

84th State Fair Open Today; Judging Begun

Crowd-Attracting Midway Ready for Action

Holiday Toll Reaches 295; State's 5

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

This is Labor day, a holiday. Designed to pay respect to workers, particularly those who work with their hands, it is more generally regarded just as a play day, the windup of the summer.

Labor day this year is a threshold, for September will see industrial disputes in major industries come to a climax. Steel, coal, Ford auto—these hang in the balance.

In Hawaii however the longshore strike, in progress since June, continues. Negotiations are shifted to New York though no sign of yielding is noted.

What then? Compulsory arbitration? Fact-finding? Strike? Injunction? Plant seizure? None of these is quite satisfactory; yet we seem to have no other tools when collective bargaining fails.

We can go on as we are, with recurring crises; and apparently that is just what we will do. The throwback then is to collective bargaining, with an injunction to both sides to make greater effort to make across-the-table bargaining succeed.

Miss Oregon Enroute to U.S. Contest

PORTLAND, Sept. 4 (AP)—Oregon's entry in the Miss America contests at Atlantic City, N. J., left here last night by airliner for the national judging which starts tomorrow.

Beverly Faith Krueger, The Dalles, and her mother, Mrs. Stanley B. Krueger, who will be her chaperone were accompanied by The Dalles Mayor Fred G. Mauer and Mrs. Mauer.

Beverly Krueger, formerly of Salem, will be the third Miss Oregon to compete in the Miss America contest.

Miss Krueger, a brown-eyed brunette who attended Salem schools through her junior year in high school, won 1949 state honors at Seaside July 22-24 from contestants from 15 other Oregon communities.

Both of Oregon's previous two contestants were finalists at the national contest and won \$1,000 scholarships. Jo Ann Amorde was seventh in 1947, and Joyce Davis was sixth last year.

FIRES PLAGUE FRANCE

BORDEAUX, France Sept. 4 (AP)—Fiercely burning forest fires broke out in southwestern France tonight, just one week after 82 persons died in flames in the same area. Police said 7,500 acres were encircled by flames that were out of control near Saint-Etienne, Monte De Marsan and Marmande.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"You know I love you, baby—but just now I don't want to kiss you."

Robeson Song Riot Hurts 54

By George Miller and John Randolph

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Sept. 4 (AP)—A violent, stone-throwing aftermath to Paul Robeson concert sent at least 54 persons to hospitals tonight.

Stones and other missiles hurtled through the air as concertgoers left the outdoor grounds near here after a concert by the left-wing negro singer.

Bus companies reported that many windows in their vehicles were smashed as rocks flew from a crowd that milled around outside the grounds in protest against the concert.

It was the second time in eight days that a Robeson concert erupted into violence.

A week ago Saturday a scheduled appearance by the singer was cancelled by a riot a mile from today's concert.

Peekskill hospital said 30 persons were brought in for treatment of injuries and five were kept for further treatment.

In New York City, 17 persons received treatment at hospitals after returning by car or bus from the concert site. Police said one of those treated was a woman who had lost a finger from her left hand.

The outbreak of violence came a few hours after thousands of veterans staged a noisy protest parade outside the abandoned golf course where the concert was held.

An estimated 10,000 persons made their way into the concert, while some 4,000 others—mostly sympathetic to the veterans' anti-communist parade—milled around outside.

Before and during the concert, there were few reports of violence. About 1,200 policemen—some from 100 miles away—were recruited to stand guard around the area.

Several buses arriving in Manhattan, police said, had damaged windows and banged-up bodies.

Conspiracy Defendant Hit

Irving Potash, CIO furrier joint council manager and one of the 11 defendants in the communist conspiracy trial, was hit in the eye by a stone hurled through an open car window at Peekskill, said concert-goers who arrived in New York.

At least 14 persons were taken into custody during the concert and in the violent outbreaks afterward.

Police did not say if any of them would be formally arrested.

The negro singer, flanked by policemen, arrived at the concert in an auto, sang for more than half an hour, and then was whisked away on a back road leading into the country north of here.

Revolt in Kunming, Fire Blows in China

Reds Admit Canton Drive Bogged

CANTON, China, Sept. 4 (AP)—A successful anti-Nationalist revolt in the vital southwest city of Kunming and a disastrous fire in Chungking dealt major blows to the Chinese government today.

