

Lumber Strike Negotiations To Open on Pessimistic Note

PORTLAND (AP)—Negotiations in the Pacific Northwest lumber strike will open Monday before federal mediators, but there was little optimism Saturday about an end for the walkout which has idled well over 50,000 men for three weeks.

Instead, there appeared to be new signs of the wide gap in views which led the CIO International Woodworkers and the AFL Lumber

and Sawmill Workers Union to strike for a 12 1/2-cent hourly pay boost.

Employer spokesmen used a settlement by the CIO-IWA in British Columbia as an argument against more increases here. The IWA, which Saturday started mailing to the National Labor Relations Board charges of unfair labor practices against 508 lumber operators, said the employers were ignoring some key points in the British Columbia settlement.

Data Needed

The unfair labor charges say the operators refused to bargain in good faith by failing to provide payroll information asked for in December. The union says the data was needed in negotiations.

On the British Columbia settlement, the employers made much of the contract calling for no wage increase.

C. H. Wheeler, a Portland lumberman, said Friday it appeared "union leaders have invented their own brand of foreign aid," and Saturday Hillman Luedemann, vice president and general manager of Pope & Talbot, called the contract "the greatest threat to stability of the Northwest lumber industry."

More Imports

Because of lower wages in Canada, employers say increases here will surrender an increasing amount of the U. S. lumber market to imports.

But E. W. Kenney, research director for the IWA, said the Canadian workers got a pay boost last year while most of the U. S. fir workers did not. His office reported that the new British Columbia contract also brought various fringe benefits and job revisions which to individual workers meant gains of from 5 to 22 cents an hour.

First of the renewed talks will be Monday afternoon between the AFL Lumber Workers and two major employer groups, the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee and the Columbia Basin Sawmills. It was called by mediator LeRoy Smith. The CIO-IWA has its first talks Wednesday.

Indians Brought In

The Air Force brought in three planeloads of Navajo Indian fire experts from New Mexico Saturday. A fourth plane carried equipment for the 99 men.

National Guard units from Newcastle, Gillette and Lusk also have joined in the fight.

Friday afternoon the 8-day old blaze broke through the ring of volunteers and National Guardsmen and burned their base of operations.

Capt. Harry L. Palmer, commander of the National Guard unit, said the new line was being strengthened all day. The area is rugged and subject to shifting winds.

Meanwhile, pilots who flew over the burning area reported its advance was mostly to the south, with some sections burning along fronts several miles wide.

Mud Delays Lily Festival

BROOKINGS (AP)—Muddy fields, keeping pickers out of the rows of lily blossoms, forced a week's postponement in the 8th annual Brookings Lily Festival, scheduled for this Sunday. It was put off to Sunday, July 18.

However, the rodeo which accompanies the festival was to go on as planned.

This is the first time the festival, which attracts a crowd of 5,000 to 6,000 annually, has been interrupted by rain.

The central feature is a 1 p.m. parade with floats decorated with lilies.

Nut Growers List Officers

NEWBERG (AP)—New officers of the Oregon Nut Growers were announced Saturday by Lloyd Baron, manager of the Newberg Co-operative.

Chosen president by directors was Lee R. Maloney, McMinnville. Other officers: Chester L. Mulkey, McMinnville, vice president; Astrid Trunk, Dundee, secretary-treasurer, and Harry Pearcey, Salem, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Maloney, Mulkey and Pearcey were named to the Northwest Nut Growers board of directors.

RUSS SHIPS VISIT FINNS

HELSINKI, Finland (AP)—A Soviet cruiser and two destroyers arrived Saturday for the first Russian naval visit to this capital since World War II. The Russian vessels sail for Stockholm next Wednesday.

Undersea Statue Of Christ Planned

GENOA, Italy (AP)—Italian divers are searching the waters of Italy's Riviera coast for a likely site on which to erect an underwater statue of Christ. The statue is planned to be visible in the clear water from heavily traveled highway along the shore.

The 8-foot bronze figure will be sunk into the water later this month as a memorial to all persons who have lost their lives in the world's oceans. Part of the bronze in the statue is from the propellers of sunken Italian ships, reclaimed from the ocean.

Dulles Ponders Over Return To Geneva

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles Saturday pondered long and hard the question whether he should fly back to Geneva to join in showdown talks on an Indochina peace settlement.

He was understood to be disposed not to go. There was doubt that he would serve a positive purpose by doing so, as he might by staying here and pressing forward the creation of an anti-Communist united front for Southeast Asia.

Yet his advisors and Dulles himself were well aware that delicate relationships with America's allies and other difficult considerations involving U. S. interests would depend on his final decision.

