

Coal Strike Feared As Pensions Cease; Van Horn Resigns

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16-(AP)—A nationwide coal strike was feared tonight as John L. Lewis suspended miners' welfare payments because of a shortage of funds.

Lewis carefully refrained from saying "strike." But already 8,000 western miners had walked out. Eastern and southern miners were not at work today because they are on a three-day week ordered by Lewis. Their intentions will be known Monday.

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Brisk headwinds encountered early in the flight apparently had diminished, and the plane was ahead of schedule.

The fliers landed here that they were some 100 miles from the Azores and expected to land at La Guardia field about 2 a.m. (EST) tomorrow.

This would better by about four hours the takeoff estimate of 26 flying hours. They left the Azores at 5:13 a.m. (EST) today.

The fliers, John M. Brondello and Camillo Basiglio, are making the flight to help promote American support for a proposed "Boys Town" in Italy.

The fliers abandoned an attempt to make a non-stop flight from Lisbon to New York last week when a fuel line clogged, forcing them to land in the Azores.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16-(AP)—Eighty-six Salem business firms, including eight automobile dealers, are participating in the annual fall opening, scheduled Tuesday evening in Salem.

James R. Beard, president of the Retail Trade Bureau, announced Friday that 30 to 40 new automobiles will be on display by the eight auto firms. It is the first time they have participated in the fall opening show. Each has treasure hunt tickets and is offering prizes.

Beard has reminded Salem shoppers that the treasure hunt tickets are for use in the hunt on Tuesday, September 20, though they were dated September 15 by error. All firms taking part in the opening have an ample supply of tickets on hand, Beard said.

Window displays will be unveiled at 7 p.m. Tuesday with the prize winners in 10 divisions marked.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 16-(AP)—A mounted state policeman today fought and captured a man accused of setting two fires in the Deschutes national forest.

State police here said the man, a logger, was "crazed." They said he drove his truck into the woods near Mowich Thursday night, set the truck afire and then laughed raucously as flames spread into the timber.

Police chased him, but he eluded capture until the patrolman on horseback subdued him at a ranch building in northern Klamath county today.

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Oregon Wins, OSC Loses Grid Openers

Salem High Vikings Toppled by Vancouver 20-6



BERLIN, Sept. 16 — John J. Siemkiewicz, 26, U. S. Army private from Baltimore, Md., gestures in U. S. hospital in Berlin today as he tells how he and three British soldiers broke out of a Russian prison in east Berlin shortly after midnight and made their way to the U. S. zone. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Escapes

UCLA Drops Kip Taylor's Beavers 35-13

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16-(AP)—A fleet band of University of California at Los Angeles Bruins tonight stunned a crowd of 40,000 in the Coliseum by trouncing the Oregon State Beavers, 35 to 13, in the opening football game of the season for both Coast conference schools.

Pregame waggery had the contest billed as anything from a tossup to a six-point margin for the Bruins.

The winners threw long gaining yardage in their dominating play. It was the debut game for both coaches, Henry (Red) Sanders of the UCLA team and Kap Taylor for the Beavers.

UCLA started early in the first period and kept right on rolling. At halftime it was 21-0 for the winners who surprised the crowd with their swiftness. Oregon State had defeated UCLA here last season 28-0.

(Additional details on sport page)



Rah, Rah, Vikings!!! Win, lose or draw Salem high school's gridsters this season will be sure of enthusiastic support from its rooting section. The photo shows the school's rally squad performing at a pep assembly Friday in preparation for the opening football game against Vancouver high's Trappers. The girls are, left to right, Alice Girod, Ginger Carrier, Gwen Fry and Joan Miller, all seniors. In the middle is Don Herring, junior, with Kent Myers, senior, perched atop his shoulders. (Statesman photo).

Salem High Football Team Loses Opener

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 16-(Special)—The favored Vancouver high school Trappers put a sour ending to Salem high's bid for a successful 1949 football season opener here tonight by downing the Vikings, 20-6. The Trappers scored in the first, third and fourth periods. Salem tallied in the second quarter when Captain Jim Rock went over from five yards out. The count at halftime was 7-6 for Vancouver.