(The communists, although thus aided in their campaign to destroy the Nationalist regime, were having serious troubles of their own. A dispatch from red Shanghai acknowledged that the drive towards Canton was bogged down and that disorders and corruption were widespread behind the lines.)

Seizure of Kunming by local anti-Nationalists, apparently intending to make a deal with the reds, was confirmed by the official Nationalist Central News agency.

The Nationalists forecast suppression of the revolt, but it admittedly has tremendous implications.

Fire meanwhile swept the banking and waterfront district of Chungking, killing an estimated 1,000 persons and leaving more than 100,000 homeless.

The Central News agency said the mysterious blaze started Friday, burned unchecked for 18 hours, and destroyed 7,000 buildings. It said 615 charred bodies were found and more than 400 persons perished by leaping into the Yangtze river.

Already overcrowded, Chungking is the designated next site of the Nationalist capital. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is there now.

Reliable reports said local "peace preservation" forces seized Kunming Saturday and gave all Nationalists three days to get out. The two Nationalist airlines and the Chennault civil air transport line all confirmed they were leaving.

Yunnan May Be Key

Seven hundred miles northwest of Canton and 400 miles southwest of Chungking, Kunming is famed as the terminus of the wartime American "hump" flights from India. It is the capital of Yunnan province, strategically bordering Indo-China and Burma.

Anti-Nationalists already had been reported ranging large sections of the province and can be expected to capitalize on the coup.

If the reds can control all Yunnan, the main Nationalist armies of Gen. Pai Chung-Hsi would be sandwiched between communist holdings and Canton might well become a ripe plum for communist picking.

If Yunnan is merely neutralized and private reports indicate this may be the rebels' intention—the reds would be able to tackle the rest of western China with much greater ease.

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CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy, Sept. 4 (AP)—Pope Pius publicly attacked communism by name today for the first recorded time in his 10-year reign.

In a vigorous, 1,400-word radio address to half a million German Catholics, the pope struck directly at the enemies of the church with unprecedented frankness.

He spoke of the excommunication decree which he said seeks to save the world from "Marxism" and enforce the separation of Catholics and "atheist communism."

In an earlier address to Swiss Catholics the pontiff referred to the dangers of "totalitarian regimes." Both speeches were liberally sprinkled with attacks on "materialism."

In the past, the 73-year-old pontiff has avoided direct use of the word communism in referring to the church's enemies.

Observers viewed the pope's frank attack as the beginning of a new and more vigorous campaign against communism.

The pope spoke openly of the struggle between rich and poor and between labor and capital. He sought to narrow the gap between these conflicting forces with an appeal for tolerance, collaboration and discipline.

Traffic Tops List Of Killers

By The Associated Press

One person died accidentally every 12 minutes as the nation celebrated the Labor day holiday week end.

A count from 6 p. m. Friday showed 295 persons killed by late Sunday night—before the holiday itself had even arrived. Of the victims, 236 lost their lives in traffic mishaps, 21 drowned and 38 died in a variety of miscellaneous accidents.

The traffic toll mounted steadily toward the 280 which the national safety council predicted for the three-day period. It was fed by a hitler automobile collision in Paola, Kas., where six persons died, five of them in flames. Two men and a boy died in a truck-train collision near Terre Haute, Ind. and a 14-year-old girl rode her bicycle to death against a train at Braidwood, Ill.

In other tragedies, four Iowa men died when their private plane crashed. An Illinois man was killed by a falling tree limb, and another died in a fall from a "lovers leap" bluff in a state park.

A year ago, 407 persons died in accidents over the Labor day week end. Of those, 293 were traffic victims.

Oregon's highway death toll for the holiday week end stood at five victims late Sunday night as the peak traffic hours of Labor day approached. One man had drowned at Lake Oswego.

Six-year-old Perry Butler died in a Roseburg hospital Sunday night after a car driven by his father plunged from the Pacific highway in the early morning hours. A sister, Katherine, and the father, James Butler, were also in the hospital.

The four others died Saturday and late Friday when the Labor day week end travel got underway.