Dulles told a news conference Thursday he had no present plans for going back to Geneva peace negotiations which he left two months ago in the belief that they would accomplish little.

Smith as Substitute

France's Ambassador Henri Bonnet appealed to Dulles Friday to join the group himself or send Undersecretary Walter Bedell Smith in order to raise the diplomatic rank of the U. S. delegation. The British have taken a similar line.

Dulles was clearly in a difficult spot. His disposition against going apparently rested on several points including these:

1. Neither Dulles nor anybody else here knows what kind of deal French Premier Mendes - France might make with the Reds about Indochina peace. If it is too much of a "surrender" settlement, such as Washington has feared, the U. S. will refuse to approve it.

Such refusal could be more delicately and less spectacularly handled if Dulles were in Washington instead of Geneva.

Position Weak

2. The terms of a settlement are beyond the control of the United States. Mendes - France has pledged himself to get peace or resign by July 20. His negotiation position is weak.

3. The Eisenhower administration has to be very sensitive to congressional attitudes on the whole southeast Asian problem.

Morgan Keeps Demo Position

EUGENE (AP)—Howard Morgan, Monmouth farmer, was re-elected chairman of the Democratic state central committee at a meeting here Saturday.

The meeting was held in connection with the statewide rally addressed by Adlai Stevenson, the 1952 Democratic presidential nominee.

Mrs. Thomas Scates, Sandy, was elected vice chairman to succeed Mrs. Gladys Last, Portland. Lloyd Rea, Baker County judge, was named to replace Volney Martin, Portland, as secretary. Neither Mrs. Last nor Martin was a candidate for re-election.

Dexter Fairbanks, Portland, was re-elected committee treasurer.

Morgan said Stevenson rally ticket sales will wipe out a deficit and put the state committee "in the black," although the total of receipts was not yet known.

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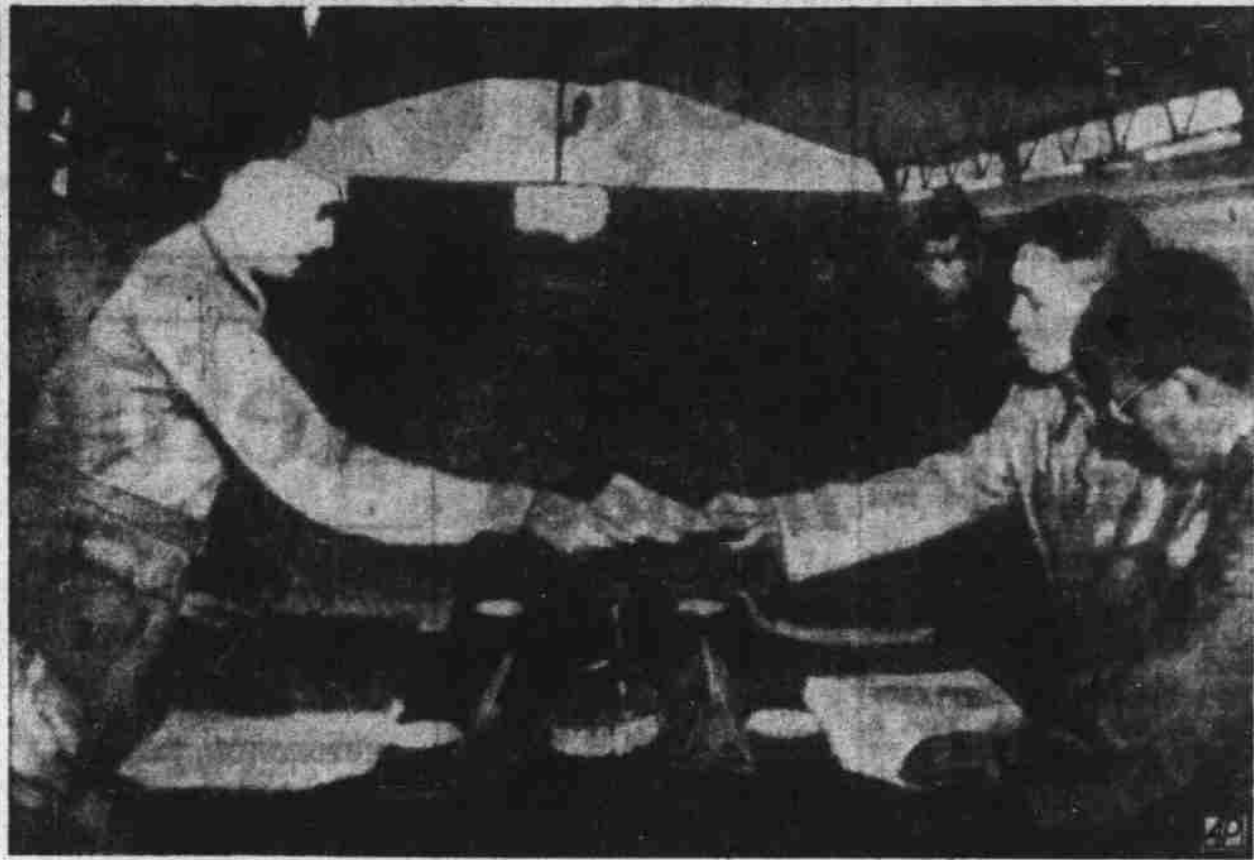
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Indochina Truce Negotiators Meet



