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Weather

Partly cloudy and warmer today with scattered light showers near mountains; fair Sunday. Max. temp. Friday, 68, min. 52. Northwest wind. Rain .91 inch. River—1 foot. Cloudy.

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Vichy Surprised Over Warning by Hull

President Will Act Monday; Work or Else, Official Says

Army or Navy Man Will Take Over California Factory Should Men Fail to Return

INGLEWOOD, Calif., June 6—(AP)—“We will not go back to work Saturday. The strike will continue,” said Bill Backman (see picture page 2), member of the CIO-UAW local negotiating committee regarding a Washington report that the government would intervene in the union's strike at North American Aviation corporation. He declined further comment. North American officials declined comment.

(By The Associated Press)

A high government official confirmed reports Friday night that the government would take over the strike-bound North American Aviation company by presidential proclamation on Monday if striking employees did not return to work today. (Saturday).

This government official, who declined to be quoted by name, said that the war and navy departments and the office of production management had insisted that some definite action be taken in the North American strike which has tied up \$196,000,000 worth of orders for American and British warplanes.

The informant said that if in the interest of production the plant had to be taken over under the president's unlimited emergency proclamation, an officer of the army or navy would be placed in charge to carry on production.

Asked how the government would get the striking North American employees back to work under government management, the official said:

“The government will request the workers to go back or else—The government has means with which to do that.”

Sidney Hillman, associate director of the office of production management, made public a resolution adopted by the labor advisory committee which asked an immediate end to these strikes: In the shipyards in the San Francisco Bay area, at the North American Aviation corporation's plant at Inglewood, Calif., and of lumbermen in the Puget Sound area of Washington.

The committee has 16 members, including representatives of the AFL, the CIO and the Railroad Brotherhoods. A majority signed the resolution, Hillman's aide said. At the capitol, meantime, Senator Byrd (D-Va) asked in a statement for “firm and decisive action” to halt strikes and again demanded removal of Secretary of Labor Perkins for “bungling and inefficiency.” Byrd suggested, too, that the president set aside the 40-hour week.

“If America is worth fighting for, it is certainly worth working more than 40 hours a week to save,” the Virginian said. “If America is worth saving, it is worth suppressing strikes in vital defense work to save.”

SEATTLE, June 6—(AP)—International Woodworkers of America headquarters, storm center of a national mediation board controversy, released Friday night the text of a commendatory telegram from Harry Bridges in which the west coast longshoremen's leader alluded to “union-smashing proposals” of the board.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 6—(AP)—The referendum against a 1941 legislative act providing free text books for all elementary schools will be dropped, Floyd D. Moore, secretary of the Association Against Public Taxes for Private Schools, said Friday night. The Oregon supreme court's substitution of a new ballot title Friday invalidated the 25,000 signatures obtained on referendum petitions and left too little time to get new signatures before the June 13 date line, Moore said.

Rep. Allan G. Carson (R-Marion) and Sen. Rex Ellis (R-Umatilla) were expected to introduce legislation to amend the act.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 6—(AP)—A peace conference, ordered by Mayor Earl Riley, in Portland's 13-day-old bakery strike continued here late Friday night.

SEATTLE, June 6—(AP)—J. F. Jurich, president International Fishermen and Allied Workers of (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Lebanon Celebrates and Eats Berries



Lebanon was jammed (no pun) Friday by a crowd of more than 15,000 persons participating in the annual Strawberry festival. They helped to eat the world's largest strawberry shortcake, sliced, as shown above, by Queen Ruth Shackman. Her four princesses, below, left, are depicted dipping strawberries from one of the four barrels provided for the festival. They are, left to right, Jean Beach, Alice Jennings, Jean Farrell and Joyce Bartels. Princess Geraldine Shafer of Halsey is pictured below, right, starting work on a chunk of the cake. Photos courtesy of The Oregon Journal.

