

National Wage Boost Studied

N. Y. Stores, Theatres Closed

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Industry Assails Shackles

Changes in High Command Near, Newsmen Told

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Snags of an undisclosed nature delayed again today the announcement of a revised wage-price policy designed to curb strikes, but the White House confirmed that changes in the economic high command are in prospect.

No names were mentioned by presidential secretary Charles Ross in telling newsmen of the prospective changes, but reports have circulated that OPA administrator Chester Bowles, strong advocate of holding whatever new line is established, would take over as stabilization administrator.

Increase Being Studied
Meantime it was disclosed by an informed official, who declined use of his name, that among the proposals considered during the day by the government was that a 17 1/2 per cent increase in the national wage scale be permitted.

Coupled with this was the suggestion that price relief would be granted manufacturers and employers to permit them profits averaging 1936-39 levels, after the 17 1/2 per cent wage increase had been included in their costs.

The over-all proposal, however, was but one of several formulas reported under discussion, during day-long conferences among top officials.

Meantime, a major segment of industry that "shackles of price control" be removed from manufactured goods. The demand was made in full page advertisements timed to appear this morning in Washington and New York and sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers.

Students Win Theatre Price

VERNONIA, Ore., Feb. 11.—(AP)—The two-week picketing of a theatre by high school pupils who demanded a special non-adult admission price ended successfully today.

Jack Riley, a student spokesman, said the theatre owners had agreed to a 40-cent price—10 cents below the adult charge, and that Mrs. Zelma Dow, Joy theatre manager, had also promised "better" shows.

The teen-agers locked arms around the box office January 24, forcing a shut down of the only theatre in this small lumbering community.

4 CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE
SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 11.—(AP)—A fire which roared through a two-story house early today after a stove exploded trapped and burned to death four children of Mr. and Mrs. George Locher. Flames thwarted their father's rescue attempts.

Sailor Killed In Car Mishap At Chemawa

Raymond Leo Heath, a sailor from the naval hospital at Camp Adair, died Monday in a Salem hospital from injuries incurred when a car in which he was riding crashed into another machine at Chemawa Junction. The car, driven by Frederick D. Lindsay, also from the hospital, had been chased by Salem police at high speeds from inside the city, officials said.

Lindsay was also injured seriously and was moved to the naval hospital Monday from Salem Deaconess hospital. Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Salem, who was riding in the other car driven by her husband, was treated for facial lacerations at Salem General hospital but her injuries were reported not serious.

The sailor's car had been reported missing from in front of the Ladd and Bush bank by Irvin Westers, Keizer district, shortly after the chase began.

Naval officials withheld names of hometowns of the two men.

OFFICES, BANKS CLOSE
All city, county, and state offices, including the state liquor store, will be closed today in honor of Lincoln's birthday. Banks will also close their doors.

City-Invoked Rent Control Again Studied

Local rent control was being discussed again in official circles today as a means of bringing down Salem habitation costs and as an alternative to OPA restrictions, believed to be "on the way" now to Oregon's capital city.

Mayor I. M. Doughton said Monday, at a conference, that he began to receive complaints of jumped rents shortly after the expiration of a city ordinance last November. At that time it was maintained the city's authority to restrict rents was solely a wartime prerogative. Now, it is considered possible the existence of an emergency may provide new authority.

Bringing OPA controls to the city might well discourage a considerable amount of building, it was declared Monday, although most builders will automatically come under some type of rent control by virtue of federal building requirements.

Sitting in on Monday's conference with the mayor were E. D. Potter, president of the Salem Board of Realtors; Alderman R. A. Forkner, realtor; Leo N. Childs, realtor and member of the former rent control board, and Clay Cochran, chamber manager.

Power Station Blast Kills 2, Results in \$19,000 Damages; PGE Investigating Cause

Investigation continues today in an attempt to learn the cause of a blast of fire in the Portland General Electric company control room at Liberty and Trade streets which Sunday sent two employees to their death.

Power company officials declared Monday night they believed they might yet determine what brought about the great short circuit which claimed the lives of Lyle E. Davis and Alvin C. Steinka and wrought damages which amounted toward \$19,000 when a damaged piece of equipment shorted Monday morning causing a second fire.

Davis, chief operator at the substation, who had been with the company approximately 10 years in Salem and prior to that had worked in Portland, and Steinka, his assistant, were experienced electricians, doing a routine job when the great short occurred, W. M. Hamilton, Willamette valley division manager for PGE, said.

The widow, a son, 14, and a daughter, 10, survive Davis, who died in a hospital shortly after he was injured. Steinka, who died seven hours later, is survived by his widow, a son 3, and a daughter 2, a sister, Irene Barnes, route 7, box 402, and his mother, Cora A. Steinka, 53, missing from her home since December 26.

Sunday service interruptions varied from a moment or two, to 30 minutes, 1 1/2 hours and three hours, while Monday's was brief. Hamilton placed the loss in the Sunday fire at \$12,000, that in Monday's, which resulted from test operations of a damaged \$7,000-volt generator, he estimated at about \$7,000.

