

Soviet Note Receptive, Stop-Hitler Bloc

Definite Cases Cited for Test Of Picket Law

Four Disputes Mentioned in Amended Complaint of 4 Labor Groups

Coal Strike and Coast's Hiring Hall Quarrel no Nearer Windup

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20—(AP)—Organized labor amended its complaint against Oregon's new union regulation law today, alleging four factual labor disputes involving employers and their employees, and adding the Portland Central Labor Council as a plaintiff.

The American Federation of Labor, Congress for Industrial Organization, Railroad Brotherhoods—and now the Portland Council—ask a declaratory judgment holding the law unconstitutional.

The law, passed by voters last November, imposed such limitations on labor activity that unions claimed it made their proper actions illegal.

Amendments to the complaints to include specific alleged infringement of labor's constitutional right to picket and bargain followed a hint from the three-judge court that the original complaints were too general.

The four factual disputes involve a truck company operating between Portland and Boise, a foundry, a large hotel and a chain of retail stores.

The court decreed last week it had jurisdiction and gave the plaintiffs and defendants—city, state and county officials—further time to prepare for the main case testing the law's constitutionality.

NEW YORK, April 20—(AP)—Leaders of the United Mine Workers in Pennsylvania reiterated promises today to supply coal to schools, hospitals, churches and homes of the sick, as the prolonged shutdown of operations in the eight state Appalachian areas brought a progressive reduction in the supply of bituminous available to industry.

Here, where for nearly six weeks the operations of the CIO union and the operators have struggled over a new labor contract, and thus to put the Appalachian into production again, an other day's conference ended apparently as fruitlessly as had all the rest.

In the Appalachian—the immediate area of dispute—some 338,000 miners are idle, and the UMW laid its plans to call out by May 5, unless a contract is reached in the meantime, the miners of outlying fields. This order, union sources said, would affect an additional 125,000 to 150,000 men in 14 states.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20—(AP)—Z. R. Brown, district secretary of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, said tonight the federation would refuse to participate in any attempt by the sailors' union of the Pacific to tie up all Pacific coast shipping in event four Seattle seamen are named by crews from government "hiring halls."

Brown said a special federation meeting here today decided it would not recognize picket lines placed "indiscriminately against ships and docks not directly concerned in the dispute."

The federation meeting, however, joined the SUP in opposing non-union "hiring halls."

Asks FDR to Aid Umatilla Dam Bill

WASHINGTON, April 20—(AP)—Sen. Schwelb (D-Wash.) asked President Roosevelt today to support early enactment of a bill to construct the Umatilla dam at a cost of \$23,000,000 on the Columbia river between the Grand Coulee and Bonneville dams.

Picking Medium Which Brings Customers!

Today's Statesman, without the impact of any unusual news, is being read by a larger number of readers than ever in its 24 pages, the largest volume of advertising for any newspaper published this year in Oregon.

DESOLATION LEFT IN WAKE OF EARLY FOREST FIRES



Fire that broke out in Oregon forests months in advance of the usual season left this swath of desolation along Pumpkin Ridge near Hillsboro, where several homes were destroyed, livestock killed and a 600-acre stretch of brush and logged-off land blackened before fire fighters controlled the blaze.—AP photo.

More Fires Break out; Situation Still Serious

One Fire Near Rainier Menaces Farm Homes, new Blaze Fought Near Gales Creek; Numerous new Blazes Reported in Washington

SEATTLE, April 20—(AP)—Flames, racing through brush and second growth timberlands, menaced several farm homes at Apiary, near Rainier, Ore., late today, and a logging camp was destroyed by fire at Sepost, northeast of Everett, Wash., as T. S. Goodyear, Washington forest supervisor, termed the Pacific northwest's abnormally early forest fire season "critical" today.

He estimated 100 brush and timber fires in western Washington; most of them under control. Most have been in old "burns" and in slashings areas so the damage has been light. But if a wind springs up and the drought continues, he said, a major fire situation would develop.

"Many of the fires are man-made, clearing land for grazing purposes," Goodyear said. Maj. C. S. Cowan, chief warden for the Washington Forest Fire association, said 26 new fires were reported today.

Two of the most serious blazes were in this county; one menaced (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

World Fair Scene Sent Eight Miles

NEW YORK, April 20—(AP)—An audience sat in a 32nd-story room of the RCA building today and watched and heard the ceremonies attendant upon the dedication of the Radio Corporation of America building on the New York world's fair grounds eight miles away.

The occasion was a forerunner of regular television broadcasts which will start April 30 and the sale of new television commercial receivers which will start this week at \$200 to \$400 plus \$50 installation charge.

Swinging Chain Kills

PORTLAND, April 20—(AP)—Injuries suffered when a swinging chain struck his head Tuesday were fatal today to Fred L. Kuhn, 50-year-old WPA employe. He was employed on the Skilene boulevard project.

