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Weather
Partly cloudy with light showers today and Saturday. Slightly warmer. Max. temp. Thursday, 69. Min. 52. Southwest wind. Rain .13. River -1.6. Cloudy.

Lumbermen Reject Board's Proposal On Union Accord

Northwest Employers Balk On Industry-Wide Plan; Dykstra Resigns Post

By the Associated Press

The defense mediation board's efforts to iron out labor difficulties in the Puget Sound lumber industry met a new set-back Thursday. Employers rejected a proposal for industry-wide negotiations with the International Woodworkers of America (CIO).

Only last Saturday, the IWA had accepted board recommendations for a temporary settlement of a five-weeks-old strike which originally affected 22,000 workers and fifty-odd lumber camps and mills.

The board proposed industry-wide negotiations on remaining problems as an alternative to a study of the whole situation by a board appointed commission.

Employers said two-thirds of the strikers had gone back to work before the union acted and that negotiations on an industry-wide basis now would confuse both sides.

After notice of the employers' view, the mediation board telegraphed both sides that it would have to appoint a commission to make final recommendations unless agreement was reached for direct negotiations.

Mill and logging operations employing nearly 2000 men, including the Weyerhaeuser-owned White River Lumber company at Enumclaw, reopened Thursday under the board's May 23 recommendation.

The new operations now working leave only about 1500 men still out, with all plants and camps previously closed by strike now working except a small group, J. B. Fitzgerald, secretary of the employers' negotiating committee said.

O. M. Orton, president of the union, said the workers voted to return to work under the June 13 proposal of the mediation board "conditionally only upon the fact that they were guaranteed the right to bargain collectively on the four points still in dispute. . . . Employers have refused to negotiate."

He said that at operations where employers rejected the June 13 terms, workers were still on strike.

"The June 13 proposal of the board, at our insistence, provided for immediate negotiations as a condition upon which we would return to work. The employers, in rejecting it, are arbitrarily jeopardizing the future of peaceful industrial relations in the industry," he said.

What future steps the union planned, if any, were not announced.

The development dropped a major new problem into the board's lap at a time when it was losing its present chairman, Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra.

The White House announced that President Roosevelt had accepted Dykstra's resignation, effective July 1. He will return to his duties as president of the University of Wisconsin.

There was speculation that Dykstra would be succeeded by William H. Davis, the present vice-chairman.

Davis, a patent attorney, was chairman of the New York state mediation board when Mr. Roosevelt drafted him for the new federal agency established to try to avert work stoppages affecting defense production.

Another west coast development was apparent arrival of a crisis in relations between national leaders of AFL machinists and San Francisco local (Turn to Page 3, Col. 5)

Pearson Rites Slated Today

A number of state officials, including Governor Charles A. Sprague, will attend the funeral services for the late State Senator Walter E. Pearson in Portland today.

Pearson died unexpectedly in Marshfield early Wednesday while on a combined business and pleasure trip.

PORTLAND, June 19-(P)-Funeral services will be held at the Finley chapel here at 2:30 p.m., Friday for State Senator Walter E. Pearson, 66, former state treasurer.

Dr. Weldon M. Wilson will officiate and burial will be at Lincoln Memorial park.

Our Senators

WASHINGTON, June 19-(P)-Rep. Mott announced Thursday that the house roads committee had approved a house bill authorizing \$287,000,000 for defense highways. This was \$37,000,000 more than passed by the senate.

The committee-approved measure provides \$100,000,000 for a strategic network on which states will contribute 25 per cent and the federal government 75 per cent; \$150,000,000 for access highways to military establishments, wholly paid by federal funds;

Allied Troops Enter Damascus Axis Ousts American Consuls

Committees of Civic Groups Plan Air Meet

Prospects of Getting Pilot Training Unit Will Be Discussed

Active community interest in the prospect of obtaining an army pilot training unit or defense aviation facility of equal magnitude for the Salem airport was demonstrated this week by a number of civic organizations which, at the suggestion of the Salem chamber of commerce, designated committees to attend a joint meeting at the chamber next Monday noon.

It was indicated Thursday that spokesmen for the Civil Aeronautics Authority, the United Airlines which also is interested in the Salem airport development and possibly the army air corps, would be present at the meeting to explain whatever may be announced authoritatively or to offer informal advice as to the prospects of such a development at the Salem airport.

Members of the various civic organizations' committees include:

Chamber of commerce: President Floyd Miller, Chairman Ray Yocum of the industrial committee, Fred Klaus, Henry Crawford, W. L. Phillips, Frank Bennett, Don Blevins, Mrs. Ilda Bingenheimer, Ben Ramsey.