In One Ear.. Huge Parade Features Strawberry Festival

More Than 13,000 Crowd Streets of Lebanon on Second Day of Fete; Salem Band Plays Tonight

LEBANON, June 6—Crowds, estimated at more than 13,000 persons, thronged the streets of Lebanon Friday for the annual Strawberry Festival, and witnessed the 100-entry parade which was one of the main features of the day. Awards were made as follows: First division, fraternal and civic—Brownsville Pioneer Picnic association, first; Lebanon Lions, second; Rebekah lodge, third, and Lebanon Garden club, fourth; honorable mention, Waterloo community, second division, commercial—Radio station KWIL, Albany, first; Truxal Oil company, Albany, second; Lebanon variety store, third; third division, industrial—Lebanon-Crown Willamette paper mill and Pulp and Paper Makers' union, first; Stayton chamber of commerce advertising Stayton Bean festival, second; Lebanon Auction House, third; honorable mention, Sweet Home chamber of commerce; (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Willamette U to Graduate 111 at Commencement

One hundred eleven Willamette university students today close their undergraduate careers with commencement exercises and become eligible for membership in the alumni association, which has its annual banquet and business session tonight. Annual senior class breakfast is set for 8 o'clock this morning on the campus. Annual meeting of the board of trustees is to be at 9:30 a.m. in Collins hall. Paul E. Wallace, president of the board, said the buildings and grounds committee is to report on improvements needed on the campus. Dr. J. Read Bain, Willamette class of 1916 and professor of sociology at Miami university, Ohio, gives the graduation address in the commencement exercises in the senior high school auditorium at 4 p.m. His subject is “Pillars of Cloud and Fire.” Presence of vociferous minorities proves that democracy is still at work in the United States, Chief Justice J. F. Allsble of the Idaho supreme court, declared Friday night in an address at the annual alumni banquet of the Willamette university college of law. The college's oldest classmate declared “we should have no fear that this government of ours can not stand up under criticism.” Justice Allsble went on to plead for the maintenance of educational institutions “intellectually free from governmental, state or arbitrary compulsion,” adding that they in turn must guard against “being corrupted by communism, nazism or any of the European ideologies.” The program comprises the professional, Prof. T. S. Roberts; invocation, Dr. J. C. Harrison; scripture, Rev. S. Raynor Smith; violin solo, Mrs. Mary Schultz Duncan, accompanied by Miss Clara Eness; address; announcement of seniors elected to Alpha Kappa Nu honorary, presentation of awards and announcement of senior scholars for 1941-42; singing of “Farewell Willamette” by Winston Bunnell; benediction by Rev. Dean Poindexter; bugle call; recessional. Herbert Hardy of Portland is to preside over the alumni banquet and meeting in the First Methodist church at 6:30 p.m. Graduates of '41 are to be guests. Election of new officers is scheduled. The program is: Salute to Willamette, “The Old Historic Temple”; recom-

Industry Board Is Selected

Sprague Picks 18 To Study Taxes; Attract Plants

A drive to ascertain how Oregon may obtain new industries and why several recent additions to the Pacific northwest's industrial front have been established in Washington rather than south of the Columbia was begun here Friday, with formal organization of the 18-man industrial development interim commission created by the 1941 legislature and appointed by Gov. Charles A. Sprague. “The outstanding job of this commission will be to determine why some of the large industries have located in Washington instead of Oregon,” the governor told the commission. “Oregon's industrial problem is of great concern to its people and particularly to the city of Portland which is expecting rapid expansion because of the Bonneville development.” The governor recommended that the commission make a thorough study of Oregon's tax structure, which he maintained did not compare favorably from an industrial standpoint with that of Washington. He also recommended that the commission weigh effects of the recent state tax commission ruling that property assessments in Multnomah county have not been made in compliance with state law. State Budget Director David Eccles, elected chairman of the commission, said hearings would be held throughout the state. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Board Chief



DAVID ECCLES

Wheat Price Fixed by US

Farmers to Get More for Grain; Average 98 Cents per Bushel

WASHINGTON, June 6—(AP)—Farmers who cooperate with this year's AAA wheat production control program were virtually assured about 32 cents a bushel more for their grain than a year ago by a government price-supporting loan program announced Friday. Acting under recently approved legislation designed to boost grower returns from cotton, wheat, corn, tobacco and rice, the agriculture department made public a schedule of rates at which it will make loans to producers on this year's bread grain crop. The department said the rates would average about 98 cents a bushel for wheat stored on the farm, or an average of about the same amount for wheat stored in terminal markets after transportation and handling charges had been deducted. This average was said to be 85 per cent of parity, the department's farm price goal. (The term “parity” is used by economists to describe prices which would give farm products the purchasing power they had in the period 1909-1914.) Under a similar program last year, growers received an average loan rate of 65 cents a bushel. Not all wheat produced by co. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

