

FDR Moves to Halt Strikes, Threats in US

Ruling On Lumber Is Sought

Industry Seeks Oregon Survey; Aid Promised

Oregon lumbermen meeting at the capitol Wednesday believed they made worthwhile progress in their effort to obtain an easing up of federal priorities control over building construction.

They secured from James Bryant, chairman of the regional labor supply board, San Francisco, a promise to request the federal office of production management, Washington, DC, to send two representatives to Oregon to conduct a survey of the lumber industry and problems arising from imposition of defense priorities. Bryant, who attended the meeting, said he expected to receive a reply from Washington by tonight.

Gov. Charles A. Sprague advised the lumbermen that he would ask Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington to join with him in sending a request to federal officials for modification of the priorities control system.

Retention of present priorities rulings pertaining to the building industry would throw 28,500 men out of employment by March 1, 1942, it was declared at the meeting. These would include 11,000 men employed directly in the lumber and 12,500 in heavy construction operations.

Gov. Sprague declared that lumber is Oregon's outstanding industry and that freezing of essential building materials by the government already had discouraged much construction.

T. Morris Dunne, chairman of the state industrial accident commission, said the priorities system, if not modified, threatened unemployment in Oregon greater than the employment created by the expansion of the defense program.

"If we can't do something to soften the priorities control system, we face collapse," Dunne declared.

Judd Greenman, Vernonia mill operator, said that inventories made last September showed substantial stocks of hardware and other defense materials in all parts of the United States.

"I believe this crisis could have been averted had the federal officials handled the priorities situation properly," Greenman asserted. Greenman added that the lumbermen should be (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Woman Writer Seeks Divorce From Novelist

WOODSTOCK, Vt., Nov. 12—(AP)—Dorothy Thompson, columnist and commentator, Wednesday filed a suit in Windsor county court seeking a divorce from Sinclair Lewis, novelist and playwright, on grounds of "wilful desertion."

Miss Thompson asked for custody of their only child, Michael Lewis, a student in the Riverdale school on the Hudson, NY.

The Lewis' were married in London in 1928 and, in her petition, she said Lewis deserted her early in 1936. Both had been married before. She divorced Joseph Bard in Budapest in 1928, and Lewis was divorced by Grace Hegger in Reno in 1926.

Miss Thompson's legal residence is in Bernard, nine miles north of this town.

Civil Defense Week Poster



Copies of this poster in color, received this week in Marion County Civilian Defense council offices, are going out this weekend to various communities of the county as part of the council's participation in National Civilian Defense week (November 11 to 18). County Coordinator Bryan H. Conley said Wednesday night. The poster was designed by Herbert Matter for the Office of Emergency Management. A live eagle in Washington Zoological park posed for it. (H.N. photo.)

UAL Attorney Clears Details For Service

Official Confers With Mayor on Lease Terms and Scheduled Flights; Master Plans for Salem Airport Finished

United Air Lines intends to utilize the Salem airport as an alternate to the Columbia airport in Portland as well as to give the capital its first main line flight service, J. Raymond Dyer, Chicago attorney for the firm, said here Wednesday night.

The attorney's report was taken to confirm rumors that United would attempt to land Portland-bound passengers here when fog or other weather conditions forbid use of the Portland port, rather than flying them on to Seattle.

Dyer came to Salem with Allan Bynon, Portland UAL attorney, and Tom Blanchard, sales representative, to inspect the airport, look over plans for the administration building to be erected there and confer with Mayor W. W. Chadwick and City Attorney Lawrence N. Brown regarding lease terms.

Minor legal questions raised over the proposed lease were answered and the way cleared for anticipated early approval by the city council, Dyer declared. It will require the company to pay \$45 a month each for the first two flight schedules and \$25 apiece for subsequent flights. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Alfonso Singson, 34, 1024 Southwest 3rd avenue, Portland, patient at the hospital for the past six months, was arrested by sheriff's deputies who were called by a doctor at the institution.

Harold P. Angel, also a patient from Portland, whose jaw was cut in the melee, told officers he had borrowed a pocketknife to use in making sandwiches for a customary snack following the evening's motion picture program; a paring knife he had found too dull for the meat lay nearby at the hall table where he worked in the pavilion where both he and Singson were patients, he said.

