

Steel Union Asks Court Relief On Strike Break Rule

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United Steelworkers' Union petitioned the Supreme Court today to overturn an 80-day back to work order that would halt the 108-day-old steel strike.

The union also asked the tribunal to stay the order pending its ruling on the petition. Otherwise, the back to work order becomes effective Monday.

Union attorneys contended that U.S. District Judge Herbert P. Sord did not exercise proper "discretion" when he issued the Taft-Hartley injunction last week. They

7 Children Are Burned To Death

OTTUMWA, Iowa (UPI)—Seven children ranging in age from one to nine perished today when fire swept through a small home while their mothers were at a tavern. Six of the children were members of one family.

A fireman risked his life to rescue the only survivor, Sharon Dooley, 13, a babysitter. She was burned over most of her body and reported in "very critical" condition at a local hospital.

Fireman Robert Knox, 44, was credited with saving the babysitter. Knox crawled into the flaming two-room house and felt around the floor, trying to see the children through the dense smoke billowing through the home. "I found the bodies of the seven children first in a corner of the kitchen," Knox said. "They were huddled together for protection against the searing heat and choking smoke."

Told to Come Out
"I saw they were dead. I didn't get a chance to examine the babysitter who was nearby because the other firemen outside called to me to come out because of the danger."

"When I got outside, it kept working on me—the fact that I hadn't got a chance to examine her thoroughly. The longer I stood out there the more I thought about it."

"I don't know why, but I decided to go back inside and see if she was alive."

"I crawled inside. When I got near her, I saw her body move."

Knox picked up the girl and with the aid of another fireman, Albert Ruble, got her to safety.

Police Held Back
The other children died of burns and suffocation.
First on the scene were two policemen answering an alarm turned in by Mrs. Thomas Anderson, grandmother of six of the children, who lived across the street. Policemen were unable to enter the house because of the intense heat.

Phoenix Hit By Flash Flood, 2 Tots Drown

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI)—Flash flooding, lashed by a blinding storm in the desert, took the lives of two children who were swept from their mother's arms Thursday night.

One victim was a two-year-old girl, pulled from her mother's grasp as she tried to toss the child to safety when the family car was caught by a torrent of water rushing through a desert dry wash.

The other victim was a four-week-old child, who was washed away when the parents' car was knocked 600 feet off the old Apache Indian trail east of here and buried in sand and water.

Dry washes and gullies in all parts of the state became potential death traps as the violent storm raked Arizona and Southern California with rain, hail and snow late Thursday and today.

A number of deer hunters in the northern hills of Arizona for the opening of the season at dawn today were stranded by snow.

Swept Off Highway
Francis Lee Mears, 22 of Tucson, his wife Rose Mary, 20, and their baby Shannon Lee were traveling along the Apache Trail highway east of here when the car was swept off the highway by water gushing through the Davis wash.

said the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was equally wrong in affirming it Tuesday.

Specifically, the union asked the Supreme Court to review the appeals' court ruling. This was done with a view to voiding the order.

The union lawyers said Sord should have considered other alternatives before issuing a sweeping order against the whole strike.

Oppose 80-day Provision
The petition said Sord had discretion not only to determine whether to enjoin the strike but also whether the back to work order "should run against the whole strike, and all of the strikers, or against just that small percentage of the struck mills which alone create the peril to health or safety."

"Voluntary cessation or deferment of a strike for 80 days or longer avails nothing," the petition said.

Arthur J. Goldberg, union attorney who filed the appeal, told newsmen as he left the court that the union "is anxious for speedy disposition of the case, compatible with the court's requirements."

Asked if a delay in a court ruling would benefit the union's side in the labor dispute, Goldberg said "we are not interested in delay."

Avalanche Wipes Out Village, Kills 800 Mexicans

MEXICO CITY (UPI)—An avalanche caused by heavy rains obliterated the village of Minatitlan Tuesday with a sudden blow that may have snuffed out 800 lives, reports from the storm-devastated west coast disclosed today.

Swarms of scorpions and tarantulas attacked the injured survivors when the rain-loosened side of the Copales Mountains thundered onto the village and tore loose the nests of the poisonous insects arachnids. Frantic appeals for anti-venom serum were radioed to Mexico City.

The disaster at Minatitlan was only one of a series that hit Mexico's Pacific Coast Tuesday when a storm, described as a cyclone, wiped out a dozen villages and killed more than 1,000 persons. Many hundreds were still unaccounted for.

The fate of 1,000 persons in the flooded town of Zacoalpan in northern Colima state was still in doubt.

