shows Glenn Westenskow and Ron Lilly, all of La Grande, some of the fine points of forest knowledge. More than 100 children are attending the camp. (Observer Photo)

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?

CHICAGO (UPI) — Ted Restke and Phillip E. Ryan paced the maternity waiting room together at Mercy Hospital. Restke got the news first, turned to Ryan, and said: "Twins! How do you like that?" Ryan dazedly received his news a minute later. "Triplets!" he told Restke. "How do you like that?"

3-Year-Old Saves Girl From 'Pool'

By VIRGINIA ANDERSON, Observer Staff Writer

"I fall in the pool."

She did, too. Little two-year-old Sharon Davis was "just playing" on the bridge of the irrigation ditch near her cousin's home. She liked to lean over the bridge and let her fingers dangle in the water, for there were all kinds of interesting things to see.

"Splash," she was in the water, but not for long. Loren Davis, her three-year-old cousin was right on the spot to "pull her out by the arm."

"She would have stayed in the water and its deep!" said Loren with wide eyes as he stretched one arm high over his head and at the same time tried to make the other one touch the ground in an attempt to show how deep the water was in the flooded ditch.

Sharon quietly clutched her teddy bear with both arms, rocking it a little, and let her hero, Loren, who out-weighs her by only four pounds, tell most of the story.

"She had her hand in the water and then she fell in," Loren commented as he pointed to the two-foot deep ditch where the accident happened.

Sharon's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis, are visiting from Salt Lake City at the home of their relatives Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis. The children were playing in the backyard swing yesterday according to Loren's mother.

She glanced out to see how the two cousins were doing and saw "Loren's white t-shirt" over by the ditch.

Loren yelled, "Mommy, Mommy!" and as she ran for the ditch, Loren already had his little cousin out of the water.

Sharon wanted only her "Daddy" and he was there to carry his muddy and wet, but mostly frightened daughter into the house.

The city commission held a special meeting yesterday afternoon with regard to the airplane accident at the airport last Monday.

The commission decided not to do any work on the runway or to reopen it prior to investigation by a federal authority. The state Board of Aeronautics declined to investigate the accident since the federal government once owned the property.

City manager Fred J. Young was directed to contact Mr. Giles of the federal agency in Spokane and request a complete investigation of the accident.

The investigation would include the operation and handling of the plane in addition to runway conditions according to Young.

Charge Involving Minor Girl Brings Arrest For Man

Archie Ray Mattison, 67, of 201 Third street in La Grande was arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The charge involved a seven-year-old La Grande girl.

After waiving a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace George H. Miller, he was bound over to the grand jury.

Mattison was remanded to jail under a \$2,000 bail. He indicated that he would waive indictment and appear before Circuit Judge W. F. Brown tomorrow probably early next week.

Observer Story Wrong About Sale Of Lots

The Observer erroneously reported the sale of city lots to George Folsom in yesterday's paper.

The lots were sold to Elmer Perry, 1203 Seventh St., with the commission's approval.



SEE, IT'S DEEPER THAN IT LOOKS
Three year old Loren Davis explains to his two-year-old cousin, Sharon, what could have happened if he hadn't pulled her out of the irrigation ditch. She had been playing on the bridge crossing the ditch when she fell into the water. Loren had her out and safe before his mother could get there to help with the rescue. (Observer)

Behind Scenes Maneuvering Overshadows Steel Session

NEW YORK (UPI) — Behind-the-scenes maneuvering which included a secret session of chief executives of major steel companies overshadowed formal wage contract negotiations at the bargaining table today.

A showdown appeared near. In what appeared to be a last-ditch effort to write a contract before a nationwide steel strike Tuesday, labor and management's four-man bargaining teams cut short a perfunctory meeting Thursday and disappeared, sending word to newsmen that they would reconvene at 10 o'clock this morning.

Coincident with their disappearance it became known that top executives of the twelve biggest steel companies had quietly slipped into New York and met secretly to decide whether to make a last-minute offer to break the negotiations deadlock.

It was reported the steel executives were in favor of standing firm against a wage increase. It was said the meeting produced no change in the industry's call for a one-year wage freeze and contract changes that would promote efficiency in the steel plants.

This brought a renewed warning from United Steelworkers Union officials that a walkout of 500,000 steel workers was unavoidable unless the companies offer higher pay and an improvement in fringe benefits.

The union was making arrangements to surmount its 171-member Wage Policy Committee to meet in the Roosevelt Hotel here Monday to issue final strike instructions or to pass on any wage proposal the industry might make.

The sudden adjournment of Thursday's session of the bargaining teams had an air of mystery. For hours afterward David J. McDonald, U.S.W. president, and R. Conrad Cooper, the industry's chief negotiators, could not be found.

Spokesmen professed to have no idea where they went or what they did.

McDonald earlier this week had served notice he did not intend to agree to a further contract extension beyond 12:01 a.m. July 15 "unless" he received a new offer from the steel companies.

