

# Flames Trap Victims in Hotel Tragedy

# AFL SEAMEN CALL WORK STOPPAGE FOR 11 TODAY

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# Maritime Crisis Nearing

By Sterling F. Green  
WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—AFL seaman stole a march on the CIO Maritime unions tonight by calling a work stoppage on all coasts tomorrow at 11 a. m. (PST).

The stoppage was described as simultaneous "stop-work meetings" by John Hawk, vice-president of the AFL Seafarers International union in New York.

Hawk said he could not reveal the purpose of the meetings. But earlier in San Francisco, Harry Lindberg, president of the union, issued a statement saying the AFL seaman of the west coast were "ready to take drastic action" to get the Pacific shipowners home from Washington to engage in collective bargaining with the AFL men.

Lindberg criticized Secretary of Labor Schwelienback for "demeaning" the shipowners in Washington—where negotiations are going on—with a group of CIO Maritime unions in efforts to avert a scheduled nation-wide CIO Maritime strike scheduled June 15.

In tonight's session at the labor department, eastern ship operators rejected the latest offer of the CIO National Maritime union. It had been reported that the union had proposed overtime pay after 44 hours a week on ships at sea.

**AFL More Unexpected**  
The unexpected AFL entry into the confused Maritime crisis came shortly after President Truman stepped anew into the picture with a call to the ship operators and CIO unions to "buckle down and settle this matter through collective bargaining."

Lindberg is president of the AFL Seafarers International union and also the Affiliated Sailors union of the Pacific. Together the two groups claim to have 62,000 members.  
Lindberg added that the "drastic action" he referred to might mean stop-work meetings or a strike within 24 hours.

# Chinese Truce To Be Signed At Noon Today

NANKING, Thursday, June 5 (AP)—An agreement for a 15-day truce in the Manchurian conflict was expected to be signed by General Marshall's committee of three at noon today, giving the special American envoy badly needed time to help settle the prolonged civil strife between Chinese communist and government forces.

A communist spokesman predicted the action. At the same time, a government spokesman said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would insist that General Marshall's power of arbitration be increased.  
The Manchurian truce, announced Wednesday after conferences between President Truman's special envoy and leaders of the opposing factions, was to take effect today immediately after its formal signature by Marshall's committee of three.

# Girls' Drill Team Of Victoria Here

Following this noon's appearance of the 45-member girls' drill team from Victoria, B. C., in the sunken gardens in front of the statehouse, the Salem chamber of commerce will entertain the young women. Capt. Norman Foster, their director, and Mayor Percy George of Victoria at a buffet luncheon in the chamber floral room.  
The girls came to Oregon for the Portland Rose festival, but are spending most of today in and around Salem.

# Warren Now in Spotlight

By the Associated Press  
By Harold D. Oliver  
Associated Press Political Reporting  
Gov. Earl Warren's unprecedented renomination victory on both republican and democratic tickets in California today projected him into the circle of GOP prospects for the 1948 presidential nomination. (Picture on page 2).

Warren's capture of both nominations for another four-year term over democrat Attorney General Robert Kenny was hailed by his friends as a tribute to his "non-partisan" administration and his personal vote-getting ability.

Incomplete returns from New Mexico indicated that Senator Dennis Chavez had won democratic renomination there in a torrid battle with Gov. John J. Dempsey.

In the New Mexican gubernatorial contests, Thomas J. Mabry, former chief justice of the state supreme court, apparently had the democratic nomination, as did Ed Safford, former state GOP chairman, the republican.

The CIO political action committee backed the winner of the Alabama democratic gubernatorial race, but in the losing column were men it supported for California governor, and for the house in the Alabama 9th and New Jersey 10th districts.

Other important senate contests, Senator William F. Knowland won renomination on the republican ticket in California. Will Rogers, jr., son of the late humorist, captured the democratic nomination over Knowland and Rep. Ellis E. Patterson of Los Angeles.

# Widow Evicted, Sleeps Outside At Sherwood

PORTLAND, Ore., June 5 (AP)—An OPA rent attorney said today court action will be taken against the new owner of a cabin-studio who without prior legal notice evicted a widow who slept outdoors in the rain last night.

Wilber S. Williams, chief enforcement attorney for the Portland district OPA, said the woman, Mrs. Revetta Crecelius, route 4, Sherwood, reported two teenage sons of a prospective new tenant kept her away from the cabin with a shotgun.