Scout Court Of Honor At LDS Church Tonight

A Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the small auditorium at the local LDS church, it was announced by Paul Jenkins, district Scout executive.

The affair is also a parent's night, and they will observe their boys in a uniform inspection being standard graded, by Scout leaders.

Vote Friday On New Sewage Plant

\$360,000 Bond Issue Called For

By GRADY PANNELL
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A \$360,000 special bond issue for construction of a new sewage disposal facility here will be voted on in La Grande next Friday.

City commissioners face somewhat of an acid test over the issue, they having endorsed the project several months ago, but finding strong opposition then to their original disposal area site.

A referendum, on a new sewage treatment plant, called for almost a month ago, had to be postponed until Nov. 6 because suitable acreage owned by the city at Municipal Airport was denied them for this purpose by both state and federal aviation authorities.

Oxidation Ponds
The city commission, unanimous in its desire for a new type disposal plant, proposes 100 acre oxidation ponds at a site near the present disposal plant just east of the city.

In order to reach as many of the eligible voters as possible on the special election Friday, a newsletter containing vital information on the proposed new sewage facility has been mailed to every home owner in the city.

Signed by the entire commission slate, the letter urges all interested persons to attend a public meeting Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the junior high school auditorium. At this time more technical information will be available from members of the State Sanitary Authority, the city engineer and members of the private engineering firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield.

Why does the city commission face an acid test?

For several reasons. As representatives of the city and charged with the responsibility of operating the city government, they must come up with a solution to present city sewage problems.

Most Economical
Also they must present the type of new disposal facility that is the most economical and yet will adequately handle the job and face up to state health standards.

The oxidation ponds are the answer, they say, and they have information to back them up.

The lagoon type oxidation ponds are the cheapest at \$100,000. A new sewage treatment plant, patterned after the one now in operation, would cost \$464,000 to construct.

To build additions to the existing plant and bring it up to state health standards would cost \$437,000. Cost of the oxidation pond type plant is \$360,000. That's the figure on the bond ballot.

New 100 acre oxidation ponds are the cheapest in financing costs, operation and maintenance costs, total required annual revenue and required average monthly service, for these reasons:

1. Assuming no federal aid under Public Law 660.
2. Assuming bonds financed for 20 years at 4 1/2 per cent interest.
3. Tax levy based upon La Grande assessment roll of January, 1957.
4. Based upon city count of sewer services of January, 1957.

The only thing the city commission can do under these circumstances, and after more than ten years of prodding by the State Sanitary Authority, is turn the proposition over to the voters. You vote next Friday.

Walter R. Parker, long-time resident of La Grande, sums up general opinion on the bond issue.

"I want to know more about it before I vote, and I'm going to ask some questions Tuesday night."

State Jurisdiction
One of the questions Parker plans to ask city officials is about state jurisdiction over lagoon type ponds. He cites Prineville's desire to construct similar facilities and the state's attitude on the matter.

"The state seems only lukewarm to oxidation type ponds. If we vote favorably on this matter how do we know the state will go along?" is his question.

Mrs. Allie Hall Dies
Mrs. Allie Hall, Elgin, passed away at a local hospital this morning. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Daniels funeral home.

Elk Season Gets Underway Here Tomorrow; Hunting Looks Good

By BILL BEBOUT
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Hunting conditions in Northeastern Oregon have been termed excellent by local Game Commission officials as hunters prepare to take to the field tomorrow a half hour before sunrise for the opening of the general Elk season.

Light snow in the Tollgate area and in the higher elevations of the Wallows, although not sufficiently heavy to move elk down will make it easier for the hunters to track the big animals. The season runs through Nov. 22 in this area.

Heavy rains prior to the season

EOC Theatre Ticket Sales Start Sunday

Season ticket sales for the Eastern Oregon College theatre productions get underway Nov. 1, according to Richard Hiatt, assistant professor of speech and drama.

Hiatt indicated the season's program, which opens with "The Solid Gold Cadillac" Nov. 12, will include three major productions, an evening of one-act plays, plus a dance and choir performance.

In addition to "The Solid Gold Cadillac," the year's major productions will be "The Glass Menagerie," and "Old King Cole."

The EOC drama director noted season ticket sales would continue through Nov. 14, last night for the season's first production, opening have contributed to the mountains and hunters are expected to have fair to good success

Set U.S. Rocket Shot To Venus End Of '60

RICHMOND, Va. (UPI)—A space engineer said today the National Space Agency will launch a rocket 28 million miles to Venus by the end of 1960.

Allan B. Churgin, research engineer for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said rockets are available now to carry such a space probe.