Although the Vikings gained almost as much yardage as Vancouver and rolled up nearly as many first downs in the wide-open game, they couldn't make a number of scoring opportunities pay off. Salem was within the 20-yard line in scoring territory half a dozen times but managed to score only the one time. (Additional details on sports page.)

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CIO Wins Phone Workers' Election

PORTLAND, Sept. 16-(AP)—The communication workers of America, CIO, today won majority support from Oregon employees of the Pacific telephone & telegraph Co.

Today's vote count in the week-long balloting to determine whether the union was wanted by employees as their bargaining representative, was reported by Harold Ash of the CIO staff as: for the union 2246, against 1896.

Fined for Going On Water Wagon

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Sept. 16-(AP)—Martin Kohn, 24, went on the water wagon and drew a \$25 court fine for intoxication.

Police Magistrate Walter E. McBride assessed the fine yesterday after testimony that Kohn climbed aboard a city water wagon and drove off while the attendant was in a restaurant. Kohn was caught after a four blocks chase.

Steel Union, Employers To Start Negotiations

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16-(AP)—In a new attempt to prevent a crippling steel strike, the government asked CIO steelworkers and employers to end their long-distance sparring over a contract and sit down with mediators here Monday.

The strike now is set to begin in eight days — at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, September 25. September Truman has persuaded the union and the steel companies to agree to an 11-day truce to study the recommendations of his fact-finding board issued last Saturday.

Cyrus S. Ching, director of the federal mediation and conciliation service, summoned management and union representatives to the mediation session here at 9:30 a.m., (EST) next Monday.

In doing so, he expressed his belief there is a "good possibility" that the failure of the union and employers to start negotiating on the fact-finders' recommendations "springs not from irreconcilable fundamental differences in views, but from the meaning of words."

Hungarian on Trial Accuses U.S. of Spying

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Sept. 16-(AP)—Laszlo Rajk, former Hungarian police boss and No. 2 communist, confessed fluently today to charges he plotted with Americans and others to smash Hungary's government in an anti-Soviet crusade led by Yugoslav Premier Marshal Tito.

Pouring self-denunciation into a people's court microphone for four hours, the poker-faced, 40-year-old Rajk described the revolt plot as part of a sweeping plan by Tito "to lead and organize an anti-Soviet movement in every people's democracy (Russian satellite)."

Rajk and seven others went on trial for treason.

He declared Tito planned a military invasion of Hungary, the incitement of border strife with Bulgaria, the liquidation of Greek communist guerrilla forces and the incorporation of Albania into Yugoslavia.

Rajk showed eagerness to pile detailed blame on himself for acts since he began what he called his double-dealing with the communists in 1931.

He named a former U.S. minister to Hungary, Selden Chapin, and two other Americans in the plot. He accused by name Yugoslav officials and others on trial as British and French spies.

McKay Gives Opinion on Demos, Politics, Moving Bonneville Dam

Friday was a quiet enough day around the Oregon statehouse, but Gov. Douglas McKay got in his words.

In fact, he had "a word" for it in three divergent announcements to the local press.

Asked if he might oppose Wayne Morse for U. S. senatorial nomination next year, the governor said no. "I have all the work I can handle in my present job," he added, "and it keeps me busy day and night."

Reporters countered with a suggestion that the governor might be trying to discourage opposition to his reelection.

McKay laughed. "I'm having a good time on the sidelines watching the democrats fight each other."

Democrats apparently in mind otherwise, as Governor McKay endorsed Seattle's attempt to reinstate Boeing's airplane plant, declaring, "If the bureaucrats in Washington succeed in their efforts to move this plant east, they probably will try Oregon next."

"They might try to move the Bonneville dam east," McKay quipped. He suggested that adequate provision for defense of Alaska would safeguard northwest industries.

Football made its seasonal debut in the executive office, too, with the result that the governor turned down free plane ride and tickets for both the University of Oregon game at St. Mary's and the Oregon State game at Los Angeles.

