

G. E. Strikers Clash With Police In Philadelphia Over Picket Ban



PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—Mounted police and pickets wrestling for flag in front of Philadelphia's General Electric Co. plant today. A melee broke out as police on horseback charged massed pickets in an effort to enforce a court injunction limiting picket demonstrations in front of the plant. Seven men were arrested and one injured in the picket line scuffle. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

Industrial Output At Low Ebb

7 Jailed After Battle with Mounted Police

By the Associated Press
A police clash with pickets in Philadelphia and a civilian production administration report that industrial output had slid to the lowest levels in nearly five years held the spotlight on the labor front yesterday.

Club-swinging mounted policemen drove some 800 pickets away from the gates of the strikebound General Electric company's Philadelphia plant, in the first move to enforce an injunction banning mass picketing.

Seven marchers were arrested, including one injured in the clash, and were charged with inciting to riot. Union attorneys protested, demanding they be charged with violation of the injunction to provide a test case.

Electric Workers
The plant has been closed since Jan. 15, when CIO electrical workers called a nationwide strike in support of demands for a \$2 daily wage boost.

In reporting that large scale work stoppages had driven the nation's industrial production to the lowest levels since the spring of 1941, John D. Small, CAP administrator, predicted a further decline in February.

He asserted, however, the country's business situation was "sound financially" and that prompt solution of wage-price problems could result in "steady and rather rapid gain" from now on.

Long Beach Dispute
A strike which the union said would tie up transportation facilities serving 112,000 persons daily was called for 5 a.m. (PST) today by the AFL Street Railway union at Long Beach, Calif.

Arbitration hearings in a wage dispute affecting 30,000 cargo ship officers on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts were set for March 11 in New York.

Mediators Talk To Employers, Harry Bridges
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Federal conciliators, moving to forestall a Pacific coast dock strike, called Harry Bridges' CIO longshoremen union and the waterfront Employers' association in separate conferences today.

The groups, deadlocked in 1946 contract negotiations, met with Omar Hoskins and Frank Wenig of the conciliation service in what Hoskins described as "an exploratory session."

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27.—(AP)—R. C. Wolf, president of the CIO Cargo Checkers union workers, idle here since Monday, said tonight that negotiations now underway between coast waterfront employers and longshoremen at San Francisco would settle issues involved in the dispute here.

Packers Ordered To Increase Pay
CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The five major meat packing companies now operated by the government today were ordered by the government to put into effect immediately a 10 cent hourly pay increase ordered by the national wage stabilization board.

The wage boost under the government's new wage price policy was announced yesterday. The OPA said it would raise family meat bills about one and one-half per cent.

TRAFFIC DEATHS HIGH
CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Traffic accidents caused 3000 deaths in January, making the month the third most deadly January in history.

ELLSWORTH TO RUN
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) said today he had filed his declaration of candidacy for re-election to congress from Oregon's fourth district. He will remain here while congress is in session and not campaign in the primary election, he said.

More Hearings in Prospect Over Proposed Zone Change
At least one and probably two more public hearings will be held to discuss the proposed zone change which would permit Cascades Plywood corporation to erect a plant in the Condit's addition area of Salem, it was indicated by action of the Salem planning and zoning commission Wednesday night.

After checking signatures and form of Keith Brown's new proposal offering two possible extensions of the industrial zone (IV) in the area, the commission gave preliminary approval and called a public hearing for the evening of March 14 at city hall.

After the hearing it is expected the petition will be forwarded to the city council in time for the calling of a second public hearing, to be conducted by the council before its March 18 session.

In other action, the commission Wednesday night referred the original Keith Brown zone change petition to Commission President Hedda Swart and City Engineer J. H. Davis for a re-check of signatures, and recommended to city council the denial of a petition by F. O. Young and others for the naming of an alley.

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International Diplomacy



BIKINI, Feb. 27.—Lt. Comdr. Harold H. Grieve (right) of Los Angeles, Calif., explains to King Juda of Bikini (left) the work to be done in transferring natives from the atomic bomb test site to their new home on the island of Rongerik. Grieve is chief of staff to Commodore Ben Wyatt who is handling preliminary arrangements. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)

Revolt in Spain Sought; Franco Closes Border

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Reliable diplomatic officials said tonight the British and French governments have "approved in principle" a U. S. proposal for a joint declaration designed to encourage the Spanish people to overthrow Generalissimo Franco.

The officials, who may not be identified, said they expect the text of the U. S. proposal, Washington, London and Paris later this week after some move has been made.

Eugene Marsh Files for State Senate Position
Asserting his candidacy for state senator from Yamhill county, Eugene Marsh of McMinnville filed his name for the republican primary ticket with the secretary of state Wednesday.

Administration Funds Slashed
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The senate used its fiscal pruning knife today on two key administration control agencies—the OPA and CPA.

Ford to Resume Plant Operation
DETROIT, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The Ford Motor company announced tonight that manufacturing operations at its Rouge and Highland park plants, suspended since Jan. 25 because of the steel shortage, will be resumed Monday.

Bowles Denies Cost Of Living to Rise 10%
By Francis M. LeMay
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—President Truman's economic command challenged today by a statement by Marriner S. Eccles, federal reserve chairman, that living costs might jump 10 per cent under the president's new wage-price policy.

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Airlines President Implicates Pauley

Accident, Slides Hit At Travel

Two new landslides and a wrecked truck slowed highway and railroad traffic in main traveled sections of Oregon and Washington Wednesday, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock reported. Both slide areas—the Columbia river gorge just east of Multnomah falls and the Pacific coast highway near Manzanita—also were blocked earlier this month by slides.

Truck Accident
AP reported from Portland that Union Pacific passenger trains from the east were four to six hours late today due to the Columbia river slide, and Spokane, Portland and Seattle trains were delayed when tracks near Wishram, Wash., were blocked by a truck which had skidded from the highway. That accident was fatal to truck driver Howard Bray of Portland, AP stated.

Manzanita Slide
Resumption of the sliding rock and dirt closed the Manzanita road section again. Traffic is detoured by way of the Sunset and Nacumen highways.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

The late war has been referred to as the best reported war in history. It was to be sure the most ominously reported war; but as it best in the quality of its reporting.

H. L. Mencken says it was poorly reported; that we do not know the true story of some major events. Who was in command when the Germans made their breakthrough in the Ardennes forest in December, 1944? What is the real story of the loss of three American and one Australian cruiser in the battle of Savo sea in 1942? These are instances of inadequately reported news. Military security at the time may have required suppression; but no one afterwards went back and did the reporting job that was needed.

Ernie Pyle seems to have set a pattern: get the homely facts about GI Joe, and put that down. Ernie made it great reading; but it didn't tell much about the movements of armies and fleets and the issues of battle.

The Associated Press did a good job of personal reporting. "Get the names and home town addresses" seems to have been rule number one. We had gobs of that which also made interesting reading with a "local angle," but the bigger stories were not so well done.

Fletcher Pratt, whose reporting on the great naval battles (Continued on editorial page)

Woman Named Supreme Court Deputy Clerk

Dorothy L. Cornelius, Salem, Wednesday was appointed deputy clerk of the state supreme court to succeed H. L. Kloeping, who died recently. Miss Cornelius has held a secretarial position in the supreme court offices for several years. She is the first woman appointed deputy clerk of the court.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	54	45	.97
Eugene	56	46	.65
Portland	54	45	.65
San Francisco	80	50	.02
Seattle	53	44	.66

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today, occasional light rain. Highest temperature 54 degrees.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Don't look now but it looks like we've got some more of your relatives for the week-end."