Singson allegedly objected to the noise caused by Angel's calls to his friends to join him in the repeat because, he said, it interrupted his rest. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Train Crash Kills 7

MINEOLA, N.Y., Nov. 12—(AP)—Seven men were killed Wednesday when the Long Island railroad's Montauk-to-New York Cannonball express struck a truck in which they were riding at 5:18 p.m. (EST) at St. Paul's road crossing in western Mineola.

He advised the California Packing company, Portland, for which the beans are grown, to file an application for delivery of the wire from the Columbia Steel company.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12—(AP)—Senator McNary has been advised that the OPM will cooperate with him in aiding Salem bean growers to obtain 250,000 pounds of galvanized wire needed for the 1942 crop.

McNary took the matter up with the OPM after growers were unable to get the wire. C. D. Watson of the iron and steel division said the OPM would "gladly cooperate" in getting wire to the farmers.

Hop production in Oregon this

White House Parley Called in Coal Row; Solons Urge Action

President Expected to Take Measures to Halt Railroad Tieup; Some Walkouts End

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12—(AP)—President Roosevelt called a new conference on the raging coal dispute Wednesday as mounting labor troubles threatened to halt soft coal production, tie up the nation's railroads and possibly defeat the neutrality revision bill.

While a CIO boycott of the national defense mediation board dealt a crippling blow to that peace-making

agency, Mr. Roosevelt asked three CIO leaders and three major steel company executives to talk with him at the White House on Friday.

Those invited: Philip Murray, CIO president; John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers president; Thomas K. Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the UMW; Frank Purnell of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube corporation; Benjamin F. Fairless of the United States Steel corporation and Eugene G. Grace of Bethlehem Steel corporation.

Lewis made known at once that he would accept the invitation, and the others were expected to do likewise.

Involved was the UMW's demand for a union shop in captive coal mines owned by seven steel companies. A decision of the mediation board against the UMW demand led several CIO men to resign from the board.

The White House was expected to follow up its move with some step to prevent a rail tie-up. Heads of five operating brotherhoods today ordered a strike of 350,000 men to begin Dec. 7 in an (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Fingerprints To Be Taken

Marion Civil Reserves Assigned for Duty to Get "Identification"

Fingerprinting of Marion county civil reserves who have been assigned to duty is scheduled to commence next week, County Coordinator Bryan H. Conley announced Wednesday night.

Members of the Salem 20-30 club, who with similar organizations over the nation have for several years cooperated in an attempt to obtain fingerprint identifications for non-criminal citizens, have volunteered to do the work, Conley said.

First prints are to be taken of Salem volunteers at the courthouse, but other headquarters throughout the county will be announced later, he said.

One of the questions asked volunteers registering for civilian defense work deals with willingness to have fingerprints recorded with the federal bureau of investigation for identification purposes.

Crash Hurts Salem Woman

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Nov. 12—(AP)—Mrs. Olive Norwood, 76, Salem, Ore., was injured today when the car in which she was riding overturned. She is in a Twin Falls hospital. Her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Beckett, 53, and granddaughter, Miss Evelyn Beckett, 19, who were enroute with her to their home in Colorado Springs, were uninjured.

Smith was traced by his automobile license after Marie Russell, 17, Klamath Falls, was found unconscious beside a highway near here Oct. 25. She died without regaining consciousness.

Kurusu at Honolulu

HONOLULU, Nov. 12—(AP)—Saburo Kurusu, Japanese ace diplomat chosen to attempt to break the impasse in Japanese-American relations at Washington, arrived here Wednesday at 4:44 p.m. (7:14 p.m. PST) on the China clipper from Midway Island.

Um-m, SOME Mums, In Bloom



John "Jack" Barker, landscape superintendent at the Oregon state hospital, surveys some of the chrysanthemums now in bloom at the "mum" greenhouse on the hospital grounds. The 200-foot-long glass house encloses some 3600 chrysanthemum plants set out last June, and the flowers will be in bloom until January. The extensive landscaping at the hospital is done by five inmates, supervised by Barker, and the many varieties of flowers are used exclusively in institutional wards. Kennell-Ellis photo.

House Battle Seen On Neutrality Bill

Administration Leaders Worried Over Possible Loss of Supporters; Claim Enough Votes for Passage Today

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12—(AP)—Administration leaders fought with their backs to the wall Wednesday to save neutrality act amendments permitting American ships to enter belligerent ports from rejection by the house of representatives.