SHIPYARD HUMS AGAIN
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Oregon Shipbuilding corporation yard hummed again today as work started on three big cargo-passenger liners for Alcoa. Construction is expected to swell the present payroll from 1050 to nearly 3000 by March, yard officials.



AT THE CORNER OF STATE AND HIGH in Salem, three Willamette frosh Monday paid a debt, incurred when their class failed to win the annual freshman glee contest, Jean Brown, Salem, ate everything on a luncheon menu except traffic jam, while two grass-skirted coeds from Portland, Barbara A. MacDuffee (left) and Marilee Olson, turned "stop" and "go" signals, fore and aft, to win plenty of attention from lunch-hour motorists. Sophomores won the song-fest last week, their catchy "fight" song being warbled by winners and losers alike at last night's cage game where second-place juniors also took to the floor to parody the melody. The freshmen placed third. Fourth-place seniors took to the icy millrace Monday as their penalty for losing. One group of losers played gin rummy in the middle of State street as penance. (Statesman-McEwan photo).

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

There is an obvious parallel between the present and the period immediately following the Civil war which the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, falling today, brings to mind. Then as now the country was emerging from a long and bloody war. The terms of "unconditional surrender" as applied to Germany and Japan had their origin in the blunt terms of General Grant in the Civil war. Then as now the defeated section was prostrate, and the errors of the policy of reconstruction as developed by the fire-eaters of the north following Lincoln's death survive in smouldering sectionalism to this day.

Carl Sandberg, biographer of Lincoln, writing of the problems arising with Lee's surrender at Appomattox, notes this:

"Joseph Gillespie of Illinois, on asking what was to happen in the south after the war, heard Lincoln say that some thought that certain heads ought to come off. 'But if it was left to me, I could not tell where to draw the line between those heads should come off, and whose heads should stay on.' He had been reading of David's putting down a rebellion and David's nephew, Abishai, crying that a man ought not to be pardoned because he had cursed the Lord's anointed. David's reply came: 'What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruah, that you should this day be adversaries unto me. Shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel?'"

The same problem arises in Japan and Germany today — how (Continued on Editorial Page)

Auto-Truck Crash Kills Molalla Man

OREGON CITY, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A collision on the Molalla-Oregon City road near Mulino yesterday was fatal to Joe Ray Philpot, 23, Molalla, police said today.

His auto and a truck driven by Norman Lien, Banks, collided. Two Molalla girls riding with Philpot — Gloria Westberg, 19, and Nina Sumpter, 29—were injured.

Sets Public Hearing On River Berthings

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.—(AP)—The coast guard announced today a public hearing will be held here Wednesday on the berthing of about 200 war shipping administration vessels in the Willamette and Columbia rivers.

Animal Crackers



"Junior, where are you?"

Price Adjustment Is Demanded By Milk Producers

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Portland milk producers, in a brief filed with the OPA, said late today their "patience has run out in waiting for a time when price control would be removed," and demanded a "satisfactory adjustment" by the last day in February.

The brief was signed by the Portland Independent Milk Producers' association, Farmers' Dairy, and the Battleground Dairy-men's and Dairy Cooperative associations. It purported to represent the entire Portland milk shed south to Eugene and east to The Dalles.

An immediate increase to \$1.15 a pound was asked for butterfat. Dairy interests have contended they are losing money by keeping up the fluid milk supply (grade A) under present controls.

UNO Chooses Tentative Site In Two States

LONDON, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The United Nations assembly committee chose the Fairfield county, Conn.-Westchester county, N. Y., area tonight as UNO's permanent home, by a vote of 22 to 17 but the close vote indicated a possible hard fight over the choice when the question comes before the full general assembly.

The decision came after a last ditch fight by the French delegation which had scattered Latin American and strong Arab support to delay selection of a permanent headquarters. The French had made it known they would have preferred the San Francisco bay area.

China, Russia and British committee members all cast affirmative votes. U. S. delegates abstained from voting.

The special site inspection group which visited the United States recommended New York City as the interim location but also reported that Atlantic City and Boston were available.

Homma Given Death; Appeal Denied in U. S.

MANILA, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, self-styled opponent of Japan's reckless war policy, was convicted today of responsibility for the notorious Bataan death march and other atrocities, and sentenced to die before a firing squad.

Soon afterward the supreme court announced in Washington its refusal to intervene in his case.

The usually suave, English-speaking Japanese commander in the Philippines was stolid and grim as the U. S. military trial commission announced its verdict, the death sentence.

Allied Concessions To Reds Confirmed In Secret Document

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Premier Stalin exacted three major concessions—including outright possession of the 700-mile chain of Kurile islands off the Siberian coast—from President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in return for Russia's entry into the war against Japan.

This direct tie-up between the Soviet agreement to fight Nippon and the concessions was disclosed officially for the first time with publication today of the text of the secret pact—exactly one year after the three leaders signed it at Yalta.

