

# CIO DEBATING LUMBER STRIKE

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Historians tell of the leaving effect of the Crusades of the 12th and 13th centuries. The return of the crusades and the accompanying pilgrims from the regions of the eastern Mediterranean stirred the whole life of western and northern Europe. Few of them got to Jerusalem, but many came in contact with the older and richer culture of Greece, of the old Byzantine region, and on their return they brought new ideas which later flowered in the movement we call the renaissance.

One cannot take a trip across the country, as I have, with pauses in a few of the centers of population, without seeing that this war is bringing change in America. That seems inevitable. For one thing there has been a scrambling of peoples. Men and women in military service have been poured into the great melting pot of the army and navy. There have been thousands of regional intermarriages. War workers have been recruited from countryside and shipped to distant parts of the country. Add to this the experience of the millions who have been overseas in nearly all countries and all climates, and no one can be surprised if the great mixtures of peoples and customs and ideas does not bring change and ferment to the American scene.

One thing I believe the war has done and that has been to accelerate the urbanization of the American people. The small towns along the railroads and highways have grown drabber with the years. The cities

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## Congressional Committee to Visit Hawaii

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25-(AP)—Like a coroner's jury, the congressional committee investigating Pearl Harbor is going to begin by taking a look at the scene of the crime.

The 10-member senate-house group decided at its second meeting today to visit the Hawaiian naval base as soon as it has completed reviewing the reports made on earlier inquiries into the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack.

Chairman Barkley (D-Ky) said the trip would:

1. Give the members a clear conception of the installations, surrounding terrain and the defense establishments.

2. Afford opportunity for questioning of witnesses who only with difficulty could come to Washington for hearings.

## Hofstetter Fined On Noise Ordinance

Hans Hofstetter, proprietor of Curley's dairy, was fined \$15 Tuesday afternoon by City Judge Alfred Mundt, after he was found guilty of violating a city ordinance regarding loud noises in the city limits.

The complaint, filed by Dayle Jory, stated that Hofstetter quartered horses in a barn at 680 Norway and that the noise from the animals disturbed the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

## Sublimity Man Docks

PORTLAND, Sept. 25-(AP)—Sgt. Walter Freidenstein, Sublimity, was among northwest soldiers on a troopship which docked at Portland Tuesday night. The men will leave in a few days for separation centers to receive their final discharges.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"His mother was frightened by a bolt of lightning."

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## MacArthur Sees 'Many Years' Of Occupation Ahead for Japan

### Nippon to Swap Silk For Food

### Ban Placed on Japan Moving Picture Industry

TOKYO, Sept. 25-(AP)—General MacArthur declared today Japan might be occupied "many years" although the conquering force would be small "under favorable conditions" — presumably if the fallen empire behaves.

His denial of reports that occupation might end in six months came as Japan embarked on an economic transition that will erode her, at least for the present, as the world's greatest silk producer.

Faced by the stark prospect of mass starvation this winter, the Japanese ministry of agriculture announced that all but 75,000 of the 1,225,000 acres of mulberry trees that fed the silk worms would be plowed up for food crops.

The Nippon Times reported MacArthur had moved in on Japan's moving picture industry with an order banning films of a militaristic or ultra-nationalistic character.

### Caspar-Cutler Company Sold

Electro-Watt, Inc. of Seattle, has purchased the Caspar-Cutler furnace manufacturing company of Salem and has already taken possession of the firm, it was announced Tuesday.

J. D. Hamel, general manager of the Salem firm since last June, will remain in that capacity and no other changes in personnel are contemplated, he said. Approximately 34 men are now employed in the construction program. The change of ownership will mean also that the firm will manufacture oil burners.

### Federal Credit Controls to Go

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25-(AP)—The government cleared away today its financial hurdles for obtaining new coats of paint, furnace repairs, insulation and general house renovation.

It lifted, as of Oct. 15, all federal credit controls for such home repair and improvements.

It took another step in the same direction by extending from 12 to 18 months the time in which borrowers must repay "non-purpose" loans—for those services or for general purchases not on the government's restricted list of 40 items.

### Ohata Mayor's Constituents Resent His Losing Their War

By Duane Hennessy  
OHATA, Japan, Wednesday, Sept. 26-(AP)—The mayor of Ohata, an elderly gent who wears an olive drab suit that ends in plus fours and wrapped black leggings, is bowing out of a job because Japan lost the war.