"Too busy," was McKay's explanation. He had four speaking engagements for Friday night and Saturday including a community club banquet and crippled children's society meeting in Portland and two soil conservation group gatherings here.

GI, 3 Britons Escape from Russ Prison

BERLIN, Sept. 16 -(AP)—Four western soldiers, an American and three Britons, broke to freedom last night from a Soviet prison in which they said they were tortured, beaten and poorly fed for months.

The American is Pvt. John J. Siemkiewicz, 26, of Baltimore, Md., a veteran of 21 months of tough campaigning in the Pacific with the 16th Infantry Regiment here last November 5.

The Britons, who face charges of being absent without leave at the time of their arrest 18 months ago, were identified by British army authorities as John Bonting, Morris Sullivan and Arthur Taylor.

Prison Pallor

Weary, dirty and marked by prison pallor, the four made their way on foot to safety in the west-end sectors early today. All were hospitalized. The Britons were reported "in poor physical shape."

The U. S. army said Siemkiewicz was "in generally weakened physical condition, but not undernourished."

Siemkiewicz said he was nabbed by a Russian officer when he rode a street car into the Soviet sector by mistake November 5 and his name, carried on his identification card, led the Russians to believe he was a Polish displaced person being used as a spy.

Ice Water Dunking

The stockily built soldier told tales of ice water dunking, of long questioning, of standing 24 hours in a cell without room to sit or kneel and of "having the hell slapped out of me." He said he was "questioned day and night" for the first 16 days of his arrests.

Accounts of the midnight escape varied in minor details, but agreed: Sullivan pierced his cell wall, either with a knife or a metal leg of his bed, and then betted off blocks of the cells holding the others. They fled over a high wall topped by jagged glass.

Judge Grants Annulment to Allergic Wife

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 16-(AP)—Pretty Joyce Holdridge, who says she breaks out in a rash even when her husband's name is mentioned, won an annulment today from a judge who said it may set a legal precedent.

Mrs. Holdridge, 27, testified that she loved Nolan Holdridge, 26, San Francisco watchmaker, and he loved her, but:

"Whenever I was with him, I would break out in a rash from head to toe. This would clear up 24 hours after I left him... but it would recur even at the mention of his name."

Superior Judge Ray Brockmann called the Holdridges "guinea pigs" and commented:

"Courts may be forced to recognize what medical science has discovered—that such allergies as Mrs. Holdridge complains of are a fact and not a caprice."

Car's Funeral Pyre Costs Owner \$50

RESEDA, Calif., Sept. 16-(AP)—Thomas C. Freeman told the judge he'd patched and patched, trying to get his 13-year-old car to run. Finally he gave up, poured kerosene on it and set it afire.

Fifty dollars, said the judge, for burning rubbish without a permit.

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ance, for each month the policy was in force before its anniversary date in 1948, for all policyholders who were aged 40 or younger at the time the policy was issued.

For older veterans, the dividend declines gradually until it is 20 cents a month, for each \$1,000 of insurance, for veterans 55 and over when the policy was issued.

The scale: Age 41 at issue, 52 cents; 42, 49 cents; 43, 46 cents; 44, 43 cents; 45, 40 cents; 46, 37 cents; 47, 34 cents; 48, 31 cents; 49, 28 cents; 50, 25 cents; 51, 24 cents; 52, 23 cents; 53, 22 cents; 54, 21 cents.

Gray said the maximum payment of \$528 is based on a \$10,000 policy in force for 96 months, on a

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Police Arrest Bootleggers

ALBANY, Sept. 16-(AP)—Two men were arrested today on charge of manufacturing liquor, after a raid reminiscent of the old bootlegging days.

State Police Officer Wayne Hoffman said he and three other officers caught two men running off 100 gallons of mash in a still.

Two men identified as Robert Charles Bruce, Waterville, and Frank Beweley, Sodaville, were taken to Portland for arraignment in federal court.

The officers seized a 100 gallon still, 30 gallons of moonshine, and 200 gallons of mash in a chicken house at the edge of the community of Sodaville.