France in Difficult Position

Denies Nazis in Syria; to Fight For Possessions

By The Associated Press The Vichy government expressed surprise Friday night that Secretary of State Hull considered French collaboration with Germany “utterly inimical” to the rights of other powers, and apparently intended to pursue its chosen course. Gaston Henry-Hay, French ambassador to Washington said that in the French conception “the destiny of France can never be opposed to that of America.” “In a particularly difficult situation,” the French government now has a great task “to safeguard the vital interests of France,” Vichy said in inferentially rejecting Hull's warning against cooperation with the nazis. “It is surprising to see the American secretary of state describe as a policy of aggression and oppression one which is directed against nobody and harms the interest of no other power,” it was added. While the Vichy government denied German troops were entering French-mandated Syria, reports persisted that naz military and naval activity was increasing. Reuters, British news agency, said in a dispatch from Ankara, Turkey, that eight German “pocket submarines” had been seen in Beirut, Lebanon, harbor during the past week. Foreign military attaches at Ankara reported German air corps engineers are constructing a fighter plane base at Latakia, number three Syrian port only 62 miles from the British island of Cyprus. Radio reports said German pilots, technicians and officers walked about the town of Aleppo, “apparently disguised as sportsmen.” The French cabinet met in a long session with three of France's colonial commanders to discuss empire defense. “Another strong indication of where matters were heading in Vichy was furnished by a government note—issued primarily to guide the French press as to its attitude—which flatly accused the British of preparing an attack on French Syria, although saying that it was an “offensive which had not been completely approved” by the British government because it was “wondering if it has sufficient forces to carry out this aggression.” The French commander in chief of the Levant, General Henri Drotz, already has ordered his troops in Syria. “The command is clear: Defend our possessions and defend them with our own force.” He denied every British statement that Syria was being turned over to the Germans and asserted: “There are not, there never have been, German troops in Syria or Lebanon.” On the military side, the day brought these principal developments in the long drawn-out crisis in the middle east: (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Three Die in Plane Crash

Portland Youth in Naval Survivor in Naval Accident at Sea

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 6—(AP)—Three youth fliers perished and a fourth parachuted safely after two planes from the heavy cruiser Chester collided in mid-air over the ocean in the San Clemente island area. The accident occurred late Thursday during a routine flight, but because the cruiser was 80 miles from here at sea, details were not received from officers until today. The dead were: Ens. Thomas H. Pepuni, 27, San Francisco, pilot of one of the planes, apparently torpedo bombers. Paul Justice Burroughs, 29, radioman, third class, Albion Iowa. Otto Henry Wilkennig, 25, radioman first class, Nebraska (city unavailable). Jack Russell Egan, Port Orchard, Wash., and graduate of Grant high school, Portland, who bailed out after the planes came together, was seriously injured. Naval hospital attendants said his injuries included second degree burns. Details of his rescue from the sea had not been learned. The bodies of Pepuni, Burroughs and Wilkennig were brought to a San Diego mortuary.

Dutch Deny Jap Demands

BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, June 6—The government of the Dutch East Indies Friday rejected important sections in Japan's demands for a large share of the rubber, oil and ten of these islands, but there was no sign of the subsequent crisis which the Japanese had intimated would come in the event of an unfavorable answer. While the terms of the Dutch reply were not disclosed, the chief Japanese negotiator, Kenichi Yoshizawa, emerged from a 90-minute conference with Dutch negotiator H. J. Van Mook to express disappointment and to predict that it would not suit Tokyo. “It is my impression,” said Yoshizawa, “that agreement will be very difficult.” He indicated that the year-long negotiations would not be broken off summarily, although he said it was not impossible that Tokyo would recall him at once.

War News Briefs

ROME, Saturday, June 7—(AP)—Premier Benito Mussolini is expected to inform his cabinet today of the results of his talks with Adolf Hitler last Monday at Brenner pass, but no public disclosures are probable, it was said. LONDON, Saturday, June 7—(AP)—German planes raided the southwest of England Friday night and early today, losing bombs upon one town. A SOUTHEAST TOWN IN ENGLAND, Saturday, June 7—(AP)—British bombers attacked the German-occupied French coast in the region of Chateaux the bright moonlight early today and German planes at the same time tried to cross the channel in this region. Anti-aircraft fire was heard clearly from the French side.

Our Senators Rained Out

