

Strike Closes Eastern Ports

Workers Out From Maine to Virginia

By ARTHUR W. EVERETT
NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (AP)—The International Longshoremen's Assn. (Ind.) tonight ordered its 45,000 dockworkers out on strike from Maine to Virginia. Most stopped work immediately but some set walkouts for 8 a.m. tomorrow.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Uncle Sam has been listing and evaluating his real estate holdings. They are numerous, extensive and valuable — the 775 million acres are valued at \$40.3 billion dollars. This area is said to be the equivalent of the area in the United States east of the Mississippi, with the addition of Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. That is a wide spread of real estate — Alaska, where most of the land is government-owned is by far the biggest parcel.

Uncle Sam isn't putting any of his holdings on the market, save for bits here and there. Once he was a big dealer in lands. The 13 original colonies relinquished their claims to western lands, if they had any, and the federal government made them available to land-seekers on very reasonable terms. The homestead act of 1862 decreed that the public lands "should be held as a sacred trust for the benefit of the people, and should be granted in limited quantities, free of cost, to landless settlers." That was what was done, and the settlement of the West was greatly accelerated thereby.

Large portions of the wide open spaces attracted no homesteaders, and after a while the government woke up to the fact that it should reserve forests for future use. Then the government acquired thousands of acres for conduct of its own business: military posts, training fields, sites for buildings and institutions, etc., etc. Not long ago the Senate Appropriations Committee asked the General Services Administration to make an inventory of all the U.S. land holdings, the total of which has been announced as reported above.

Government agencies are doing more than list the lands. The Bureau of Land Management, which succeeded to the work of the (Continued on editorial page, 4)

Astoria Bridge Plan Revived

By HECTOR L. FOX
Associated Press Writer

A 25-year-old hope for a highway bridge across the Columbia River from Astoria, Ore., to Megler, Wash., was revived Tuesday at a hearing before the House Highways Committee, at the Capitol.

The revival, spurred by introduction of a bill to provide \$450,000 for a survey and preliminary plans for the proposed span, found no opposition during the two-hour session.

Meanwhile, legislators heard a large delegation from coastal counties call for a \$14.5 million bond issue to complete rebuilding of the Oregon coast highway between Gold Beach and Brookings.

Meeting with Sens. Richard Chapman (D), Coos Bay, and Andrew J. Naterlin (D), Newport.

Legislature Today

10 a.m.—House meets. Final consideration of repeal of state picketing law and proposal for state conciliation service.
10 a.m.—Senate meets.

The delegation asked the legislators to prepare a bill calling for the bond issue.

State highway engineer W. C. Williams said the state would need \$45 million to bring the entire highway up to federal standards.

He said the highway commission now can work on the Gold Beach-Brookings section only piecemeal because of lack of funds.

Over \$30 Million

Speaking on the proposed Astoria bridge, Williams said it would cost \$30.5 million to build the 4.3-mile span near the mouth of the river. That, he said, is five times as much as it would have cost to build it in the 1930's, when agitation for the bridge first reached its peak.

Williams said Oregon and Washington several years ago spent \$150,000 on preliminary surveys, and the two states talked about financing it with bonds.

He said that the anticipated \$770,000 annual bridge toll revenue wouldn't be sufficient to meet bond obligations at first and the two states would have to make up the difference.

He predicted that one million vehicles would be using the bridge each year by 1968, assuming it is built by 1960.

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The Weather

Today's forecast: Variable cloudiness today, tonight and Thursday. Continued mild. High today 55. Low tonight 35.
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80-Foot Steel Poles Made in Salem



Probably one of the largest poles of its kind ever constructed in the Northwest, this giant 80-foot steel electric pole is one of six now being fabricated at Hrubetz & Bushnell Manufacturing Co., 2380 S. 25th St. Joseph Sanders (foreground) is spraying the monster. (Statesman Photo)

Giant Poles Destined for Camp White

Electric light poles, with the aid of the Hrubetz & Bushnell Manufacturing Co. of Salem, are achieving a "new longer look" these days.

Manufacturers of light poles since 1946, the company has constructed six 80-foot fabricated steel poles for an athletic field at Camp White, two miles north of Medford. Tapered so they have a base of 16 inches and a top of 6 inches, the "granddaddy size" poles weigh 28,000 pounds each and can mount as many as 24 flood lights, the manufacturers said.

The poles were welded from octagonal shaped fabricated steel plates which were shaped by a 300-ton press at the Hrubetz & Bushnell plant.

For shipment the six poles, along with two 60-foot poles, will be loaded onto two 50-foot flatcars and sent by rail.

The average steel light pole, as seen on the Baldock Freeway or the Salem Bypass, is approximately 30 feet high, Bushnell said.