Ad club: Bert Renhard, Charles Bier, Earl Headrick, Robert Sprague, George Arbutckle.

Active club: James Nicholson, Jr., Ronald Hudkins, Roger Kelley, Joseph Felton, Garland Simpson, Robert White.

Twenty-Three club: George Herberger, Jim Stevenson, Ernest Kunney, Elmer Barkus, Cliff Overton.

Junior chamber of commerce: Floyd Emmons, Dr. Joe Burton, Roy Gray, Malcolm Mitchell, David Lowe, Jr.

Kiwanis club: Douglas McKay, Fred Lampert, W. W. Chadwick, Linn Smith, Carl Hogg, Ralph Cooley, George Schwenger, I. M. Doughton.

Zonta club: Mrs. William Stacey, Helen Yockey, Mrs. Roland K. Page, Miss Nellie Schwab, Mrs. Brownell.

Lions club: Virgil T. Golden, Ronald E. Jones, Hollis Huntington, Irving Miller, Dale Wood, (Turn to Page 3, Col. 1)

Isles Pledge US Loyalty

MANILA, June 19-(P)-Millions of Filipinos led by their president, Manuel Quezon, Thursday reaffirmed their loyalty to the United States in event of war and pledged their all, even their lives, to the defense of democracy.

Loyalty day—a new holiday for the islands—was the occasion for the island-wide expression of allegiance, and in cities and villages the the populace paraded and pledged fidelity anew.

Late Sports

RICHMOND, Va., June 19-(P)-Jimmy Webb of St. Louis knocked out Johnny Romero of Los Angeles in the third round of their scheduled 10-round co-feature of the sixth annual Richmond police boxing shows Thursday night before a crowd of about 10,000. Webb weighed 174 and Romero 173½.

NORRIS FAVORS RECESS
WASHINGTON, June 19-(P)-Senator Norris, veteran Nebraska independent, favors a congressional recess. "We stayed here last summer," he remarked, "and about all we did was make fools of ourselves."

ESCAPEE STILL ABSENT
Search for Harry Williams, 42, who escaped from a state penitentiary work gang Wednesday morning, continued Thursday, and no trace of his whereabouts had been found late in the night.

FIRST AID MEN
Aid two hurt
Ester Reidesel, 259 North 15th street, was treated Thursday night by first aid men or serious burns on her face, hands and chest, suffered when some turpentine that was heating exploded. She was taken to the Salem General hospital.

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Curtailment of Rubber Ordered by Government

Tire Manufacturers Hit Hard When US Decides to Build Stock Pile; Ickes Proposes Gasoline Ration Cards

WASHINGTON, June 19-(P)-The government Thursday ordered a curtailment in consumption of rubber in order to build up its stock pile for use in the defense program.

Officials said that a formula would be worked out under which processors would be allotted a fixed percentage of the amount of rubber they formerly had processed.

It was expected that processors would not be told which items they must cut down on, but officials acknowledged that tire manufacturing would be curtailed.

The broad outlines of the control program were given to a meeting of large and small rubber processors.

Officials of the office of production management said that under the program, consumption of rubber during the last six months of 1941 would be reduced from the current rate of \$17,000 tons annually to a rate of about 600,000 tons.

Tire manufacturing consumes about 70 per cent of the rubber used in the United States.

WASHINGTON, June 19-(P)-The possibility of gasoline ration cards for eastern motorists arose Thursday as officials considered ways of combating a threatened oil shortage in the eastern part of the country.

Interior Secretary Ickes told his press conference that a ration card system was "one of the things under consideration."

"If rigid restrictions on non-essential use of automobiles became necessary, he previously had indicated, however, that the first step would be a government appeal for voluntary conservation by motorists."

Asked how a ration system would work, Ickes, who is oil coordinator, said no details had been worked out.

Ickes previously had told an emergency conference of approximately 800 representatives of the \$12,000,000,000 oil industry that unity of effort was imperative "to defend democracy."

He said "our very national existence may be at stake" in the preparedness and aid-to-Britain drive.

Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum coordinator, added that broad readjustments may be necessary in the industry during the emergency.

The prime immediate objective of the conference was to ease, so far as possible, the (Turn to Page 3, Col. 6)

Grange Hears Power Plans

NEWPORT, Ore., June 19-(P)-A \$50,000,000 electric power transmission line program in the next year was foreseen by U. J. Gendron, assistant Bonneville administrator, speaking Thursday before the state grange convention.

After citing Aluminum Company of America and Reynolds plants as evidence of industrial growth in the northwest, Gendron said that immediate steps should be taken to construct the proposed Umatilla dam so it would be ready by 1945.