Eight Hundred Attend State Christian Endeavor Session

Eight hundred youths, members of Christian Endeavor unions from all over Oregon, crowded the First Presbyterian church last night for the opening sessions of the annual Oregon CE convention. As the convention opened, 1236 registrations were on hand and when the convention crowd is swelled by tonight's arrivals, it is expected nearly 1500 youths will be here. The convention closes Sunday.

Two of the most remote unions in Oregon, Klamath Falls and Baker, were sending in large delegations late last night, the former 36 and Baker 25 youths. Dr. M. Howard Fagan, pastor of Wilshire Boulevard Christian church, Los Angeles, opened the convention theme, "My Best for Christ," with an inspiring address last night on "His Best for Us."

Dr. Fagan, pointing to the matchless personality of all time, challenged the youthful audience to remember Jesus Christ, and to glorify God in their everyday living.

He cautioned the youths that the plans upon which their thoughts dwell is that plans upon which they will live. Miss Dorothy Kilka, McMinnville, state president who presided at last night's gathering, named these committees:

Resolutions, Clerk Eus. Corvallis, chairman; Bruce Ferry, Dallas; Thelma Cole, Portland, and Wilmer Gardner, Jennings Lodge. Nominations, Dorothy Howes, Forest Grove, chairman; (Turn to page 2, Col. 1.)

Hope of Peace Seen in Duce's Caustic Reply

Way Held Left Open for Discussion; Plan for Exposition Cited

Neutrality Bill Hearing Continues With Attack Upon Present Law

WASHINGTON, April 20—(AP)—Disappointed, though hardly surprised at Mussolini's disdainful reaction to President Roosevelt's anti-aggression plea, state department officers nevertheless found in the Italian premier's words at least a faint hope for peace.

They expressed belief that however much the Duce derided in his address at Rome the value of the conference table as a means of adjusting economic inequalities, he still did not absolutely bar the way to an effort at stabilizing the European situation by collaboration.

While Secretary Hull and his associates were weighing the Italian leader's informal reply, there were, elsewhere in the city, additional developments bearing upon America's plans for defense and her place in foreign affairs.

Senator Green (D-RI) conferred with President Roosevelt and with Colonel Charles Lindbergh, and then expressed the opinion that if a major war should arise, the United States "could not keep out of it." He said he would advise his friends "by all means" not to visit Europe this summer. "Cash and Carry"

Before the senate foreign relations committee which is studying proposed changes in the neutrality act, Raymond Leslie Buell, president of the foreign policy association, asserted that if the fascist powers should "unleash" Great Britain and France they probably would turn to the western hemisphere next. For that reason, he urged economic help to Great Britain and France, to be achieved by permitting belligerent nations to buy war supplies here on a "cash and carry basis."

Felix Morley, editor of the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1.)

Three Dead in Prison Blaze

15 Injured During Panic of Prisoners; Fire Soon Controlled

WORCESTER, Mass., April 20—(AP)—Three prisoners were killed and at least 15 injured tonight when fire broke out in a wing of the Worcester county jail, throwing 250 jamming prisoners into confusion before they were herded to safety in other wings and the blaze was controlled.

Sheriff H. Oscar Rocheleau said a prisoner may have set the fire, and a guard reported he believed two prisoners had escaped a cordon of hastily-summoned police.

Chief Guard Robert Buss said he believed the fire started in a basement cell and that one of the three victims, a negro, was burned to death in a "padded cell."

The victims were unidentified. The fire was discovered by Joseph Peters, a guard, shortly before 8 o'clock, and it was under control a half hour later.

Ruling Upon IEU Status Demanded

EUGENE, Ore., April 20—(AP)—After 11 months of waiting, the Willamette valley council of lumber and sawmill workers' unions, AFL, is a little anxious to learn whether the industrial employees' union is now or good red herring, Council Secretary C. L. Brown said today.

He added that the council was considering a resolution demanding that the national labor relations board give an immediate decision in its hearings on charges that the IEU was a company union.

The NLRB completed its hearings 11 months ago. Many AFL local unions already have telegraphed the NLRB and congressmen for an expedited decision, Brown said.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20—(AP)—Portland's artillery got the range after Jack Salveson of Oakland had retired the first two batters in the first inning of a Pacific coast league game tonight and before the frame closed the Beavers chased in four runs, enough to clinch the third tilt with the Aorns, 9-3, and take a 2-1 series lead.

The explosive opening inning saw Sweeney double, Coleman single, Hawkins and Rosenberg double and Jeffries single after two were out.

The Portlanders added three more in the third and one each in the fifth and sixth but they were unneeded. The Oaks scored their only three runs in the sixth run. Ed Coleman homered in the sixth for Portland. It was his sixth consecutive hit yesterday and today.