Hizzoner, a newspaperman named Zenjisachi Sasazawa, announced today that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself in this fishing town's election next month.

With a tweek of his greying mustache Sasazawa nervously puts it this way: "A certain feeling that has grown among the people does not make for my peace of mind in office."

These are simple folk in tattered clothing—fishermen—who exist in such appalling poverty an Ameri-

### Board Gives 'Green Light' to \$10 Million State Building Plan

The state emergency board authorized the state board of control to go ahead with plans for its \$10,000,000 building program, although the board of control said it might be some time before the buildings are constructed due to shortages of labor and materials.

Gov. Earl Snell, board of control chairman, said that some of the buildings won't be built soon because they won't be needed as badly as others. We want to time the program so it will relieve unemployment, and so that we could take advantage of lower building costs. It is, however, timely to proceed with the plans.

Of the \$6,000,000 voted by the people last June, the board of control has plans to spend \$5,399,400 for buildings at state institutions. In addition to this, the legislature appropriated \$2,915,000 for new institution buildings, while the board will build a \$1,500,000 state office building in Salem to be financed by rentals of state departments using the building.

The board of control, however, will transfer \$1,116,500 from the \$6,000,000 voted by the people to add to buildings already provided by the legislature. This additional amount was made necessary by increased construction costs.

Oregon state hospital, the state penitentiary, Fairview home, the state tuberculosis hospital, Hillcrest school, the state training school at Woodburn, state school for the deaf, state school for the blind and eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton, are the institutions which will share in the building funds under the combined program.

(Details of building plans for those institutions on page 4.)

### Big 5 Talks of Japan Meeting

LONDON, Sept. 25-(AP)—Tentative plans for a December meeting of an allied control commission for Japan have been presented to the Big Five council of foreign ministers, it was learned authoritatively tonight. The meeting would be in Washington.

The proposal, originally put forward by the British, has been neither accepted nor rejected by the United States, reliable informants said.

While the subject is not being discussed at formal sessions, it forms an important background for the talks.

### People's Court Set Up in Philippines

MANILA, Sept. 25-(AP)—President Sergio Osmena, signed into law today an act of the Philippine legislature setting up a people's court to try Filipinos, including two of his own sons, charged with collaborating with the Japanese.

Osmena declared the bill guaranteed "a fair and impartial hearing."

### South Oppose Wage Increase

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25-(AP)—Southern opposition to boosting the minimum wage cropped up today after a senate committee heard Secretary of Labor Schweitzer endorse a proposed rise to 65 cents an hour.

In a session which found senators questioning each other more often than they did the witness, Senator Ellender (D-La) repeatedly argued that a wage increase would inevitably lead to increased living costs.

He contended, too, that a rise in prices would restrict exports and hamper economic expansion.

### McMinnville Turkey Growers Plan Exhibit

McMINNVILLE, Sept. 25-(AP)—Turkey growers in this area and the chamber of commerce agricultural committee are conferring on plans for a fifth annual Pacific coast turkey exhibit here this fall.

Oakland growers refused a state department of agriculture suggestion to combine the McMinnville and Oakland shows into one at Salem. The Oakland men plan an exhibit late this fall in Roseburg.

### Gas Line Back Again in Detroit



Motorists line a street to buy gasoline at this track-side filling station in Detroit. Such stations are not affected by the strike of tank-wagon drivers and have been doing a rushing business as nearly all other stations, supplied by truck, are closed. (AP Wirephoto)

### Conference Opens to End Detroit Strikes

DETROIT, Sept. 25-(AP)—The United Automobile Workers (UAW) and Chrysler corporation maintained strict secrecy tonight on any progress made at the opening session of a conference on the union's demand for 30 per cent wage increase.

Negotiations will be resumed tomorrow.

### Carrier Task Force on Way

PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 25-(AP)—Units of a 48-ship carrier task force, carrying 20,000 war veterans eligible for discharge, steamed past Diamond Head today enroute to the Atlantic coast.

Hundreds of persons viewed the majestic procession from rooftops of downtown buildings and from the waterfront.

Ten thousand marines and sailors were destined for separation centers, and about the same number of high point crewmen also were eligible to leave the service.

### Reds Institute Demobilization

LONDON, Sept. 25-(AP)—The president of the supreme soviet today ordered demobilization of all enlisted personnel in the ten elder classes except those serving in the far east, Moscow radio reported.

