

Salem Labor Council Officials Deny NLRB 'Unfair' Charges

Charges of "unfair labor practices" issued this week against the Salem Trades and Labor council by the National Labor Relations board in Portland were denied by local labor officials.

The NLRB charges that "important construction jobs" were being delayed near Independence because the local labor council had placed the Valley Concrete company of that city on its "unfair list."

A court injunction banning the use of the "unfair list" has been asked by the NLRB following receipt of a petition from the concrete company and a hearing has been set November 22 in federal court in Portland on the charges.

F. D. Van Sweringen, executive secretary of the Salem Building Trades council, said Wednesday that a picket now placed at the concrete plant would not be removed and that the matter had been referred to labor attorneys in Portland.

No Threat of Strike

"There has been no strike and

no threat of a strike," he said, "and actually we are still supplying men to the Valley company."

"I have three iron workers right outside the door who would be glad to go to work if called," he said.

Van Sweringen doubted that the "unfair list" had slowed construction. A shortage of steel has been the main block to work on bridges and schools in the area, he said.

Say T-H Act Violated

Herbert Barker, executive secretary of the Trades and Labor council, said the NLRB was opposing the "unfair list" as a violation of



JAR OF 3,000 B. C.—Mrs. Anna Wong views an earthenware jar of about 3,000 B. C., oldest piece in exhibition of rare Chinese art at St. Mary's Chinese Mission, San Francisco.

Ten Pumps Ready to Combat Drainage Trouble, Group Told

By Charles Ireland
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Action before basements flood with water this winter was promised a group of north Salem residents who attended a forum concerning drainage problems at the city hall Thursday night.

City Engineer J. Harold Davis told approximately 50 citizens present that the city will have ten pumps available this winter and, as far as possible, will put them in action before water starts to back up in basements.

Patrols will check critical areas during the rainy season and the pumps will be started at the first sign that drainage systems may be overtaxed.

The assemblage pelted Davis and City Manager J. L. Franzen with questions concerning their respective properties. The area centering around Madison street from 17th to 21st streets appeared particularly well represented.

Several persons asked if drainage ditches bordering their property would be cleared of debris this season. Davis assured them it

Oregon to Get Hospital Funds

PORTLAND, Oct. 27—(AP)—Oregon will get \$1,544,418 in federal funds to build hospitals during the next five years, a state board of health official reported today.

That is the state's share under the Hill-Burton act, which doubles the amount of federal gifts toward hospital construction. President Truman has signed the measure.

George M. Shiffer, in charge of the hospital and facilities section of the state board of health, said the board already has more applications than funds.

Four hospitals—at Tillamook, Heppner, Burns, and Enterprise—are already being built; three others—at Roseburg, Bend, and Pendleton—have been approved. Bids will be opened at Roseburg Tuesday for its 42-bed hospital. The projects at Bend and Pendleton are additions.

Egg Prices Continue Drop

Egg prices continued to drop in Salem Thursday following similar decreases on the Portland market. The cuts ranged from two cents a dozen on extra large eggs to five cents on smaller sizes.

Wholesalers were buying extra large AAs for 59 cents; large AAs for 58; large As for 55; medium AAs for 42; medium As for 40 and pullets for 36 cents.

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secondary measures they charge are prohibited by the Taft-Hartley act.

"We won't give up now when labor has worked all these years to gain that right," he said.

Barker said the issue could go all the way to the U. S. supreme court and predicted that AFL national attorneys would come west to fight and appeal the case if the injunction were granted.

2 Salem Folk Hurt in Wrecks

Traffic injuries brought minor injuries to two Salem folk Thursday.

Charles S. Pratt, 65, of 340 N. Liberty st., was hospitalized with minor head injuries after an oil truck he operated tipped over in front of the state tuberculosis hospital on Turner road at 3:30 p. m. His condition was termed good at Salem General hospital Thursday night.