The delegates adopted a resolution approving graduated land taxes to discourage corporation farming.

Addressing the central cooperative council, Ishii said, "Japan, as a partner in the tri-partite alliance, remains dominant on the other side of the Pacific and is playing an important role as a strong deterrent to her (United States) entry into the war."

"As things stand," he asserted. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

WASHINGTON, June 19-(P)-The sales tax, cigarette tax and the proposed \$2000 property tax exemption were opposed Thursday by the Oregon Federation of Labor.

The property tax exemption would be a step toward the sales tax, which the federation has consistently opposed, several delegates said.

Establishment of unsupervised private schools to train defense workers was opposed on the ground that "such racketeers are being operated for the benefit of the private individuals rather than to assist the government in its defense program."

A resolution asked the state board of vocational education to "do all in its power to secure the establishment of proper standards for such private defense training schools, and to eliminate (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

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US Purge of Italo Consuls Seen Certain

Capital Surprised at Action of Rome; Full Break Believed Near

WASHINGTON, June 19-(P)-A purge of Italian consuls from the United States was reported virtually certain tonight to follow an axis double-play against American representatives which brought diplomatic relations even nearer a complete break.

Germany's action in ordering American consuls out of the reich and German-occupied countries was fully anticipated here when Nazi consular officials were directed last Monday to leave this country by July 10.

However, the fact that Italy also ordered American consuls to leave the territory under her control by July 15—the same deadline set by Germany—caused some surprise here.

The American expulsion order was confined to Germans and left Italians free to continue their duties here.

Informed sources said there was little doubt that the United States would now eject Italian consuls as well as German.

The axis moves led to increased conjecture in the capital on the possibility that an early severance of all relations between the United States and Germany and Italy.

There was no official indication Thursday night, however, that the American government was ready to take the initiative in a step of such far-reaching implications.

Expulsion of Italian consuls would close consulates in 49 cities in the United States and its possessions, and force the departure of about 55 consular officers.

As a result of the Berlin-Rome orders, the United States must recall at least 86 consular (Turn to Page 3, Col. 7)

Japan Stops US War Move Says Leader

TOKYO, June 19-(P)-Koh Ishii, director of official Japanese information bureau, declared Thursday night that although "it is almost certain that the United States will enter the European war on the British side," she is now strongly deterred by axis-partner Japan's dominance in the far-eastern seas.

Addressing the central cooperative council, Ishii said, "Japan, as a partner in the tri-partite alliance, remains dominant on the other side of the Pacific and is playing an important role as a strong deterrent to her (United States) entry into the war."

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LONDON, Friday, June 20-(P)-British and Free French forces were reported today to have fought their way into the suburbs of Damascus, with full occupation of the Syrian capital "expected perhaps in a matter of hours."

The Cairo correspondent of Reuters, British news agency, said the allied troops, heavily supported by British bombers and fighters, were smashing toward the heart of the ancient capital.

Military circles in Jerusalem said French artillery had shelled British forces advancing toward Damascus along the road from captured Kissoune and that snipers had fired on allied soldiers from vantage points on the slopes of Jebel Kabal.

Earlier, the French counter-offensive of the central front was reported to have been stayed and allied progress was said to have been made along the Lebanon coast toward Beirut.

Warned at last of the resolute nature of their foe by the sudden French counter-offensive between Damascus and Beirut which reached almost to the Palestine frontier, the British were reported to have done with parleys before Damascus and unleashed an attack on the Syrian capital which was converging from the east, south and west.

Apparently the French had not responded to a reported ultimatum by the British commander, Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, demanding surrender of the capital by 5:30 a.m. Thursday.

(By The Associated Press)

The Germans, carrying on a subtle fear campaign against soviet Russia that brought a real and imminent threat of new war along a thousand-mile front, turned their official diplomacy last Thursday night in quite another direction—against the United States.

In retaliation for Washington's order expelling Nazi consular officials from this country, effective July 10, and closing the German library of information and railway tourist bureau, Berlin ordered US consular—and American Express company employees to leave the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

WASHINGTON, June 19-(P)-More than 250 men and six women applied for aircraft-detective duty in England as the civilian technical corps, seeking upwards of 15,000 volunteers, swung into operation Thursday.

Cab drivers,actory workers, mechanics, radio engineers, laborers, either telephoned or called at the British consulate or applications, hoping to work with the new radiolocator which spots approaching planes.

Most of them were between 25 and 30 years old.

The Radio Corporation of America, which will test these accepted, announced the volunteers would be paid, non-combatant employees whose work would be chiefly maintenance and servicing of the equipment.

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