Guard Says Recruits Train Longer Than ROTC Men

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The National Guard Assn. said today the Army is demanding more training for Guard recruits than now required of second lieutenants from the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

The association fired this new round in a row with the Pentagon over training requirements.

The association said in a statement today that a Guard private "who attends a full 48 army drills and 15 days field training per year over a period of four years ends up with more military training than the college boy who joins the ROTC as a freshman, and graduates four years later as a second lieutenant."

To Add 6 Months
The association continued: "The Army now wants to add six months' full-time training to the guardsman's training schedule."

"If this requirement stands, any private first class in the National Guard with four years service will have received more military training than the ROTC officer who has been commissioned, called to active duty, been graduated from a four-month basic branch service school and who has commanded a platoon in the Army for two months."

"Better-Trained"
"In short, the National Guard private will be a better-trained soldier than any newly commissioned officer in the United States Army with the exception of the West Point graduate."

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Newly Developed Material Able to Scratch Diamonds, Scientists State

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (AP)—The hardest substance ever made by man—an entirely new material—has been created by tremendous pressure and heat, General Electric scientists announced today.

It is a crystal hard enough to scratch a diamond and able to stand twice as much heat. Named "borazon," it is expected to have "far-reaching impact" in industrial polishing and cutting operations, they said.

Dr. Robert H. Wentorf, a 30-year-old physical chemist from West Bend, Wis., is credited with the discovery of borazon. A member of the GE research team

Russia Asks U.N. Debate U.S. 'Aggressive Moves'

Norblad Hears Talk of Dropping Woodburn Base

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The Air Force was asked by Rep. Norblad (R-Ore.) today to advise him of its intentions on continued use of the Portland International Airport.

The congressman declared the reports he has received are to the effect that the Air Force may drop plans to build a new base near Woodburn, Ore., if the runways at the Portland airport are extended.

He sought the information after getting what he said were reports that the Air Force plans to extend a runway or runways at the airport.

Norblad wants to see Air Force Secretary Quarles personally to talk over the matter with him.

The Air Force at Portland said it had no word on the reported developments. The Port of Portland Commission, however, took note of the reports at a meeting yesterday.

John J. Winn Jr., port general manager, said there had been a rumor that the Air Force might ask the port to extend an 8,000-foot runway to 12,000 feet.

He said the port staff "is anxiously waiting to see what the Air Force proposes in order that we may determine how it affects our master plan, our construction and the future of commercial and general aviation."

The port commission is the overall authority for operation of the airport.

The Air Force announced, at the time it picked the Woodburn area site for a new base last year, that it would move from the Portland airport.

Balmy Day On Forecast

Indications are the balmy weather which arrived in Salem Tuesday will continue today, the weather bureau at McNary Field said.

Forecast is for continued mild weather with variable cloudiness today, tonight and Thursday.

Temperature range today will be from 55-55. Tuesday's low was 28 degrees above zero at 6:30 a.m.

Coldest spot in Oregon Tuesday, according to the weather bureau, was Baker, where the thermometer dropped to seven degrees above zero.

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Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce, 83, who died Tuesday. The photo portrays her as she was best known before her days of relative inactivity.

Widow of Gov. Pierce Dies at 83

Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce, 83, widow of former Gov. Walter M. Pierce, died Tuesday in a Salem hospital following an extended illness.

Born in Monticello, Iowa, Dec. 26, 1873, Mrs. Pierce was the first secretary of the Oregon Library Commission, which later became the Oregon State Library.

She came to Salem in 1905 from Madison, Wis., where she worked for six years with the Wisconsin Library Commission.

As Oregon's first state librarian, Mrs. Pierce worked unceasingly for 24 years to promote and advance the Oregon State Library and its services.

She married Gov. Pierce in 1928, after which she resigned her position with the State Library.

In 1932 she went to Washington, D. C. to act as secretary for her husband who was then elected to the U. S. House of Representatives.

In 1942, after Rep. Pierce's last term, they returned to Salem. Governor of Oregon from 1923-1927 Pierce died in 1953.

A resident of Eola for 20 years her passing was regarded by fellow workers at the library as marking the end to an era "in which the cornerstone of Oregon heritage and education was laid."

Survivors include sisters, Mrs. Mable Hairgrove, Eola, and Mrs. Fritz Slade, Portland; a brother, Charles Marvin, Daly City, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews. Services will be announced later by the Clough Barrick Funeral Home.

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Soviet Offers Big 4 Mideast Peace Plan

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 12 (AP)—The Soviet Union tonight accused the United States of aggressive actions around the world and called for a General Assembly debate on the situation.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vassily V. Kuznetsov made the charges in a letter to Prince Wan Waihayakon, president of the U. N. General Assembly. He asked for action by the Assembly without delay.

Kuznetsov charged that the United States has committed aggressive actions by building military bases in Western Europe, Turkey, Iran, Japan and Okinawa capable of using atomic weapons.