The drowning victim was Portland Attorney Ranson B. Meinke, who had jumped into Lake Oswego and saved his 4-year-old daughter when she tumbled from a boat.

Meinke sank under the water as rescuers grabbed the girl. He failed to respond to a resuscitator.

Slightly cooler weather and possible showers for Labor day in Salem, was the forecast from the weather bureau early Monday morning.

Cool winds swept in from the Pacific ocean Sunday to hold the day's high reading to 86—cooler by 10 degrees than Saturday. A high of 80 was the prospect for today.

Lightning to the north was visible from Salem before midnight Sunday, and the control tower operator at McNary field reported at least one "exceptionally heavy" bolt.

Heavy traffic continued to roll through the city on highway 99-E as the holiday week end swept into its big day, but state and city police reported no accidents in this area.

Boating fans had an anxious moment when an unidentified youth flipped his outboard-motor craft on the Willamette river near the Salem boathouse at 4:45 p. m. but he was not injured. Minor damage to the boat was reported. A dozen boats were on the river here Sunday afternoon.

Extension of the reciprocal trade agreements program; passed the house and slated for early senate consideration.

Financial assistance to Korea; approved by committees of both chambers but not acted on by either.

Pay raises for members of the armed forces; amounting to an estimated \$300,000,000; passed the house and approved by the senate committees.

Increases in postal rates; expected to emerge soon from a house committee, but action by house itself not likely for some time.

Raises in pay of top government executives; passed by house and approved by senate committee.

Federal aid to education; passed by senate and bottled up in house labor and education committee.

Government-sponsored health insurance; tied up in committees in both chambers.

Extension of social security program; approved by house committee and slated for house action after the recess.

Revision of the farm price support system; passed house and pending in senate.

Repeal of the Taft-Hartley law; substitute passed by senate; pending in senate.

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Statehood for Hawaii and Alaska; approved by house committee but not acted on by house or senate.

Increases in pensions for veterans and dependents; passed by house but not acted on by senate.

Increase in minimum wage payable in interstate industry; passed by both chambers and awaiting compromise.

Repeal of poll-tax; passed by house but not considered in senate.

Anti-lynching legislation; approved by senate committee but not acted on by either chamber.

Creation of fair employment practices commission to prevent racial discrimination; approved by house committee, no other action.



The 84th annual Oregon state fair drew considerable pre-opening crowds Sunday and the fairgrounds midway was jammed with early fair-goers. The fair officially opens today. The above photo shows the wide midway, focal point for fair crowds, stretching away to the western edge of the grounds. It is flanked on both sides by booths, concessions, exhibits and rides. (Statesman photo).

High Tito Aide Reiterates 'No Fear of Soviet'

By The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Sept. 4 (AP)—One of Marshal Tito's ablest spokesmen peeled off his coat today and told a mass meeting Yugoslavia does not fear Russia.

But, he said, this country's Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Macedonians and Montenegrins are determined "to defend to the end the independence and sovereignty of our socialist country."

The spokesman was Moshe Pijade, a vice president of Yugoslavia and a top-flight member of Tito's politburo. He spoke to people gathered at the railroad station to welcome home some of Yugoslavia's "voluntary" working brigades.

Pijade—speaking in his shirt sleeves—minced no words in denouncing what he called a slanderous campaign by Russia against the Tito regime—a campaign that began 15 months ago when the cominform countries denounced Tito for nationalistic tendencies.

The campaign now has reached the fury of an economic blockade by the eastern European countries.

Pijade, a former painter and newspaperman, told the gathering that Russia's attitude toward Yugoslavia could be compared only with Adolf Hitler's "racial" attitude toward other smaller countries.

Sarcastically, he said Russia is trying to portray Yugoslavia as a small pup which dared bark at an elephant.

Then he emphasized—as this country's troops have done repeatedly during the last few weeks while rumors spread of a possible Yugoslav-Russian showdown—that this country is not scared.

"They (the Russians) wanted to raise the people against the state leadership," Pijade said. "It did just the opposite. They cemented the unity of the people and their leadership."

Water Shortage Eased; Cannery Resumes Work

WEST SALEM, Sept. 4 (Special)—The city's two-day water shortage seemed to be easing Sunday. Mayor Walter Musgrave reported no complaints were received during the day, and Blue Lake Packers cannery once again was operating with a full crew on both the afternoon and evening shifts.

BASEBALL

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL

At Yakima 6-4, Salem 5-3

At Spokane, Wenatchee (rain)

At Tacoma 4-1, Victoria 2-2

At Bremerton 3-3, Vancouver 5-0

COAST LEAGUE

At Portland 5-1, San Francisco 4-5

At Seattle 1-0, Los Angeles 1-1

At Oakland 4-3, San Diego 3-1

At Hollywood 4-4, Sacramento 4-3

AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Boston 4, Philadelphia 2

At Cleveland 5, St. Louis 0

At Washington 3, New York 2

At Detroit 5, Chicago 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Chicago 11, Pittsburgh 7

At New York 2, Brooklyn 1

At St. Louis 6-11, Cincinnati 4-2

At Philadelphia 9-8, Boston 8-7

Holiday Throongs See Alterations

By Lillie L. Madsen

Oregon's 84th state fair may not have opened officially Sunday, but attendance was good. Not only did a steady flow of trucks, loaded with exhibits, pass through the fairgrounds gates, but throughout Sunday afternoon and evening people were paying admission to enter. No count was available, however, for Sunday's take, as in former years, will be tabulated with Monday's.

Particularly enjoying the "quiet day" at the fair were the youngsters in the new Kiddieland. The 14 rides all proved popular and managers of one reported sale of more than 400 rides by 5 o'clock.

Also noted taking in the state's big show was Gov. Douglas McKay, making a thorough and lenient inspection of the entire fairgrounds late Sunday afternoon.

"Advance demand for tickets indicates the largest Labor day attendance in the history of the fair," Manager Leo Spitzberg said Sunday afternoon. The 1946 fair was the first to pass the quarter million attendance figure. Last year, paid admissions were 264,177.

Judging Already Begun

Because of the unprecedented number of livestock exhibits, judging in poultry, rabbits, flower and textile exhibits started Sunday afternoon, and judges in these expected to work most of the night to have the results posted by 9 a. m. opening day. Most livestock judging will start at 9 a. m. Monday. Jerseys, however, will not be judged until Tuesday morning. First birth in the livestock barns was reported early Sunday, a calf to Birdies Royal Sharon of the Ray Hobson Guernsey farm of Amity.

Mrs. Dovena Goode, flower show superintendent, said Sunday this would be the best flower show since she took over four years ago. Chase Gardens, Eugene, are back again. New is the chrysanthemum display from Beckman Gardens in Polk county. Fuchsias and begonias surpass last year in number. A "Twentieth Century" exhibit of flower oddities includes the huge Torch Ginger, the Bells of Ireland and a cluster of green orchids.

County Booths Altered

Decorating of the 14 county booths was completed Sunday night and this year these belle the usual expression of fairgoers; "nice, but the same old thing." Originality predominates from the "Ace High" in the Yamhill booth to the mint display in Marion county's corner.

Also in the agricultural pavilion, along with the Oregon Farmers union and the Oregon state grange, is the Farm bureau, which just opened offices in Salem. The milk and the honey displays, the former in the dairy products and the latter in land products, are also "different" this year.

Included among the prominent exhibitors of both livestock and other displays are the 4-H clubs and the Future Farmers of America, culminating in the junior fat stock auction set for Friday.

Racing Begins Today

Monday forenoon's program will be taken up largely with the free ground attractions, opening of the military manpower displays and band concerts. The afternoon program will give the initial racing card on Lone Oak with running of the Labor day handicap at 4 p. m.

The night program includes the vaudeville performance in front of the race track grandstand, the combined horsemeshow and rodeo and a dance.

Tuesday is Farm Organization day with approximately 150 Flying Farmers to land their planes at 9 a. m. A flight of two F4U army jet fighters will be featured at 1 p. m.

The week's fair program will be concluded September 11 with midweek automobile races on Lone Oak track and a rodeo performance.

THE WEATHER

Table with columns: Max, Min, Precip. Rows: Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field): Partly cloudy and slightly cooler today and tonight with scattered light showers. High today near 85; low tonight 52. Weather will continue favorable for farm activities today.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Sept. 5)

Table with columns: This Year, Last Year, Normal. Rows: Precipitation amounts.