

2-WEEK TRUCE HALTS COAL STRIKE

Separate Peace Sought by Salem Bus Drivers

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Strayer

The fission of the atom sets up what is called chain reaction. Flying neutrons knock out neutrons from other atoms and these, on the loose, repeat the process. The comparison fits in the current labor disturbances. One strike sets off another strike, and this another. So we have "chain reaction" in industrial relations. The hope that we might have one "binge" of strikes and then the world would become calm and peaceful is glimmering as threat of a railroad strike piles on top of a paralyzing coal strike. Come next fall and the automobile workers' contracts expire and Walter Reuther will be back as he has promised to make another collection in bargaining, the previous settlement being hailed only as a "down payment." Will that touch off a fresh series of strikes? What the country is involved in besides the usual haggling and disputing between labor and management is labor politics. There is keen rivalry among labor organizations as to which will bring home the biggest wage increases. There is rivalry within some unions, like the UAW, as ambitious leaders seek to out-trench themselves by making the biggest showing in industrial bargaining. Employers and the public are thus the victims as contentious organizations and leaders seek to make

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New Truce in Central China

NANKING, May 10 (AP)—A new truce in central China was announced today, paving the way for further efforts to settle the Manchurian conflict, where the communist government has admitted outnumber government troops two to one. The new cease-fire agreement was announced by US Brig. Gen. H. A. Byroade, communist Gen. Chou En-Lai, and government Gen. Hsu Yun-chang, who went to the scene north of Hankow Sunday. It provides for all fighting to cease, exchange of prisoners, halting all troop movements and fortification building, exchange of liaison officers, evacuation of 1000 communist wounded and sick, and protection for demobilized communists en route home.

Portland School Attendance Shows Marked Increase

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10 (AP)—School attendance was higher than usual today as two days of student demonstrations protesting expected budget cuts ended. School Supt. Willard B. Spalding said students not in class today faced suspension, and principals reported fewer absences than in months. Downtown parades, shouts against Gov. Earl Snell and chants of "We want sports" marked yesterday's demonstration. The walk-out followed the governor's refusal to call a special legislative session to enable Portland to vote a special tax levy.

Animal Crackers



"What a character! He READS books!"

Authority Asked For Split Vote

By Wendell Webb

The immediate fate of Salem's bus truce was in the hands of the International Motor Coach Employees' union at Detroit today as a result of action taken by the city council last night. Under the signatures of David O'Hara, acting mayor, and T. S. Beguin, assistant business agent of union local 1055, a telegram was sent to W. D. Mahon, international president, asking permission to have Salem union members vote separately on the acceptance on terms offered by Oregon Motor Stages. The action was authorized by the council, and agreed to by Beguin, after these steps: Fare Pies Modified 1. A. L. Schneider, general manager of Oregon Stages, suggested such action might permit resumption of service here without waiting for settlement of current differences in other parts of the stage system, and withdrew a previously-imposed condition that the council would have to approve a boost in fares before stages would run. 2. Beguin stressed it constituted no promise that, even if the international approved taking a separate vote in Salem, the stage line's consent would be accepted by local union members. The offer is \$1.15 an hour (up 20 cents). It appeared the consensus of opinion that if Salem union members could vote separately it would be accepted. The same situation prevails in Eugene, and the wire also sought permission for a separate vote in Eugene. It read as follows: "Permission is hereby requested of your good offices to permit the Salem and Eugene drivers and mechanics of Oregon Motor Stages who are members of division 1055 to ballot separately on company proposal. Please wire reply."

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Plans Trip



Ervin L. Peterson, state director of agriculture, who will leave for Washington, D. C., soon in an attempt to secure adequate livestock and poultry feed supplies for Oregon farmers.

Feed Crisis to Send Peterson To Washington

E. L. Peterson, state agriculture director, will leave for Washington, D. C., as soon as possible to confer with officials in regard to obtaining sufficient livestock and poultry feed, to prevent curtailment of these industries, Gov. Earl Snell directed Friday. Action by Governor Snell was taken upon request of the Oregon poultry council executive committee. Snell also telegraphed the governors of Washington and California urging them to cooperate in the project. Peterson said he would leave for Washington as soon as reservations are available. Upon receiving Governor Snell's directive, Peterson contacted the agricultural departments of Washington and California and asked that they also send representatives to the national capital. The executive committee of the Oregon poultry council estimated that 1,500,000 bushels of wheat could be required.