Williams reported the woman's furniture had been dumped yesterday into a ditch beside a road and that she slept amid her belongings, wrapped in blankets and with only a hammer for protection. She was back in the house tonight after the OPA intercepted. The new owner is Ralph Sauers, Portland.

Mrs. Crecelius, known in Portland as a composer and verse writer, is the mother of two sons, Charles, 27, now at Willamette university and Ronald, 26, at Pacific college.

# PRISONER-BEATER FINED

BAD NAUHEIM, June 5 (AP)—A U. S. army private who testified he beat American soldier prisoners on orders from his superiors was convicted today by a general court marshal but drew the lightest sentence—a \$60 fine—yet meted out in the Lichfield detention camp case. The soldier is PFC. William B. Norris of Mulga, Ala.

# Banking Committee Drafts Bill to Slash OPA Powers

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—A bill ripping great gaps in OPA's powers was approved by the senate banking committee tonight in defiance of Chester Bowles' warning that he would urge President Truman to veto it as a "monstrous thing."

Under the measure, price control would be extended until June 30, 1947, but with amendments lifting controls from meat and dairy products, preventing OPA from interfering with normal markups of thousands of merchants, and making other sweeping changes in the stabilization program.

The committee did, however, delete the Wolcott amendment of the house, which provided that all producers, processors and distributors must be allowed cost plus "a reasonable profit."  
As one of its final decisions, the committee adopted a provision contained in the OPA bill which the house has passed prohibiting the price agency from interfering with normal discount or markups of retailers and wholesalers on "reconversion items" such as automobiles, refrigerators, washing machines and radios.  
The OPA has estimated that the price to consumers approximately \$500,000,000 a year, with the boost on \$1,000 cars, for instance, running about \$88. The estimates, however, have been contested by senators favoring the amendment!

**Our Senators**  
Lost Double header 6-1 and 13-4

# Salem Bus Service Again Threatened

Possibility that Salem may again shortly be without city bus service loomed Wednesday as A. L. Schneider, president of Oregon Motor Stages, announced his company was ready to liquidate its \$200,000 worth of holdings here in the face of recent city council action.

Maintaining that members of the council had literally "invited" C. B. Costa and William Nelson to establish a competing service operating over two of Oregon Motor Stages routes and that a committee report favoring granting of a permit to the Costa-Nelson interests had been given to the council "without even granting us the courtesy of a hearing or the chance to protect our interests," Schneider said a re-consideration of the matter would be asked . . . and a franchise.

# Hotel Telephone Operator Stands By, Dies in Fire

CHICAGO, June 5 (AP)—A 44-year-old switchboard operator, though surrounded by smoke and flames which swept through the La Salle hotel early today, calmly called room after room to notify guests of their danger.

The first firemen to reach the phone room on the mezzanine floor found the operator, Mrs. Julia Berry, dead at her post.

# Bill to Extend Draft Passes Senate, 69 to 8

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—The senate passed a draft extension bill today which would continue the act until May 15, 1947, permit 18 and 19-year-olds to be drafted again after this month, and raise the pay of enlisted men.

The vote on final passage was 69 to 8. It came after the senate defeated, 63 to 14, a proposal that actual inductions be halted while the volunteer system got a further trial with the pay of an army private raised from \$50 to \$75 a month.

The main features of the senate bill, which grants most of the administration's requests, are subject now to house action. That chamber voted an extension only to Feb. 15 with a ban on teenage inductions, and approved pay increases in a separate bill.

The senate and house, in seeking to adjust their differences, will work against a July 1 deadline when the temporary draft extension expires.

# Truman Picks Sen. Austin for Stettinius' Post

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—Senator Warren R. Austin, lifelong Vermont republican, lawyer and advocate of international peace organization, was named by President Truman today to succeed Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., as American representative on the United Nations security council.

Selection of the 68-year-old senator from the ranks of the president's nominal party opposition gave a bi-partisan tone to Mr. Truman's foreign policy development.

The post pays \$20,000 a year, and the man who fills it has immediate responsibility for carrying out in the council the development of American foreign policy laid down by the president and Secretary of State Byrnes.

Austin's approval by the senate was considered assured. Officially the appointment will not become effective until January when his senatorial term runs out.