He charged also that American bases in England, France, West Germany, Italy, Turkey and Iran constitute a threat to peace.

New Foreign Bases Cited

Kuznetsov complained that the U. S. budget contained unprecedented expenses for war preparations. He said money was being appropriated to build new bases in Brazil, a jet plane base in Pakistan, and Air Force bases in Taiwan and West Germany.

Kuznetsov did not present a resolution. The procedure will be for the Assembly Steering Committee to decide whether to recommend consideration of this new item. The committee will meet tomorrow.

The Soviet Union said the policy of the United States "more and more reflects aggressive tendencies which worsen the international situation at a time when the majority of the states are trying to liquidate the cold war."

The Soviet Union also charged that the United States outlined a program directed at the organization of "new military provocations" in the Middle East and "aimed at the economic enslavement of the people."

Ike Regime Cool to Russ Bid

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Soviet Union called Tuesday for Big Four power cooperation on Middle East peace problems.

It asked for an East-West agreement to junk Western bases in the area, curb arms shipments and give the area unconditional economic aid.

The program was quickly denounced by the Eisenhower administration as a transparent bid to wreck the President's Middle East doctrine of economic help and arms aid if it is asked for.

British spokesmen took the same view. A French Foreign Office spokesman said the Soviet proposals showed they were afraid to resume the cold war.

Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov made the program public in a policy statement to the Soviet Parliament.

Shepilov outlined these six points:

1. Maintenance of peace in the Near and Middle East through settling disputed questions exclusively by peaceful means, by negotiation.
2. Noninterference in the internal affairs.
3. Renunciation of any attempts to include these countries in military blocs with the great powers.
4. Liquidation of foreign bases and withdrawal of foreign troops.
5. Mutual renunciation of the supply of arms.
6. Cooperation toward economic development without making any political, military or other conditions.

Mideast Comment Cautious

There was no immediate official comment from the Middle East but a cautious reaction was indicated. In Cairo it was felt that the Shepilov proposals might have a wide appeal in the Arab world.

Congressional leaders in Washington were skeptical about any cooperation on Soviet economic aid promises.

The new U. S. peace move to get Israeli forces out of the Egyptian Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip won British and Canadian approval at the U. N. but most other delegates withheld comment until Israel's reactions were known.

The United States offered a declaration of support for freedom of Israeli shipping in the Gulf of Aqaba and to support moves for stationing a U. N. force in Gaza to circumvent guerrilla raids on Israel as an inducement for withdrawal of Israeli troops.

Israel's ailing Premier David Ben-Gurion consulted with his foreign policy advisors in Tel Aviv.

Boy Scout Jamboree Meeting Set

An information meeting for Boy Scouts planning to attend the national Scout jamboree next summer, and their parents and leaders, will take place at Meier & Frank store Thursday night.

The 7:30 o'clock session will include a display of equipment necessary for the jamboree trip and talks on cost, itinerary and other aspects of the trip.

The jamboree will be held July 12 to 18 at Valley Forge, Pa. The Cascade Area Council's contingent will consist of 74 boys and eight leaders. To date 47 boys have registered to go.

At the Thursday night meeting David Crockett of Salem, newly appointed Council activities chairman, will explain each item in the equipment display. Lou Amort of Salem, Council camping chairman, will outline the day-to-day activities of a jamboree.

Richard Rice, council executive, will itemize the \$445 cost per boy. Ken Jury of Albany, district executive, will discuss the trip itinerary. W. W. McKinney, Salem attorney and council jamboree chairman, will introduce the adult leaders. A film of the 1950 jamboree will be shown.

Also to be discussed will be the worldwide observance of scouting's 50th birthday in England next Aug. 1 to 12.

Straight Thinking Wears Out Women, Psychologist Says

CHICAGO, Feb. 12 (AP)—A woman psychologist today told a group of men that "women should never be put on a job that requires straight, solid thinking."

If they are, said Dr. Cleo Dawson of the University of Kentucky, they will "wear out" because their "emotion of wonder is too strong." Dr. Dawson told the Rotary Club, a men's organization, that women work best under authority, need to be needed, and should never be deserted.

Spelldown!

(Editor's Note: Following are basic words for the current Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest for 4,000 students in 11 valley schools. To encourage day-to-day study, no computer list will be available. Daily words are from standard textbooks. Contest is free with nothing to buy or sell.)

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| customer | zeppelin |
| diploma | vaccinated |
| penalty | carnish |
| thief | skeleton |
| straight | poisonous |
| blizzard | ridiculous |
| exquisite | lightning |
| durable | occupant |
| society | metaphor |
| radiator | knuckle |

Fun in the Sun
Nothing makes Salem golf pro Bunny Mason happier than a sunny day like Tuesday—unless it's a chip shot that lands this close to the pin.