Senators Approve Loan Bill

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—A 50-year loan of \$3,750,000,000 to prime Great Britain's economic pump was approved by the senate today and sent to an uncertain fate in the house. Passage came after the administration, in full command of the situation, beat down amendments which Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.) contended would have forced renegotiation of the agreement with resultant delays. In the house, Chairman Spence (D-Ky.) of the banking committee has ordered hearings to start Tuesday and expects them to last about two weeks. Rep. Sparkman of Alabama, the democratic whip, predicted the house would pass the measure a week later by a comfortable majority.

City Council Votes Money for Night Softball Facilities

Immediate expenditure of approximately \$5000 to provide facilities for night softball games on school property near Leslie Junior high appeared probable today. The city council Friday approved a motion to transfer that amount from the postwar park and sewage fund to the playground fund for such purposes. Developments planned include bleachers, lights, fences and other facilities. The tract would be leased to the softball league whenever it was needed, with all net proceeds to revert to the park and sewage fund.

Death Claims Marion County Commissioner

James E. Smith, 75, Marion county commissioner for more than 20 years, died at his home Friday. He had been in poor health for several years, but had attended the county committee meeting Monday, becoming ill Tuesday.



James E. Smith was born in St. Paul March 12, 1871.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Clough-Burck chapel. Services will be conducted Monday at 9 a.m. at the St. Paul Catholic church, with burial at the St. Paul cemetery. Court house circles indicated E. L. Rogers, only candidate for the position in either party, would be named to succeed Commissioner Smith. (Additional details on page 2).

Vets Seek Liaison With Labor Council

Members of the veterans service committee voted to request an exchange of representatives with the central labor council, Friday noon. Members expressed the idea that coordination between the two groups would help iron out difficulties in veterans apprenticeship training and help solve other veteran problems.

State Traffic Toll Tops U.S. Average

While traffic fatalities for the nation as a whole during the first three months of 1946 were 2 per cent under the toll for the comparative figure of 1941, Oregon fatalities were 55 per cent over the 1941 toll. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported here Friday. Traffic fatalities in Oregon for the first three months of this year numbered 101 compared with 65 during the similar period in 1941.

TO LUNCH SANS BREAD

WEST SALEM, May 10 (Special)—No bread will be served at the semi-monthly luncheon meetings of West Salem Lions club, it was decided by members at the meeting this week. Dr. Arthur F. Goffrier is president and Albert Lamb, secretary of the club. V. M. Molotov, soviet foreign minister, agreed to give Italy sole trusteeship of the colonies won in pre-fascist days and to consent to an allied war criminals commission inside Italy — two points he previously opposed. Although, American sources said, Secretary of State James F. Byrnes agreed to both points, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the council he maintained "reservations" concerning the colonies. Molotov previously had disagreed with the proposal — first put forth by the French — for allowing Italy to act as trustee of her former colonies under the United Nations, demanding that Russia be given a dominant role in Tripolitania in northern Africa.

Seabee Training to the Rescue



GLENWOOD, Ill., May 10—Ex-Seabee William Voelker, Jr. (left) pedals bicycle arrangement he rigged up to run gas pump in Glenwood near Chicago, when dimout orders limited operating time of his service station. His father William, Sr., (right) was laid off from his machinist's job because of the coal strike. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

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Hoover Back, Hits at Strikes

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10 (AP)—Back from a food and famine survey that took him into more than 20 countries around the world in less than two months, former President Herbert Hoover today lashed out at the coal and threatened rail and shipping strikes which he said could bring death to millions. He said he will broadcast "a full report to the American people" on the May 17.

Court Silent on Tax Case Move

No intimation was given here Friday by the state supreme court on how it would act on a petition by Attorney General George Neuner seeking clarification of a previous decision ruling illegal the calling of a special election in the Portland school district to vote on a \$1,750,000 tax levy. Clarification is sought of the court's opinion that the registrar of election had no authority to call the election.