Venus is more than 112 times as far from Earth as the Moon. "Space exploration this year and early next year will see the launching of several dozen different satellites and probes as far away as the vicinity of Venus," Churgin said.

He added NASA did not expect to recover a space probe launched to such a distance.

Churgin, addressing a section of the Virginia Education Assn. meeting here, also said the Scout four-stage rocket, capable of placing a 150-pound satellite into an orbit

Police Make Four Traffic Arrests
La Grande police made four arrests for violation of the basic rule yesterday. Three of the charged persons were women.

Beverly Jean Rachau, 2515 Second St., was cited for doing 30 miles per hour in a 20 mile zone near the Second Street overpass at 4:49 p.m. yesterday. Bail was set at \$10.

Joan Rae Collins, 805 Lake St., was cited for traveling 22 miles per hour in a 20 mile zone at 1:54 p.m. near the overpass. Bail was set at \$12.

Helen White Quinn, 407 Alder St., was cited for violation of the basic rule on Fourth Street between K and M-Avenues at 12:13 p.m. Police said she was traveling 28 miles per hour in a 20 mile zone. Her bail was set at \$8.

Norman Earl Diggs, Imbler, was also cited for violation of the basic rule when police clocked him at 40 miles per hour in a 20 mile zone near the Second Street overpass at 4:41 p.m. Bail was set at \$20.

Hearings on all cases will be at 3 p.m. today.

Wallace T. Collingwood, 1422 V Ave., was cited for failure to stop for a red light at the intersection of Adams Avenue and Depot Street at 8:22 yesterday.

Bail was set at \$10 and a hearing scheduled for 3 p.m. next Monday.

in this area.

In Union and Baker counties, prospects are fair to good in the Tollgate, Mt. Emily, Starkey and Sumpter areas. The Wenaha area, Lookout Mountain, Elk Flat, round and Long Meadows are expected to be fair along the top for hunter success.

Fair Hunting
Rock Creek, Slick Ear, Milk Creek, and Butte Creek should be fair along the Wenaha River. In the Chesnimus area, quite a number of elk have been observed around Rice Corral, Buckhorn Spring and the Deadhorse Ridge area.

Many elk have been seen around Kirkland Forest Camp and Table Mountain area. In the Sled Springs area, Grossman Creek will be good but access is restricted. Five Dollar Ridge, Powatko Ridge, Washboard Ridge, Tope Creek and McCallister Ridge should be fair hunting.

The area around Sled Springs guard station and Snow Hollow

Hill should also provide some bulls.

In the Minam area, the lower Minam region around the heads of Squaw Creek, Trout Creek and Deer Creek should be fair, although access is restricted in this area. The upper Minam will be slow until snow falls, as will the North Minam and Bear Creek.

Good Conditions
In the Snake River area, the upper Imnaha from Indian Crossing up, including the north fork, middle fork and the south fork, should be good.

This area can become snow bound very fast, but present conditions should make it good hunting. The lower area between the Imnaha and Snake River will probably be only fair until snow falls.

The recently completed road up Dry Creek is not open to the general public at the present time. In the Imnaha district, the area around Lick Creek out north to Hart Butte should be fair.

Additional information on the elk season may be found on today's sports page.

Heroic Rescue Last Night Of 2 Hunters Trapped In Wreckage

Two Oregon hunters narrowly escaped death last night when they were trapped for several hours in snow and ice after their jeep plunged 1,000 feet down an embankment 18 miles west of Summerville.

Hushed to Grande Ronde Hospital at 11:30 o'clock last night by Don Dempsey Ambulance Ser-

vice were Donald Kauffman, 28, Camby, and John Fisher, 44, Hubbard.

The attending physician said Fisher was suffering from severe shock and the extent of his injuries was not immediately available. Kauffman was suffering from multiple fractures, including the back.

Trapped 4 hours
Their vehicle was towing a two-horse trailer on the Skyline Road when the accident occurred around 4:30 p.m. They were helpless for some four hours before a Game Commission power wagon could penetrate the narrow snow-covered road. The ambulance made it part of the way and returned the two men in a shuttle team effort.

The pair was getting an early start in preparation for opening of the elk season tomorrow. They planned to drive deep into the mountainous area by the Skyline Road and set up a horse camp in order to proceed the rest of the way.

Horses Unhurt
They were able to tell rescuers that the heavy trailer slipped to the left off the narrow road above Ruckles Springs near the approach to Dusty Saddle. The rig pulled their Jeep with it, but vehicles turning over several times.

The horses were thrown out as the trailer tipped over and both mounts were uninjured. However, the two hunters suffered severe jolting in the accident.