# Drugs Stolen In Local Store

An unknown quantity of a variety of such drugs as cocaine and morphine was stolen from the Market drug store, 480 Commercial, in an early morning robbery Wednesday.  
City police on their rounds at 2:55 a. m. discovered that the glass in the northeast door had been broken and removed, and that both entrance and exit had been made there. They called Claude Busick, Market proprietor, who asked that determination of loss be made by Druggist Carl Wellman. A fountain pen and a cigarette lighter apparently were the only items taken from the open stock of the store, but Wellman said a considerable quantity of drugs issuable only on prescription had been removed.

LEGION TO HONOR 4 5 (AP)  
INDIANAPOLIS, June 5 (AP)—The national executive committee of the American Legion voted tonight to award the Legion's distinguished service medals to Dring Hill, J. Edgar Hoover, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey and Bob Hope.

# Fire Toll Hits 58 in Chicago

CHICAGO, June 5 (AP)—A flash fire killed 58 persons (49 identified) and injured 200 others early today in the loop LaSalle hotel, and safety, engineering and architectural experts sought to establish how the blaze started and why the flames spread so fast in the "strictly fireproof" hostelry.

Within a few minutes after flames were first discovered licking out from a dummy elevator door off the main lobby, the first three floors of the 22-story building were engulfed in fire.

**Giant Draft Blamed**  
Patrons in the floors above opened their doors and windows to investigate the smoke and sound of fire engines. This concerted move, firemen said, created a giant draft from top to bottom of the 37 year old hotel, sucking flames, smoke and gases up elevator shafts.

The hotel management asserted there was no delay in notifying the fire department and that "every precaution has been taken." The management added that investigation would show "panic and heavy smoke caused more deaths and injury than actual fire."

Investigating officials, after preliminary studies, were unable to fix the origin of the fire. One of City's Worst Fires

All witnesses agreed, however, that the blaze quickly raced out of control as hotel employes attacked the flames with hand pumps.

Within minutes the main outside exits and stairway exits from the floors above were blocked by flames.

The fire started at 12:35 a. m. when most of the 1100 patrons had retired to their rooms. It was extinguished three hours later.

It was the worst hotel blaze in Chicago's history and the most serious hotel tragedy in the nation in more than 13 years.

# Nash-Sweet Jersey Sets Milking Mark

A five-year-old Jersey cow from the Nash and Sweet dairy at Sixan in Curry county has established the highest twice-a-day milking record for all breeds. This is the statement of Jack C. Nisbet, executive secretary of the American Jersey Cattle club which acknowledged the record completed April 15.

Nash and Sweet have another dairy just outside Salem which has 75 milking Jersey cows. All of their produce is sold as bottled milk in Salem and Coos Bay.

The record cow, Josephus C. B. Lady Girl, produced 17,855 pounds of milk containing 1128 pounds of butterfat. This would amount to 827 quarts of milk and, sold at retail in Salem, would bring \$1249.78.

The milk given is five times as much as the average cow and more than her own weight. Lady Girl is of Challenger breeding and her record makes her sixth among all Jersey 1000-pound cows regardless of age or milking frequency.

# Woodburn Plant To Employ 1600

Approaching peak production in early fruits and vegetables, the Woodburn cannery plans to operate two shifts of 800 workers by Monday. Wilbert Verboort, manager of the Birdseye-Snyder division of General Foods, reported here Wednesday.

The Woodburn plant is now processing peas, strawberries, spinach and rhubarb, most of which is being frozen. Since Woodburn has a population of only 1900, it has been necessary to recruit workers from communities in the northern part of Marion county, Verboort said.

APOLGIZES FOR BOOING  
BUENOS AIRES, June 5 (AP)—The newspaper Larezon reported today that Foreign Minister Juan Brumaglia apologized to U. S. Ambassador George S. Messersmith for booing apparently directed at him during yesterday's inauguration of President Juan D. Peron.

**Weather**

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	63	41	1/2
Portland	62	39	0
San Francisco	63	52	30
Chicago	79	56	.00
New York	78	58	0
Willamette river	4 ft.		

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today with a few scattered showers. Highest temperature 70 degrees.

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# Prison Cuts Bread Ration To One Slice

One slice of bread per meal will be the ration of convicts in the state penitentiary under the new flour quota for penal institutions announced Tuesday by federal agencies. Prison Warden George Alexander declared Wednesday.

In the past some prisoners have consumed as much as 1/4-pound of bread a day, but if people outside the penitentiary can get along on curtailed supplies of bread there is no reason why the inmates of the prison cannot cut down their bread rations," Alexander averred.

The eight convicts who headed a 30-man demonstration at the penitentiary last Thursday because there was no bread on the table at the evening meal were still in solitary confinement, Alexander indicated.

