

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 18. — One hundred years ago the slogan "34-40 or fight." Today in Detroit the CIO slogan is "52-40 or fight." The demand of the auto workers union is 52 hours pay for 40 hours work. This means a 30 per cent increase over the present wage scale, which is 25 per cent above the pre-war scale. It looks very much as though the motor companies would give the unions the "fight" alternative instead of the 52-40.

Between reconversion and labor troubles which already have forced closing down of Ford and Hudson car production, Detroit suffers a chill. Every thing was getting set for a rapid swing back into production of passenger cars. The labor uncertainties dampen the enthusiasm over these postwar plans.

The claim of R. J. Thomas, president of UAW-CIO is that President Roosevelt promised him the workers would suffer no reduction in this wartime pay. They were working 48 hours a week at time-and-a-half for the eight hours over 40 made the equivalent of 52 hours pay. Now the companies plan to operate on a 40 hour week, hence the demand for the wage increase to maintain the war-time take home pay.

Union strategy was to concentrate on General Motors, on the old rule of "divide and conquer." However, an unauthorized strike at the Kelsey-Hayes plant which supplies wheels for Ford and others forced suspension of production (Continued on editorial page)

### Congress Asks Voice in Fixing A-Bomb Policy

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (AP)—The senate foreign relations committee will rush to the floor next week legislation designed to give congress a voice in fixing atomic bomb policies.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) said today he may call the committee Monday afternoon or Tuesday to act on a bill by Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich).

The Vandenberg measure, already given a nod of approval by President Truman, would set up a joint senate-house committee with exclusive jurisdiction over all measures dealing with the development, control and future use of nuclear energy.

The biggest problem facing this proposed group is: Shall the United States, Great Britain and Canada share with Russia and other United Nations the secret of the atomic bomb.

President Truman discussed this matter at length with his cabinet yesterday. Interested persons said no decision was reached.

### Halifax Says England Stable

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (AP)—Britain ambassador Halifax, carrying Britain's case for financial aid direct to the American people, said tonight that "rash experiments need not be expected of the new labor government in London."

Halifax contended in a CBS broadcast program that "in England we have strong tradition of continuity, and after all, many of the leading men in the labor party were in the war cabinet with Mr. Churchill, so that the policy of the old government was theirs as well as his."

### Animal Crackers



It started as a simple conversation with smoke signals and turned into this argument!

# 235,000 WORKERS IDLE IN U. S.



Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach (right) gestures a point to listening Phil Murray (left), CIO head, in a discussion of the Neg. 5 labor-management conference to be held in Washington. The two met in Schwellenbach's office in Washington. (AP Wire-photo)

## CIO Asks Strike Vote in General Motors Plants

More than 235,000 workers over the nation were idle yesterday as the CIO-United Automobile workers petitioned the national labor relations board for a strike vote in all General Motors corporation plants represented by the union.

More than 90,000 workers in Detroit, mainly in the automobile industry, still were idle at the end of a week of labor troubles and the city was threatened with a complete shutdown of transportation by a spreading strike of CIO oil workers.

The strike of the CIO-International Oil Workers union, affecting more than 21,000 workers in six states, left the south and mid-west facing a serious gasoline shortage.

Walter P. Reuther, UAW-CIO vice president, announced the union's intention to take a strike vote in all General Motors plants throughout the country. He said the principal issue involved was the union's demand for a 30 per cent wage increase.

The oil workers also are demanding a 30 per cent increase.

## Half Portland Mills Affected

PORTLAND, Sept. 22 (AP)—About half of Portland's sawmills, most of them smaller operations, will be affected by the AFL lumber and sawmill workers strike threatened beginning Monday.

Closing down will be Jones company, Portland Lumber Mill, Southeast Portland Lumber company, Kingsley Lumber company, M. & M. Plylock corporation and a number of smaller plants.

Major CIO operations here are Eastern and Western Lumber company, Inman Poulsen company, Clark and Wilson company and West Oregon company.