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Salveson, Tietje, Sheehan, Priest, Buxton and Raymond; Redonits, Douglas and Fernandez.

ST. LOUIS, April 20—(AP)—Teddy Yaross, crafty Pittsburgh former middleweight champion, handed Archie Moore, 157-pound St. Louis negro, a 10-round beating tonight. Yaross weighed 165.

Counter-Proposals Reported Received At British Capital

Parley With Turkey Progressing Says Reliable Report; View Optimistic as Hitler Fete Passes Quietly

Germany's Military Might Passes in Review on Fuehrer's Birthday; "Little Berthas" on Display

LONDON, April 20—(AP)—Soviet Russia was reported reliably tonight to have sent the British foreign office proposals which indicated soviet willingness to participate in the British-French coalition.

A source usually well informed said that "the entire forces" of the three nations would be pledged to resist any aggression in Europe if the proposals were accepted.

The soviet proposals, which countered those put forward in Moscow by the British ambassador, Sir William Seeds to Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinoff, were being considered by the British foreign office.

It was reported also that talks with Turkey were progressing.

Blunt Questions Asked by Hitler

Inevitable "No" Answers to Be Used in Reply to FDR, Is View

PARIS, April 20—(AP)—Diplomatic sources reported tonight Adolf Hitler had asked several of his smaller neighbors the blunt, two-point question: "Do you consider yourself menaced by Germany and would you ask President Roosevelt to intervene in European affairs?"

These sources said the question and the response he receives would form a part of the German chancellor's reply to President Roosevelt's peace appeal when he faces the reichstag a week from tomorrow.

Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Hungary were mentioned particularly around the countries Hitler was said to have sounded out. They were among the 31 Mr. Roosevelt singled out in asking Germany and Italy for 10-year-non-aggression pledges.

It was a foregone conclusion in diplomatic circles here that the Sofia, Belgrade and Budapest governments would answer Hitler with a "no."

This, these sources said, would be a strong part of the fuhrer's "ammunition" when he answers the American president who asked him for "a frank statement" on the policies of the Rome-Berlin axis.

Informed French circles have predicted that Hitler would not reject flatly Mr. Roosevelt's peace message.

The French press has professed to seeing the axis partners wriggling somewhat under the "Roosevelt torchlight" thrown suddenly on their camps.

Carlton Sawmill Crews on Strike

CARLTON, Ore., April 20—(AP)—Seventy-five CIO lumber workers at the Link-Haynes Lumber company struck yesterday because a demand for restoration of a pay cut was rejected, Jodie Eggers, chairman of the local union's plant committee, said today.

The cut, Eggers said, was made last year. He added that 2 1/2% an hour was restored later. He declared the union was not asking a closed shop, but continuation of a recognized agreement.

E. J. Linke, one of the owners, said he offered a 2 1/2% per hour increase beginning May 1.

4H Fair Judging Finished, Demonstrations Scheduled

Marion county's 4-H spring show attracted unusually large numbers of spectators yesterday afternoon although it opened a day earlier than in other years.

With judging completed and special contests finished, today's program will be devoted to demonstrations and award presentations. The exhibit building will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Eight boys and girls vied from the 88 entered in the healthiest boy and girl contest. They were examined at the county health office at 1 o'clock this afternoon to determine the winners. They are: Charles Ronge, St. Louis school; Teddy Gordon, Leslie; Lee Ewert, Mt. Angel, and Hal Cuffe, Keizer, for the boys and Grace Ledlaw, Keizer; Dorris Reas, LaBich Center; Wilma Gorton,

Salem Heights and Janet Rogers, Leslie, for the girls. Today's demonstrations will be as follows: 9:30 a. m., Marion, cooking; 10, Woodburn, clothing; 10:30 Marion, cooking; 11, dollar dinner; Bethel, enter booths at this time and out at 2 p. m.; 11:30, Keizer, cooking; 1 p. m., Keizer, cooking; 2, Astoria, clothing; 2:30, Astoria, clothing; 3, Salem Heights, health; 4, Salem Heights, health; 4:30, Keizer, health.

Blue ribbon awards made by the judges yesterday included: Homemaking—Lillian—Luella Nichols, Bethel, and Myra Kaiser, Mt. Angel; cotton—Ada Marie Bewley, Salem; Roberta Butler, Livingston; Dorothea Froehlich, Bethel. Hobby—Glyde Rogers, Cleo (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2.)

Hop Market Plan Extension Passes

WASHINGTON, April 20—(AP)—Sen. McNary (R-Ore) won senate approval today of legislation extending for two years the federal marketing program for hops in Oregon, Washington and California.

The senate approved and sent to the house an amendment to the agricultural adjustment act covering the orders and marketing agreement for hops. Authority for this expired April 15 and would be extended until Sept. 1, 1940.