First aid men treated Mrs. Hazel Read, 3405 Triangle dr., for knee abrasions incurred in a collision at Bush and South Liberty streets at 7:23 p. m. Mrs. Read and Lee E. Baldwin, jr., 1210 S. 18th st., were the drivers, according to city police. Front ends of both cars were damaged.

geyeva, said they "investigated the causes of defeat of the Washington policy in Europe—Eastern and Western—and worked out new tactics."

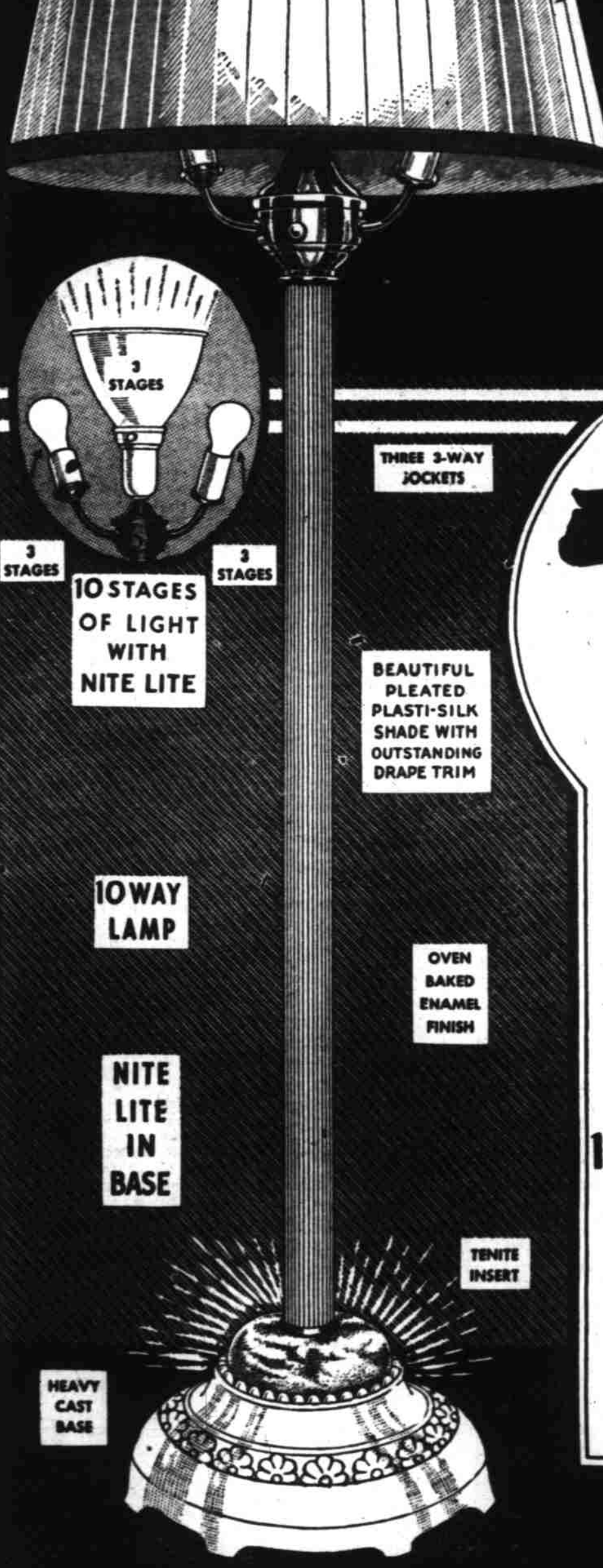
Russia Blasts Envoys Meet

LONDON, Oct. 27—(AP)—The Moscow radio charged today the London conference of U. S. diplomats from Iron curtain countries was called to "plot new Anti-Soviet intrigues."

The broadcast referred to the two-way meeting this week attended by the American envoys from Poland, Russia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania.

The Commentator, Natalia Ser-

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