TO SPEAK TO GRADUATES

Dr. Morgan O'Dell Lewis and Clark college president, will deliver the commencement address at Salem high school the night of May 29, Principal Harry Johnson announced Friday. Prof. John L. Knight, Willamette university, is to deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night, May 26.

Reds Abandon Plea For Africa Foothold

PARIS, May 10 (AP)—Russia yielded tonight on two disputed points in the Italian treaty before the four-power foreign ministers council, indicating, American sources said, a possible opening wedge in the week-long stalemate between the soviet union and the western powers. V. M. Molotov, soviet foreign minister, agreed to give Italy sole trusteeship of the colonies won in pre-fascist days and to consent to an allied war criminals commission inside Italy — two points he previously opposed.

YW Building Fund Campaigners Start Drive With Banquet, \$1500 Gift to Serve as Memorial

A \$1500 gift quietly tendered at the close of the banquet program and announced this morning for the first time, publicly climaxed Friday night's "information dinner," official opening of the YWCA's new building fund campaign. The gift, which came from Mrs. C. A. Ratcliff, will make the vestibule of the YW's new home a memorial to her mother. Salem is privileged in the opportunity to invest in the future of its young women by erecting a building to house such an organization as the YWCA. Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, president of the College of Puget Sound, declared as he drew word pictures of some of the great things which have been done in the world by women who as girls were counseled, aided or inspired by such persons as "well staff your new YWCA building." Around the Marion hotel Mirror room tables were gathered some 250 persons, many of them already part of the organization which plans to raise \$180,000 for the new building which will rise where the present structure stands on State street next door to the public library and the Telephone building. Music by the Tri-Y choir, directed by Virginia Ward Elliott, and by Donn Jean Macklin, Girl Reserve violinist, accompanied by

Lewis Proposal For Temporary Relief Accepted

White House Announces Both Sides Agreed on Principle of Welfare Fund

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—The 40-day soft coal strike was temporarily halted tonight as operators' accepted John L. Lewis' proposal for a two weeks' truce. The White House announced that both sides to the conflict crippling the American economy had agreed to the principle of a health and welfare fund, but they were still far from accord on the details of a new contract. President Truman told them to reach one and bring it to him by next Wednesday. One jump ahead of expected action by a congress alarmed over the industrial crisis, Lewis ordered his 400,000 bituminous miners to dig coal until May 25 if the operators would agree to make any pay increase retroactive to today. "Captive" Mines Agree The "captive" mines — which are owned by the steel companies and the output of which goes into steel production — quickly agreed. The spokesman for the other operators went into a huddle and announced that they had received government assurance of price rises corresponding to the increased costs. Summoned to the White House for a 4 p.m. conference, Lewis and Charles O'Neill, operators' spokesman, told reporters afterward that the president had called upon them to reach a contract in four or five days. Oregon Little Affected Friday's temporary truce in the coal mine shutdown will affect Oregon only to the extent — if any — that it alters the freight embargo, a survey of the state's major cities indicated. The coal shortage has had little direct effect in this region of oil and hydroelectric power. Industries have not closed and no homes have been cold. Eastern Oregon has been most seriously threatened. Pendleton's canneries need coal for processing 50,000 acres of peas. With the canning season approaching, three plants in the area converted to oil and others would be critically hampered if the shortage continued. La Grande, where coal is the common heating fuel, reported only 10 to 15 tons in dealers' hands. But Baker, similarly dependent on coal, reported stocks only slightly below average. Portland dealers said they were rationing householders' coal to five-day needs under government order. At Salem, Corvallis, Roseburg and Eugene, where little coal is used, dealers reported no difficulty.

Plans for Civic Auditorium in Salem Okehed

A public auditorium may be erected by the city of Salem in Bush's pasture (new city park) as soon as suitable financing is assured and plans for the building have been approved by the Pioneer Trust company. This authorization, signed by A. N. Bush, was a surprise feature of the papers which changed hands Friday. The city yesterday received the deed to the 43 acres it is purchasing this spring and quitclaim deed to the 57 acres previously given to it but held in life estate. A bargain and sale deed for a 10-acre athletic field was turned over by the city to Willamette university, and a quitclaim deed to the same property went to Willamette from A. N. Bush. Title insurance must still be provided and the deeds filed for the city's new 100-acre park property.