## Toledo Back on Gas Rationing

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 22 (AP)—Motorists never accustomed to saying "Fill 'er up," were back on short gasoline rations in some mid-western cities tonight.

And in other communities anxious motor car owners were rushing the filling station pumps in fear that a strike of CIO oil workers would dry them up.

As gasoline supplies dwindled here, an emergency rationing program was established by city officials, the oil industry and union representatives.

## Harry Truman Comes Out 2nd Best at Horseshoe Pitching

By Ernest B. Vaccaro ANNAPOLIS, Md., Sept. 22 (AP)—Bigwig democrats watched South-paw Harry Truman come out second best today pitching horseshoes at an old-fashioned party get together on an island in Chesapeake bay.

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## Lumber Strike Poised

### Japan Finance Inquiry Due; U. S. Demands Nip Arrests

TOKYO, Sept. 22 — General MacArthur demanded today the unlocking of Japan's long secret financial setup, including the emperor's fortune — and the government in Washington made it clear there soon will be more big developments to render Nippon incapable of ever again waging war.

As the supreme commander for allied powers issued a far-sweeping order, considered a prelude to inquiry into the wealth of munitions makers and merchant princes, a broad outline released in Washington of future actions called for:

- 1. Wholesale arrests of top Japanese who master-minded Nippon's war effort — arrests based on a new war criminal list headquarters already has disclosed is forthcoming.
- 2. Dissolution of the great family monopolies.
- 3. Destruction or removal of all industries with a war-making potential.

The MacArthur order for a financial accounting by Japan was wide in scope.

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It was intended to give the allies precise information and a tight hold over financial agencies and the methods which enabled an essentially poor country...

M.Sgt. Jacob Deshazer continues his story of imprisonment in a Japanese torture camp of the DOO-LITTLE FLYERS on page 11 of today's Oregon Statesman.

try like Japan to underwrite eight years of war.

The order was just another crack from the occupational whip in an action-packed day which saw these other developments:

- 1. MacArthur ordered the arrest of Gen. Nobuyuke Abe, lately deposed governor of Korea and former premier who was closely aligned with the military and the conquests in China.
- 2. He told the Japanese naval police force, which had hoped to keep 11,269 men under arms, to demobilize before Oct. 31.

## Japan Finance Inquiry Due; U. S. Demands Nip Arrests

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (AP) Wholesale arrest of the big shots who master minded Japan's whole war effort has been ordered by the United States government.

The government has directed that if democratically minded Japanese start armed revolt against their overlords, General Douglas MacArthur's occupation forces are not to interfere — except to protect themselves and serve other occupation aims, according to a White House release of a four-weeks-old statement of Japanese occupation policy formulated by the state, war and navy departments, approved by President Truman before the formal surrender of Nippon.

The declaration reveals for the first time that the United States is supreme in directing Japanese occupation policy. On that question the declaration says this: "In the event of any differences of opinion among the allies, the policies of the United States will govern."

## Walk-Out Slated At Midnight

Union Estimates 85% Northwest Mills to be Closed

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 22 (AP)—The northwest, its peacetime lumber production just getting underway, waited today for strikes which may be the most widespread in this region's lumber history.

Sixty thousand AFL lumber and sawmill workers will walk out of 494 operations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana at 12:01 a.m. Monday, in demand of an industry-wide hourly minimum of \$1.10.

Kenneth M. Davis, executive secretary of the AFL northwestern council, said all but 15 per cent of affected operations would be completely halted Monday, and the rest would be down within a week.

Still another strike — which, if called, would mean the closure of virtually every northwest logging camp and sawmill — is in prospect. The negotiating committee of the CIO International Woodworkers of America, whose members have authorized the union to call a strike if necessary to enforce wage demands, will convene here Wednesday to decide upon action.

Lumber operators, who declared the strike would bottleneck delivery of six billion board feet of lumber due to reach farm and home builders during the year's last quarter, said they would make no attempt to run the mills with non-union employees.

REBUTES STATEMENT SEATTLE, Sept. 22 (AP)—J. B. Fitzgerald, secretary — manager of the lumbermen's industrial relations committee, said today that operators never had refused to discuss wage demands with representatives of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers union as claimed by the union in a statement yesterday.