The document said the Soviet union would go into the fight "on condition that:"

The Kuriles be "handed over" to Russia;

The Mongolian people's republic be preserved as an independent state;

Russia's former rights in the far east which were "violated by the treacherous attack of Japan in 1904" be restored. These included:

1. Return to Russia of southern Sakhalin and adjacent islands;
2. Internationalization of Port Darien and restoration of the Soviet lease on Port Arthur as a naval base;
3. Joint Russo-Chinese operation of two railroads providing outlets to Dairen.

The pact conceded that the provisions on outer Mongolia, the ports and railroads required concurrence of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

U. S. Opposed To Indonesian Investigation

LONDON, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The United States flatly opposed tonight a Russian and Ukrainian demand that the United Nations security council investigate the Indonesian situation.

Speaking for the American government, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., said that any action at this time might upset efforts of the Dutch to restore peace.

Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo of China promptly announced his government had no objection to such a commission, urging that it might be "helpful" in furthering harmony among the nations and dissipating doubts about Java.

The former U. S. secretary of state told the council that the American government believed Russia and the Soviet Ukraine had failed to present evidence that an investigating commission would serve a "constructive purpose."

The Ukrainian foreign minister, Dmitri Manuilsky, had opened today's debate with a proposal that the security council send a five-power commission—Russia, Britain, the United States, China and the Netherlands—to Indonesia.

Fuel Low Because Of Strike

Mayor Orders City's Business Wheels Stopped

By the Associated Press
Business and amusement places in New York -- world's largest city -- closed their doors at midnight Monday night in an unprecedented action ordered by Mayor William O'Dwyer as the result of a fuel shortage caused by a strike of tugboat workers.

The mayor's drastic move ordering closing of all commercial, business and industrial establishments and all theaters and night clubs followed the tugboat workers' decision to arbitrate their wage dispute. There was no immediate evidence of a return to work.

Power Strike Set Today

New York's emergency order came as Pennsylvania's governor issued a last minute appeal to defer a threatened power company strike affecting 2,000,000 persons in Pittsburgh today and a U. S. conciliator trying to settle Philadelphia's transportation walkout reported his department was "evolving a plan which we think may offer a solution" to the worst traffic jam in the city's history.

Prior to Monday's proclamation in New York O'Dwyer had ordered closing of the city's schools and dimming of street lights to save dwindling fuel supplies, which normally are towed to Manhattan by tugboat from New Jersey.

Public utilities, transportation, communication and health services were excluded from the unprecedented closure order, along with food and fuel establishments, dwellings, and city services such as police and fire departments.

50,000 More Are Idle
Altogether the nation's total workers on strike or indirectly idle in disputes remained near the 1,455,000 mark -- up about 50,000 over a week ago.

In Detroit, the CIO United Auto Workers advised 175,000 striking production employes at General Motors to "hold your lines" in demands for more than 18 1/2 cent hourly wage increase. Telegrams sent to all GM locals said that the union would not "permit the corporation to use the settlement with the CIO United Electrical Workers to compromise UAW demands."

In other strike disputes, Western Union operators in New York City returned to work; at least 11 men were injured and six arrested when police broke through a picket line at the Conestoga Transportation company, Lancaster, Pa.; and the busy port of Boston approached stagnation as 700 warehouse employes struck at 21 storage plants, five of them filled with foodstuffs.

Let It Snow—In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11.—(AP)—It snowed in two sections of Los Angeles today while the sun was shining over the remainder—and that's as rare, brother, as if it had cleared up cloudy after a warm frost or a dry drizzle.

It was only a five minute flurry and the snow pellets melted as fast as they hit.

It even sprinkled in a couple of areas, but Old Sol beamed brightly above it all.

Truman Will Not Run, Paper Says

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The Chicago Sun says in a dispatch by Thomas F. Reynolds of its Washington bureau that "high administration sources" reported to-night President Truman has made "a private declaration that he does not wish to seek the presidency in 1948."

RECOMMEND STRIKE
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A coastwise negotiating committee for the international longshoremen's and warehousemen's union checkers and supercargos voted unanimously today to recommend a strike on or before April 1.

Home Needed For Aged Man

Attention of The Statesman has been called to the need of an aged man for a home. The place where he has been staying has been sold and he faces eviction. There must be some place in Salem where he can be cared for. If one knows of such a place, call The Statesman, 9101.

Brides, Babies Arrive on Queen Mary



NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—NEWCOMERS TO U. S.—At left, Mrs. Horace Pendergrass feeds her son, Stephen James, 1 year, on pier here today after debarking from liner Queen Mary to start journey to Roseburg, Ore., to join husband. At right, Nurse Mrs. George Wallace holds Thomas Hooker, Jr., 21 months, who is bound for Los Angeles, while in basket are Patricia Dora Cohn (left), 6 months, bound for San Jose Calif., and Frances Karyman, 9 months, en route to Los Angeles. The Queen Mary brought 1666 brides and 668 babies. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

Weather

City	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	48	32	trace
Eugene	48	32	trace
Portland	48	32	trace
Seattle	47	27	.01
San Francisco	53	33	.00

Willamette river 6.7 ft.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today. Highest temperature 53 degrees.