Pensioner to Keep '37 Auto

PORTLAND, Sept. 16-(AP)—The state public welfare commission decided today that Logan Fields, 78, one-armed old age pensioner, can keep his 1937 automobile.

The commission decided that Fields could keep the machine in order to visit a clinic regularly. A medical examination indicated he needed regular treatment.

The ruling reversed the commission's earlier stand, which had supported the Multnomah county welfare commission. That body told Fields he must sell his car or lose his pension.

In another case—that of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Bartholomew—the commission found the wife needed a car to visit a clinic.

H. M. RANDALL ELECTED

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 16-(AP)—H. M. Randall of Salem, Ore., today was elected the new president of the Western Probation and Parole association as the group ended its meeting here. Randall is director of probation and parole for the state of Oregon.

40,000 See Ducks Subdue St. Mary's 24-7

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16-(AP)—The Oregon Webfoots opened their 1949 football season tonight by squashing the St. Mary's Gaels, 24 to 7, before 40,000 surprised fans here in Ketchikan stadium. The game had been listed as a tossup, after Oregon's narrow one-point win over St. Mary's last season, and many in the Bay area felt that the Gaels would turn in the victory tonight.

There was no question about the outcome as early as the first period as the Webfoots, shining both offensively and defensively, completely dominated play. Only in the late stages of the contest were the Gaels able to click. By then it was too late.

The winners scored three touchdowns and a field goal and led at halftime by a 17-0 count. (Additional details on sports page.)

Fire Destroys Steamship on Great Lakes

TORONTO, Sept. 17-(AP)—Fire destroyed the Great Lakes Steamship Noronic at her dock here this morning. How many, if any, died in the blaze could not be determined at once.

The fire broke out at 2:30 a.m. (EST) and was seen first at the vessel's stern. Within minutes the ship was aflame from bow to stern.

Some of those aboard jumped from the decks to the pier and others climbed down ropes. A number were seen to jump from the burning ship into the waters of Lake Ontario.

There were reports that others had been trapped aboard and perished in the figure.

The vessel carried about 450 persons, including 185 crew members.

Apparently almost all had jumped overboard safely, but there was a report that one woman drowned after she leaped from the ship.

Snyder Backs Devaluation

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16-(AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder said emphatically today he believes dollar-short European governments should consider devaluation as a means of boosting their exports to the United States.

Experts explained Snyder's suggestion this way:

If Britain reduced value of the British pound sterling from its present \$4.03 it would have the effect of lowering the prices of British goods shipped to the United States.

This would result because Americans would then be able to buy more British goods for their dollars. And this, in turn, would tend to stimulate American purchases of British products.

90 Sign for Bend College

BEND, Sept. 16-(AP)—More than 90 students have registered so far for the new Central Oregon Community college, established by the state system of higher education. An even larger enrollment is expected by the time classes start, September 20.

Four instructors will shuttle between the classes here and similar ones at Klamath Falls. Courses are taught in late afternoon and evening.

THE WEATHER

Loc.	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	67	52	.31
Portland	66	51	.86
San Francisco	69	48	.00
Chicago	71	41	.00
New York	72	40	.03

Washnetco River 3-1 feet.
 FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field): Partly cloudy today becoming mostly cloudy tonight with rain. High today near 70. Low tonight near 50. Weather will be favorable for farm activities except for moderate afternoon winds.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
 (Sept. 1 to Sept. 17)
 This Year 1.25
 Last Year .71

BASEBALL

Coast League

At San Diego 4, Portland 0
 At Sacramento 2, Seattle 2
 At San Francisco 8, Hollywood 5
 At Los Angeles 4, Oakland 15

National League

At St. Louis 3, Boston 5
 At Pittsburgh 6, Brooklyn 5
 At Chicago 1, New York 4
 At Cincinnati 2, Philadelphia 1

American League

At New York 4, Detroit 1
 At Washington 8, Cleveland 4
 At Boston 12, St. Louis 4
 At Philadelphia 5-3, Chicago 1-4