TRUNG GIA, Indochina—Gen. Van Tien Dung, right, head of the Vietminh delegation, hands his credentials across the table to Col. Paul Lennuyeu, French delegation leader, at start of Indochina cease-fire talks last Sunday at Trung Gia, Indochina's "Panmunjom" 25 miles north of Hanoi. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Hong Kong to London)

Farm Policy Listed as Top Political Topic

BOLTON LANDING, N. Y. (AP)—The chairman of the annual governors' conference opening here Sunday said Saturday \$2 wheat can't be justified and flexible farm price supports will be "the No. 1 domestic issue in the coming political campaign."

Gov. Dan Thornton of Colorado said he thinks President Eisenhower still is "extremely popular" in Colorado but "there is doubt in the minds of the people about the Republican Party." A Republican himself, he didn't amplify on that.

Thornton sounded this political note at a news conference in advance of a meeting which the state executives always say is nonpolitical and nonpartisan.

While politics isn't on the official agenda of the governors' conference, it always figures in the off-state discussions at one of these sessions. Terms of 34 of the governors — 23 Republicans and 11 Democrats — expire this year.

The Colorado governor said he is for Eisenhower's flexible price support program for farmers.

Thornton called the Eisenhower plan a step in the right direction, but said it should be put into effect gradually rather than all at once.

"I would say," the governor remarked, "that a lot of the farmers in Colorado feel as I do about it. How can we justify \$2 a bushel wheat in Eastern Colorado when it can be grown for 50 or 55 cents a bushel and I got \$2.10."

WOUNDED RETURN

TOKYO (AP)—A U. S. Air Force hospital stratoscruiser left Tokyo for Honolulu Saturday, carrying 53 more wounded veterans of Dien Bien Phu.

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"THUNDER BAY" with James Stewart

NORTH SALEM DRIVE IN

"EXECUTIVE SUITE," Barbara Stanwyck, Fredric March
"TAILS OF RAGGEDY" with Victor Mature, Mari Blanchard

Payment to Oregon Swine Raisers Gains

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill which would pay \$3,320 to Oregon swine owners for stock slaughtered because they had vesicular exanthema, a contagious disease, has approval of the House Agriculture Committee. The Senate has already passed it.

The bill authorizes the federal payments in states which have paid indemnities. Oregon is the only one which has done so.

The swine were slaughtered two years ago.

LIONS ELECT BARRY

NEW YORK (AP)—Edward G. Barry, Little Rock, Ark., utility executive, Saturday was elected third vice president of the Lions International-putting him in line eventually to become president of the big service organization.

2 Diplomats Wounded in London Fight

LONDON (AP)—Two unidentified diplomats were wounded in a mysterious gunfight Saturday night not far from Buckingham Palace in the vicinity of the Dominican Republic consulate. Both were taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Detectives jumped into the case but spread a cloak of "diplomatic immunity" over any findings.

The British Press Association, however, identified the wounded men as officials of the Dominican consulate.

One man fell at the foot of the consulate steps, and the other staggered around a street corner before collapsing.

Somewhat varying witness reports said the two men staggered into a quiet street in the Belgravia section, a center of diplomatic life in London. The men, each about 40 years old, were taken to St. George's Hospital.

Scotland Yard declined to give out any information beyond saying the wounded pair were entitled to diplomatic immunity—which includes some rights against arrest.

Several high police officials during the night spent several hours questioning Dominican officials and consular personnel.

Dominican officials declined to comment. A member of the Caribbean republic's embassy—the embassy is on another street—said Ambassador Don Luis Logrono Cohen was not available.

Commies Oust Ukrainian Boss

MOSCOW (AP)—Alexander Kornelchuk, well-known writer and politician, has been relieved of his post as first deputy premier of the Ukrainian republic, the newspaper Ukrainian Pravda announced Saturday.

The paper said the reason was to permit Kornelchuk to devote full time to his writing.

There has been no announcement of a successor.

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