Worried by defection among some southern democrats who previously had supported the administration's foreign policy, they spent the day solicitously talking to uncommitted members and conferring in the office of Speaker Rayburn.

Rayburn went to the White House at dusk, spent an hour with the president discussing the neutrality issue and said he left that "everything is fine," that the amendments would pass.

Informed of reports of more defections in the house, Rayburn replied: "I think we are in better shape tonight than we were this morning."

The vote, meanwhile, was scheduled for mid or late afternoon Thursday upon the conclusion of eight hours debate. The legislation presents amendments to the neutrality law containing two issues: (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Firemen Plan Toys Repair Tenth Year

For the tenth year, Salem firemen are ready to repair toys for Christmas distribution to needy children.

Paint brushes, soldering irons and other tools will be utilized to give used playthings new faces, wheels and hair. Persons having toys may leave them at any of the four department stations or call 5445.

German Truck Column Is Target of Bombs



Smoke rises from a Russian bombing attack on a German supply column near Moscow, according to Berlin sources. This photo was sent via radio from Berlin to New York, wired to Chicago and airmailed to The Statesman.

Reds Tell Of Violent Struggles

Germans Claim Spearhead Near Kerch Strait

By The Associated Press

The Germans claimed Wednesday night that their Crimean spearhead had broken through to the shores of the Kerch strait within sight of the Caucasus, but along the central front their cold and weary armies apparently were struggling bitterly for no better than a draw above and below Moscow.

Of this latter theatre Berlin was all but silent, save for the single claim that a soviet cavalry division had been smashed about 100 miles south of Moscow around Tula.

Official soviet accounts, however, reported continued violent action on the extreme right and left flanks.

At Tula the Russians asserted that the invaders had in fact been driven back for five miles and

LONDON, Nov. 12—(AP)—The British ministry of information said late Wednesday night it had received no word of an overdue plane from Russia carrying US Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt; Maxim Litvinoff, Russian ambassador designate to the US, and Sir Walter Monckton, head of British information services at Cairo.

Officials said, however, that there was no special anxiety about the plane, which failed to arrive at Teheran, Iran. They assumed the plane had made an unscheduled stop because of bad weather.

even then were able to restore a line only with great difficulty. At Kalinin, 95 miles above Moscow, soviet sources reported that the Germans were attacking with "unabating strength" on (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Vichy Army Chief Dies In Crash

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Nov. 12—(AP)—General Charles Huntziger, French minister of war and commander-in-chief of the French army, was burned to death with seven other persons Wednesday in the crash of the plane in which he was returning from a three weeks' tour of North Africa.

An official announcement shortly after 11 p.m. said that Huntziger's death had been confirmed.

The 4-motored plane, Huntziger's personal machine bearing his device and motto, "Plus est en nous" (We are capable of more), crashed against a mountain side 15 miles from the town of Le Vigan, in the desolate country east of the Tarn river in southern France. The wreckage was found early Wednesday night.

Coast Hop Harvest 40 Million Pounds

Total 1941 hop production for the three Pacific coast states has been set at 40,461,023 pounds, 39,977 pounds less than the salable quantity, C. W. Paulus, Salem, secretary of the growers' allocation committee, announced Wednesday.

Functioning under the federal hop marketing agreement, the committee, in session at the Marion hotel, determined the

1941 crop acreage as follows: Oregon, 20,374; California, 7,062; and Washington, 7,229, a total of 35,265 acres.

The quantity of hops actually harvested and baled by growers in the three states this year amounts to 39,754,843 pounds, Paulus said. Hops produced and left unharvested on the growing vines was estimated at 706,180 pounds.

Hop production in Oregon this

year amounts to 16,930,007 pounds, of which 16,724,692 pounds were harvested and baled. In California the amount was quoted at 10,215,292 pounds, of which 10,105,628 pounds were harvested.

Total hop production in Washington for the year is quoted at 13,315,724 pounds, of which 12,824,523 pounds were harvested. In September the secretary of agriculture fixed the salable quan-

ty which may be sold in interstate or foreign commerce at 40,500,000 pounds.

Members of the growers' allocation committee are Dean Walker, Independence; William Krebs, Jefferson; H. A. Cornoyer, Salem; W. H. Anderson, Eugene; J. R. Rutherford, W. H. Hill, Amos Brulotte and L. E. Kreider, Yakima; K. H. Peterson, Santa Rosa, Calif., and P. M. Rooney, Sacramento.