While the penitentiary has been able to secure for June 6000 pounds or approximately one-third of the flour ordinarily consumed at the prison during a month, the ration for state hospitals has been cut only 25 per cent and for other institutions 50 per cent. Whether or not the ration will be available hadn't been determined today.

PORTLAND, June 5 (AP)—The Oregon state prison has been allocated 58 sacks of flour to supplement supplies until end of this month, the department of agriculture office announced today.

# County Agrees To Help With Airport Road

Marion county court Wednesday agreed to a tentative arrangement with the city to improve the old incinerator road, with the view of making it the main entrance to the city airport. The city has taken no action.

Under the plan the county would build two lanes to the airport and eventually would expand the road into an 80-foot four-lane highway. County Judge Grant Murphy stated.

As the city owns all the land involved, there should be no right-of-way problems, Judge Murphy said. The county's share of the improvement would consist of 1/2-mile of road, and the city's share would be approximately the same. The annexation elections will affect both county and city shares of the project.

# BANKHEAD IMPROVES

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—Bethesda, Md., naval hospital reported today "evidence of slight improvement" in the condition of 73-year-old Senator Bankhead (D-Ala.) seriously ill after a stroke 12 days ago.

CHICAGO—Guests on upper floors of the LaSalle hotel in downtown Chicago, including a woman pictured in center, are trapped on upper floors as tongues of flame leap from windows about-street level at the start of a fire which swept the towering hotel, claiming nearly three-score lives and injuring some 200. (AP Wirephoto)



CHICAGO—Guests at Chicago's LaSalle hotel snake down a fire escape during early stages of a conflagration which killed nearly 60 persons as it swept the downtown hostelry. Bottom of the picture is near the street level of the 20-story structure. (AP Wirephoto).

**IT SEEMS TOMORROW**  
By Charles A. Spurgeon  
Our own Senator Wayne Morse, still convinced that his charge of "ham acting" made against President Truman is correct, has asked the senate to investigate the Truman-Whitney-Johnston affair. He would have the senate call in the railroad representatives, the president's advisers, and the people on the fringes of the negotiations who might know something of the progress of events leading up to the president's address to congress and the capitulation of the railroads. Morse contends that the president knew the settlement was coming, and that the interruption of his speech for reading the news of the strike's ending was a phoney. The White House has issued a statement denying the Morse charge.

While Morse's request was referred to the labor committee, of which he remains a member, it is very doubtful if it is granted. After all, this was but a collateral and minor episode in the fierce controversy which prevailed in Washington May 24-25. The divinity that hedged a king still helps shield a president; and the senate will hardly conduct an investigation to test the president's rectitude.

There is a much larger issue involved, and that is, whether the president's administration of affairs in this whole period of industrial reconversion has been wise. His score to date is not favorable. Shortly after V-J day the president approved release of many of the controls which had helped to restrain inflationary forces. Then he encouraged labor in its demands while blandly seeking to hold the price line. When the creeping paralysis (Continued on editorial page)

# Hormel Packing Head Dies in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, June 5 (AP)—George A. Hormel, 85, founder of the Hormel Packing Co., Austin, Minn., died today at Good Samaritan hospital following a stroke yesterday at his Bal Air home.

# Animal Crackers



Here's my phone number if a man or a woman answers, hang up!

# Attlee, Churchill Blast Russia For Ignoring 'Spirit of Potsdam'

LONDON, June 5 (AP)—Winston Churchill charged bluntly today that "the seeds of a new world war are being sown" in Soviet-influenced areas of eastern Europe, and Prime Minister Attlee declared Russia was ignoring "the spirit" of the Potsdam agreements.

Attlee, however, said the British should not "judge the present state of the world wholly pessimistically," and cautioned against "the counsel of despair that would divide Europe into two separate camps."

Churchill warned that "it cannot be in the interest of Russia to go on irritating the United States." He said he marvelled that in the single year since the war's end, the Soviet government could "do themselves so much harm and chill so many friendships in the English-speaking world."

Both Churchill and Attlee advocated a conference of the 21 belligerent nations if the "big four" were unable to agree on European peace treaties.  
Attlee, replying to Churchill in the second day of debate on foreign policy, said the misunderstanding between Russia and the Western powers "is really the iron curtain—it is a curtain between minds."  
He said Russia insisted on literal and rigid interpretation of the Potsdam agreement, denying all flexibility to meet changing situations.