28 Die as Navy Planes Collide

MUNSON, Fla., May 10 (AP)—Twenty-eight airmen were killed today when two big four-engine navy planes crashed in flames in a remote wooded area eight miles north of here. Officers at the Pensacola naval air station, where the planes were based, said they collided in flight during an air maneuver. The planes, identified as PB-4Y's, were engaged in training maneuvers and were accompanied by an F6F Hellcat fighter. Word of the collision was radioed by the accompanying fighter plane to nearby Whiting Field.

Foster Creek Dam Okehed

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—Pacific Northwest water development projects with initial costs in the neighborhood of \$80,000,000, among them the Foster creek dam on the Columbia with an estimated \$71,000,000 for construction of the dam and three generating units, won approval of the house rivers and harbors committee today. Meantime today, the house appropriations committee action in slashing Bonneville power administration funds for the year starting July 1 from \$21,173,069 to \$12,506,400 was tentatively approved by the house.

5700 Veterans To Debar Today

By the Associated Press More than 5700 returning veterans from the European and Pacific theaters are due to debar from nine vessels at three U. S. ports today. Ships arriving: At New York— M. Int. Victory from LeHavre, Woodbridge Victory from Bremerhaven, Hood Victory from Bremerhaven, India Victory from Bremerhaven, Gen. Merch B. Stewart from Canal Zone. At San Diego— APD Rannels. At San Francisco— Marine Fox from Okinawa, Tolanda from Guam.

Weather

City	Max	Min.	Rain
Salem	80	42	0.00
Eugene	80	40	0.00
Portland	78	40	0.00
Seattle	78	48	0.00
San Francisco	80	51	Trace

Willamette river 12 ft. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear today with highest 80 degrees.

John L. Lewis

The Bulldog Eases His Grip

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Cannery Given Green Light by City Council

The proposed \$750,000 cannery of Paulus Brothers held the green light of approval from the Salem city council today, and it was expected work would start shortly in time to provide at least new warehouse space by this fall. The council in special session late Friday approved a zoning change permitting construction of the cannery at Oxford and 14th streets, after no one appeared at the public hearing to protest. The project already holds the approval of the civilian production administration. There also were no objections voiced to a zone change sought in University addition on South Winter street to permit construction of a nurses' home for Salem Deaconess hospital and an ordinance bill was passed allowing that project too.

Vet Registration For Jobs Dropping

During April 343 veterans registered for the first time at the veterans' department of the US employment service office, as against 505 new registrations for March, Robey S. Ratcliffe, veterans advisor at the USES office reported Friday. A total of 4863 veteran service calls were handled at the office during April, an average of 236 calls per day, while in March 4887 calls were taken care of for a daily average of 233, Ratcliffe said.

Typhoid Case Traced To Polluted Well Water

One case of typhoid reported in Marion county is in the northwest portion of the county and may be traced to polluted well water, which is now being boiled, Dr. W. J. Stone, county health officer, said Friday. Six new cases of measles, one of mumps, one of scarlet fever, two of gonorrhoea and six of syphilis were reported in the county the week ending May 4.

STUDENT LEADERS VIE

Howard Blanding, Portland junior, was a late candidate Friday for Monday's election of the 1946-47 president of the Willamette university student body. Other contenders are Dick Spooner of Portland and Clarence Wicks of Albany.

Our Senators LOST 8-5

Jewell Gueffroy, opened the program. Mrs. Frank Spears, chairman of the new building directorate, and Douglas McKay, chairman of the pattern gifts committee, spoke briefly on the city's need for a new YWCA building. Mrs. Spears told how the YW had outgrown its quarters; McKay spoke of the needs of a growing city. The meaning of the YWCA to a business girl, a young woman in need of a home, a young mother who grew up in Girl Reserve work, a Tri-Y girl and a Girl Reserve worker, was presented by Betty Dotson, Esther Little, Janet Miller and Mildred Hagen.