Others released, the broadcast said, include former students in higher schools, former teachers, persons who have completed technical or agricultural education, those with two or more wounds, those serving since and before 1938, and all women privates and sergeants except those who volunteered to remain in the Red army.

### Roger Le Clerc Killed in Action

Pvt. Roger A. Le Clerc, 19, son of J. E. Le Clerc, route 6, box 120, Salem, was killed in action in Italy, October 14, 1944, the father has been informed. Young Le Clerc was previously listed as missing in action on that date. He was with the 135th infantry and was stationed near the Po river sector. He was graduated from Salem high school in 1943 and was inducted into the army Feb. 3, 1944.

### Weather

S Eugene	65	60	62
S Salem	65	60	62
P Portland	61	55	58
S Seattle	61	55	58
W Willamette river	5 ft.		

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today with maximum temperature near 65 degrees.

## Walk-Out by IWA Would Complete 100% Mill Tie-Up

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 25-(AP)—The CIO was reported today to be considering the possibility of another lumber strike which would halt every logging camp and sawmill in the northwest. The CIO negotiating committee meets here tomorrow to decide whether to strike in demand of a \$1.15 hourly minimum.

The AFL, whose strike policy committee convenes here Thursday, reported no indication of operators accepting the industry-wide \$1.10 hourly minimum, the demand that has 60,000 northwest lumber workers out on strike.

The AFL workers were notified today that the AFL sailors union of the Pacific would sail no ships with strike-bound lumber.

A telegram from Harry Lundberg, secretary-treasurer of the sailors union at San Francisco, advised that "no members of our organization will sail ships into sawmills or docks where a bonafide AFL picket line is established."

Kenneth M. Davis, executive secretary of the AFL northwest council of lumber and sawmill workers, said the action would halt a large share of lumber movement.

David Beck, Seattle AFL teamster boss, reiterated his statement

If the lumber stoppage continues due to the strikes of lumber and sawmill workers, Salem will have a serious shortage of fuel wood and sawdust this winter. This was the opinion of several fuel dealers Tuesday night.

One dealer said that he had no wood for delivery since last month, with no hope of replacing their stock until the strike abates.

that Washington teamsters would haul retail yard lumber.

His statement came shortly after John M. Christenson, president of the AFL northwest council of lumber and sawmill workers, outlawed such action as a violation of picket lines.

The Seattle teamsters, however, had difficulty following Beck's ruling — the strike-closed yards had no one to load for them.

### Wage Dispute Hearings to Start Thursday

PORTLAND, Sept. 25-(AP)—A two-day series of hearings on wage dispute cases will begin here Thursday by the full membership of the 12th regional war labor board, officials said today.

Union-management arguments will be heard in cases of the Vancouver, Wash., bus company and the Chase Bag company, Portland. The board will act on four other disputes and on five wage stabilization cases, it announced.

Oregon firms involved in the dispute cases: Tillamook County Creamery association; Pacific Fruit and Produce company, Oregon and southern Washington branches; Cherry City, Smith and Benson bakeries, all of Salem, Steckmest company, Inc. and Portland Glove company, Portland, and the Waterville (Ore.) Implement and Hardware company are among the firms involved in wage stabilization cases.

FATTERSON CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25-(AP)—The senate today confirmed the appointment of Robert F. Patterson of New York, as secretary of war. Action was by voice vote.

### Four Willamette Men Liberated

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24-(Special)—Among the liberated prisoners of war announced today by the war department were four from the Willamette valley area:

Pvt. Melvin C. Bony, son of Mr. Eva Bony, Newberg.  
Capt. Theodore H. Demezas, son of John D. Demezas of 508 Church, Silverton.

Pvt. Marvin S. Pennington, jr., son of Mrs. Stella Pennington, Dayton.

Capt. Charles P. Samson, son of Mrs. George R. Samson, 2645 Arnold way, Corvallis.

### CIO CERTIFIED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25-(AP)—The national labor relations board today certified the CIO International Woodworkers of America as collective bargaining unit for logging truck drivers working for Wayne Hale, McKenzie Bridge, Ore.

### FOW TO PICK PEARS

MEDFORD, Sept. 25-(AP)—The war department has granted an extension until Oct. 1 for 308 German war prisoners working in this area's pear harvest. The Fruit Growers league said today.