VALLEY BOYS TAKE PART IN JUNIOR RODEO EVENTS

Valley boys took part in two rodeos over the July holiday weekend.

At the Caldwell Junior Rodeo, Bob Stephens, major, won first in the ribbon roping and received a silver buckle plus prize money.

Fred Stephens, Union, placed second in senior ribbon roping and third in calf roping. Jim Beck, Imbler, won day money with a first in bull-dogging.

At the Ukiah Amateur show, Joe Bechtel, Elgin, won the saddle bronc riding with Homer Abel, La Grande, placing second. Bill Stephens, Union, placed second in calf roping. Otis Payne, Union won the bareback bronc riding.

In bull riding, Joe Bechtel placed first, Otis Payne, second and Stan Morrison, La Grande, third.

Junior rodeo shows have been held for several years in Western Oregon, but they are relatively new in the Eastern part of the state.

Scattered throughout the state, the shows begin with the John Day Junior Rodeo in May. Fossil, Halfway, and Elgin follow with show dates in June. In July, Red-

mond holds a show on July 17, 18, and 19. In August, Kennebec, Wash., has a show scheduled and Union's rodeo will be Aug. 15 and 16. Dayton, Wash., completes the circuit on Sept. 12 and 13.

Keen competition at the shows makes the title of all-around cowboy a hard one to win. At the Elgin Junior Rodeo, four girls were very close and when all points had been tabulated, Glenda Anderson won the all-around cowgirl title by only one-half point.

The senior cowboys are nearly as rugged as the RCA performers.

Events that count for points for seniors are saddle bronc, bareback bronc, boys' cow riding, cow riding, bulldogging, steer de-decorating, wild cow milking, team roping, cow cutting, tie-down calf roping, girls' Texas barrel race and one track race.

For juniors, there is no bronc riding and calf riding is substituted for cow riding. All other events that count for points for seniors and juniors are the same.

See VALLEY on page three

Spokesmen professed to have no idea where they went or what they did.

McDonald earlier this week had served notice he did not intend to agree to a further contract extension beyond 12:01 a.m. July 15 "unless" he received a new offer from the steel companies.

Spokesmen professed to have no idea where they went or what they did.

McDonald earlier this week had served notice he did not intend to agree to a further contract extension beyond 12:01 a.m. July 15 "unless" he received a new offer from the steel companies.

Spokesmen professed to have no idea where they went or what they did.

McDonald earlier this week had served notice he did not intend to agree to a further contract extension beyond 12:01 a.m. July 15 "unless" he received a new offer from the steel companies.

Boys Injured By Explosion

PORTLAND (UPI) — Two Portland boys were injured, one seriously, early Thursday night when an unexplained blast rocked the area around N. E. 111th Ave. and Oregon Street in Portland.

Injured were 9-year-old Gregory Beck and 5-year-old Ted Michael Boragan.

The Beck youth was admitted to Providence hospital for surgery to a badly mangled left hand and wrist. The Boragan boy suffered gashes in his arm, his chest, and his hip. He was treated at a nearby doctor's clinic.

Police said a burned spot and some discarded matches were found in the vacant lot where the blast occurred.

Neither of the boys were able to say what caused the explosion.

Flurry Of Bustles And Buckskin Will Mark Opening Of La Grande Opera

It's opening night! With a flurry of bustles and buckskin the curtain will rise tonight on La Grande's first World Premiere Opera.

"Ten Thousand Miles" with "Patsy Hutchison and Howard Anderson as romantic leads starts at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

A folk opera written to commemorate Oregon's centennial year, it begins with a prologue in which the chorus tells of all those who came from far and wide searching for a promised land.

Jacob, a young "Bull Wacker" is played by Howard Anderson

and his sweetheart is played by Patsy Hutchison.

Leaving his sweetheart to seek his fortune, Jacob joins a wagon train.

He returns for Amanda and they are married. They join a wagon train to the west and after numerous adventures on the trail the wagon train moves ahead as the chorus sings, "Oh the Land, the Promised Land, We'll Find Our Way Led by God's Hand."

Adding a highlight to the program, Shirley Smurthwaite and Frances Wolfe will be doing interpretive dancing numbers.

The children's chorus gaily dances and sings to "Three Blind Mice" and Reid Blacker's square dancers are there to "Whoa into up".

Incidental speaking parts are assigned to Ruth Lacer, Ann Goshorn, and Elizabeth Royce.

John De Merchant who tackled both the writing and direction job for the production spends most of his time in New York where he instructs professional singers.

De Merchant's most recent trip to La Grande was several years ago when he directed the production "Lowland Sea".

Following his stay here, De Merchant will vacation in Maine before returning to his studio in the fall.

Hearing Set In Basic Rule Violation Arrest

A La Grande man was arrested by La Grande police last night for violation of the basic rule.

La Verne E. Carlton, 1805 X avenue, was stopped at the corner of Third and Jefferson at 8:50 last night.

Hearing is scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday.