

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.

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Police confiscated many baseball bats, clubs, and pieces of metal from the concert-goers, and took the bolts out of a number of parading veterans' rifles.

When the concert was over Author Howard East, chairman of the affair, asked the audience of 10,000 for contributions "to combat the un-American fifth marching up and down out there."

A joint statement on behalf of the veterans was issued by three local officers of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Jewish War Veterans and the Catholic War Veterans.

It said: "We are not protesting freedom of speech. We do protest his (Robeson's) communist speech, which does advocate violent overthrow of the U. S. government and which is illegal."

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 leftist-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.

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Revolt in Kunming, Fire Blows in China

Reds Admit Canton Drive Bogged

By Spencer Moosa

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.

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. 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.

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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

By The Associated Press

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Holiday Throngs 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 belie 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.

Today's Fair

- Monday, Sept. 5
8 a. m. Gates open
9 a. m. Judging livestock starts
Kiddieland opens
Floral display opens
10 a. m. Military manpower display
11 a. m. Free vaudeville
12 noon—Posting military guard and concert
1 p. m. Racing, Lone Oak
3 p. m. Free midway show
4 p. m. Running Labor day handicap
6 p. m. Band concert
6:30—Free midway show
8 p. m. Helene Hughes Revue. Horse show and rodeo
10 p. m. Dancing, George Brun's band

Amvets Bury Merger Move

DES MOINES, Sept. 4—(AP)—The Amvet National convention today killed off a move to consolidate with AVC by an almost unanimous standing vote. The issue came to a climax after two hours of vigorous debate.

To finish off the matter, the American veterans of World War II instructed their national executive committee not to negotiate on such matters with the American veterans committee during the next year.

The long expected battle of the 600 delegates was one of the two anticipated highlights of convention which began yesterday. The other is an address by President Truman tomorrow afternoon, the closing event.

BASEBALL

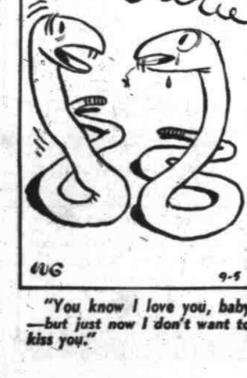
Table with columns for League, Team, Location, and Score. Includes Western International, Coast League, American League, and National League.

Short Holiday

The business office of The Oregon Statesman will open at 1 p. m. today (Labor Day) instead of the usual 8:30 a. m.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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

Prince Walks Away With Sand; Keeps Area's Reputation

LEBANON, Sept. 7—(Special)—Prince, 1,900-pound logging horse, upheld the honor of horseflesh here today in this town's latest round of man vs. horse.

Prince upset a number of cash doubters by dragging 1,000 pounds of sand at the end of 300-foot length of rope. The stunt took place at the Wranglers stadium this afternoon before a large crowd, most of which, however, had their money on Prince.

Derail to January Seen for Bills

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4—(AP)—Congress, now vacationing, is confronted by such a stack of major legislation that most of it may be left over until the 1950 session, a checkup showed today.

Leaders are expected to huddle in a few weeks to sort out the bills still to be taken up and those to be cached away until January. The senate returns Wednesday, and the house goes back to work September 21, after interrupting eight months of lawmaking.