State Welfare Meeting Here
The State Public Welfare Commission is meeting in La Grande today with the morning session devoted to the adoption of special reports and the consideration of individual care program by the state group.

A special report on the medical care program of the commission was heard and a discussion on the revised plan is scheduled for this afternoon.

The commission is meeting at the Neighborhood Club on 6th and N Streets. The meeting is open to the public.

Local Youngsters In Special 'Trick-Treat' Campaign Here

Many La Grande youngsters will join with 2,000,000 American young people this Saturday night in the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) in a "trick-treat" operation to aid needy persons.

UNICEF is the world's largest international organization entirely devoted to the health and welfare of children and mothers. It operates with other United Nations agencies to combat disease and malnutrition in under-developed areas where illness and hunger are taken for granted.

Ring Doorbells
The La Grande boys and girls who will participate in this drive will be ringing doorbells in the city following a 6 p.m. get-together at the Presbyterian Church. They will wear arm bands for identification.

Upon their special canvass of La Grande, the young people will reassemble at the church where their collections will be counted. A social time will then follow for all participants until 8:30 o'clock.

The local UNICEF committee said that every cent collected by the teen-agers will be sent to the United Nations committee for further distribution.

Soroptimists Aid
Underwriting part of the drive here is the local Soroptimist Club. Various projects UNICEF undertakes is TB vaccination, tropical disease cures, war against trachoma and foodstuffs. Aided countries match every UNICEF dollar with an average \$2.50 and eventually take over the programs. A 30-nation executive board, including the UN as a member, governs UNICEF.



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Men Say Yes, Not The Women

By NEIL ANDERSEN
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What does the man in the street think about next week's bond election on a new sewage lagoon-type plant, and how will he vote?

That was the main question asked several residents of La Grande yesterday by The Observer as the Nov. 6 bond voting date draws near.

Most of the men queried expressed favorable comment. The majority of women, however, said they would vote against the issue.

And many of the people questioned didn't know too much about the special election issue or didn't wish to be quoted.

Favors Lagoons
W. H. Reuter, a druggist, favored the proposed lagoons and the bond election.

"I think we should have it, and I'll vote for it," Reuter said.

A salesman claimed not to know too much about it. Win Howe, 1303 Ninth Ave., said, "I don't know too much about it but I know the city needs it. If the city needs it, I'll vote for it."

E. R. Smith, 1210 Walnut St., is a fireman at the United Pacific railroad.

"In my opinion it will be all right. I have read up on the matter and I know we need an improvement although I'm undecided on the type. The increased water waste coming into our present system from new houses will force us to do something. I plan to vote in the affirmative," Smith said.

John Groupe, 96 South Third St., is a partner in a men's clothing firm. He also will vote in favor of the bond election.

"I think the city has to do something or be told to by the state. I will go along with the city commission's recommendation and vote for it. I think La Grande is entering a phase of growth and must improve its facilities and keep pace with the times," he said.

Basic Essential
"Sewers, streets and civic improvements are a basic essential to any community and we cannot stand still," Groupe added.

"It's a good thing. It will have to come sometime," said Robert E. Allen, 2206 Jefferson Ave., thinks that something has to be done to improve our present facilities and he will vote for the bonds.

Housewife Bessie Stuart, 1613 Fifth St., plans to vote against the bond issue.

"We need to do something about the present problems and I don't think that lagoons are the answer," she said.

Ethel James, hotel clerk at the Sacajawea, thinks she will vote for the issue.

"It's high time we did something about our present facilities. It's for better sanitation in the city and I'll vote for that," she said.

Lou Yeager, 1507 Seventh St., has charge of the Sacajawea Coffee Shop and is undecided how she'll vote.

"It's necessary for the city but why mess with storm sewers and now this," she said.

She is undecided now but plans to talk the issue over with her husband before she makes a final decision.

Schoolteacher Otto Weigel, 2106 Cedar St., claims he needs to know more about the issue. He doesn't know which way he'll vote until he gets more information and can vote intelligently.

"Smelly" Question
"It's still a smelly question," Weigel joked.

Bob Wilkins was worried about the addition to the tax burden. "If we want new facilities we have to pay for them," Wilkins said. "I think the ability of the community to bear additional tax burdens warrants further study," commented Wilkins.

A dry cleaner, Ed Craig, 1206 O Ave., didn't want to wait until it was too late to add new facilities.

"It seems to be the growing need of the community," he said. "The present facilities were built for a city of a certain size and the city has grown as evidenced by the numerous homes being built. I see no need to wait until a new system is forced upon us and then there is no place to put it like with the schools," Craig added.

That is the way several citizens who will vote on the issue feel. The final result won't be known for approximately 10 days.