## Balkan Issue Stumps Big 5

LONDON, Sept. 22 (AP)—The troublesome Balkans appeared tonight to have mugged the Big Five council of foreign ministers in a serious conflict, and differences on another issue — control of Europe's waterways — cropped up between the U.S. and Russia.

The Balkan question, hinging presently on the Hungarian peace treaty, was sidetracked temporarily when the ministers abandoned the subject at an informal session which closed the 11th day of deliberation — without complete accord on a single big issue.

## 65 Jobless Claims Recorded in Salem

Sixty-five of the 4490 claims filed last month with the state unemployment compensation commission were filed in Salem; three were filed in Albany; five in Corvallis; two in Lebanon; 17 in McMinnville. The figures were released Saturday by the commission's offices here.

Two hundred ninety-nine of the claims were filed in other states but originated at Oregon places of employment.

Employment offices in Oregon have approximately 15,000 job openings listed, but half of these are for unskilled labor with pay in proportion, the commission's bulletin indicates.

### Football Scores

HIGH SCHOOL (Friday) Springfield 7, Bend 6. Beaverton 20, Oregon City 7. Medford 28, Albany 0. Eugene 26, University (Eugene) 9. Grand-Portland 20, Klamath Falls 7. Hood River 7, Park Rose 6. Silverton 13, Sweet Home 0. Reedsport 16, Myrtle Point 4.

COLLEGE St. Mary's 20, California 13. Villanova 19, Bucknell 7. Cornell 26, Syracuse 14. Georgia 49, Murray Teachers 0. Duke 60, South Carolina 0. Texas 15, Bergstrom Field 7. Arkansas 12, Barksdale Field 6. Texas A. & M. 34, Ellington Field 0. Oklahoma 21, Hondo Air Field 6. Illinois 23, Pittsburgh 6. Indiana 13, Michigan 7. Minnesota 34, Missouri 0. Northwestern 18, Iowa State 6. Purdue 14, Marquette 13. Wisconsin 6, Great Lakes 0 (tie). Virginia 20, Coast Guard 0. Clemson 76, Presbyterian 0. North Carolina 6, Camp Lee 0. Fort Warren 6, Colorado 6.

### Sheriff Defends Snell Sending Police to Strike

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Sept. 22 (AP)—Sheriff Lloyd L. Low today defended Governor Snell for ordering state police to a picketed Klamath Falls road and said the CIO's criticism of the action was "unjust."

An appeal for troops was sent to the governor "as a last resort" because AFL machinists warned they might have to carry firearms if protection were not provided, Low said. The AFL men wanted to pass CIO picket lines at the strikebound Weyerhaeuser Timber company plant and return to work.

"Persons who intend to obey the law can have no objection to the presence of law enforcement officers," declared the Klamath county sheriff.

### Schwellenbach Soothes WLB

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (AP)—Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach tonight made peace with members of the war labor board, assuring them he would not attempt to control board policies.

After a meeting with the board, Schwellenbach issued a statement saying the members will stay on the job to carry out "the orderly termination of the board's work."

Members were restive after President Truman's executive order Tuesday transferring WLB bodily into the labor department. Chairman George W. Taylor already has resigned, effective Oct. 15, saying his assignment incident to the war was completed.

### Nimitz Due to Return Soon

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (AP)—Pacific Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, due back in this country soon, is on his first visit since the end of the war, will go back to his native Texas before returning overseas.

The navy department announced today the commander in chief of the Pacific fleet and Pacific ocean areas would be in Dallas on Oct. 12. It was not known how long he would remain in Texas nor whether he would go elsewhere in the state. A celebration for him is planned here during the first week of October.

### Navy Reports Salem High Graduate Killed

LONG BEACH, Calif., Sept. 22 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Ramseyer of 3516 E. 3rd st., (box 1006), Long Beach, were informed by the navy department this week that their son, Raymond C. Ramseyer, RT 2/c, was killed in the sinking of the USS Indianapolis last July 30. He previously was reported missing.

### Group Aims To Build West Industrially

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22 (AP)—Representatives of the far western states today agreed on a joint course of action which they said was aimed at the decentralization of the nation's industry so that the west will continue the development of wartime years.

Members of the commissions on interstate cooperation represented California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and New Mexico.

Attorney General Robert W. Kenny of California conducted the round-table discussion of postwar problems which ended tonight.

The group adopted a series of resolutions, including endorsement of a northern Pacific all-American air route to the orient in place of the CAA endorsed route over Canada and via Alaska, which by-passes the northwest.

### Senator Asks 50% Tax Slice

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22 (AP)—A 50 per cent cut in federal taxes on personal incomes, from the lowest to the highest bracket, was advocated tonight by Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee.

"While the full amount of this reduction should not be made in 1946," he said in a broadcast (AB) program, "we should start making it next year."

"The government ought never to take more than 50 cents out of any dollar earned by the taxpayer," he added.

### Negotiations Opened To End Klamath Strike

PORTLAND, Sept. 22 (AP)—A labor-management meeting to discuss the CIO strike which has tied up Klamath county lumber operations since early August was under way here today.

### U. S. Sailors Invade Shanghai, Pay Top Prices for Lingerie

SHANGHAI, Sept. 22 (AP)—American sailors, their pocket-books thick with puppet currency, are swarming through Shanghai's lace and silk shops eagerly buying dainty underthings for wives and sweethearts back home.

A few hours after the U. S. Seventh fleet arrived, sailors in starched white uniforms exchanged their United States dollars for stacks of Chinese occupation notes, and dashed straightway for places to spend them.

It was the first visit to Shanghai by a large force of U. S. warships in eight years. The sailors made it a noteworthy event.

Silk stockings and filmy black lace panties and such were the first things the sailors sought to buy, storekeepers reported. Next in popularity were silk hand-embroidered slips, nightgowns, bed-jackets, Chinese pajamas and slippers, extremely rare in the United States during the war.

Storekeepers for the most part had kept these articles hidden from the Japanese during the occupation. With an influx of the Americans, prices have rocketed as much as 10 times what they were during the occupation. Shanghai citizens, while overjoyed to see the Yanks, don't like the sudden inflation in prices.

Even rickshaw drivers are becoming wealthy overnight off Americans who, unfamiliar with money values, are tossing notes around in a careless manner during their stay in the first real city many of them have seen in several years.

### Germans to Lose Beloved Uniforms

FRANKFURT, Germany, Sept. 22 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower has forbidden the wearing of clothing resembling German or Nazi uniforms after December 1 in the American zone of occupation, the military government of U.S. headquarters said today.

### Hirohito Abdication Rumor Denied by Jap Vice-Premier

TOKYO, Sept. 22 (AP)—Vice premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye declared today that Emperor Hirohito was the major factor behind Japan together, with the host nation facing mass unemployment and starvation this winter.

### 'Short-Form' Tax Statement To be Out Soon

The state tax commission "will immediately take steps to make available for use in reporting 1945 incomes the 'simplified tax form required' by the 'short-form' income tax amendment to chapter 411, Oregon laws.

In a resolution issued Saturday, the commission made this promise, answering numerous persons who have requested its advice as to whether or not the simplified form would be available.

The question arose because of doubts previously expressed by representatives of the commission as to validity of the amendment since it allegedly was not engrossed and signed exactly as adopted by the legislature. Upon advice of the attorney general to the effect that the chapter is presumed to be valid law until repealed by the legislature or declared invalid by the courts, the commission had decided to proceed with the administration of it, the resolution declares.

### METER MEETING CALLED

A public hearing on the question of installation of parking meters along downtown Salem streets has been called for 7:30 p.m. next Thursday by the city council's committee on police, traffic regulations and licenses. The hearing will be held in the council chambers.

### Weather

Table with weather forecasts for San Francisco, Eugene, Salem, Portland, and Seattle.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today with light rain by evening. Max. temperature near 64.