

Labor Curbing Bill Passed by Senate

Oregon Phone Workers Vote Settlement

Company Proposal Offers \$3-\$4 Raises

PORTLAND (AP)—The telephone workers on the coast since April 7 will vote today night on a back-to-work proposal.

The proposal, from the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., offers a \$4 weekly pay raise to workers in Portland and nearby exchanges, \$3 to those in other cities. It also embodies what some officials have called "discretionary provisions."

It was led by Don Crenshaw, Salem manager of the United Telephone Workers of Oregon, to announce the vote. He voted Monday night, 108 to 3, to accept the company's proposal "only if the provisions are modified to provide for protection for strikers against company discrimination."

The matter what is the outcome of the vote, remains the ability pickets still will be in the exchanges in the Portland area. Western Electric Co. employees also are on strike, and settlement is in sight. In other telephone workers have returned Western Electric pickets.

Discuss Clause

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The National Federation of Telephone Workers scheduled a meeting with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. today to discuss the disputed "discrimination" clause of the company's settlement proposal.

Local Vote Planned

The question of crossing strike lines will face Eugene's telephone workers at their Tuesday vote to decide on returning to work or continuing the 37-day strike. Local representatives of the Western Electric group, who have been supporting the telephone workers' strike, said Tuesday they would remain out "until satisfactory settlement is reached."

The telephone employees will vote at 7:30 p.m. in the IWA hall.

Sugar Ration Stamp Valid First of June

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Agriculture Department announced Tuesday that sugar ration stamp No. 12 for individual consumers will become valid June 1 instead of July 1 as originally planned. It will allow purchase of 10 pounds.

The department said that supplies from this stamp must last until October 31, when price and rationing controls will expire unless extended by Congress.

Consumers ration stamp No. 12 is the second to be designated as a 10-pound sugar stamp. The first was No. 11 which became valid April 1.

The June 1 date was set for No. 12 in order to expedite movement of sugar into home pantries while railway transportation is available.

Bids, Zoning Action Taken

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID: Recommended that bid awards be postponed for Harris St. improvements; Appointed Ward Ingham to planning commission; Okayed numerous sidewalk and street improvements; Sent annexation petitions back to signers; Tabled Del R. Beebe rezoning application.

The Del R. Beebe Construction Company's application for rezoning to light industrial classification at Third Ave. and Taylor St. was tabled after property owners entered protests at city council meeting Monday night.

In the final motion, council members were split three to five, with three voting to back the planning commission's recommendation for denial of the application and five voting to table the issue.

Second Protest: Mrs. Frank Dunlap and Ed Mack, home owners who appeared before the planning commission last week to protest the rezoning, again entered strong protests.

Offering to take council members on a tour of the area in question, Mrs. Dunlap said space for industrial firms was limited, "un-

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Red Question Forces Italian Cabinet to Quit

Crisis Stems From Leftist Pressures

ROME (AP)—Premier Alcide De Gasperi resigned Tuesday with his entire coalition cabinet, yielding to the heavy pressure generated by his efforts to cut down or eliminate Communist influence in the government.

De Gasperi, Christian Democrat Party chief of the Italian cabinet since December, 1945, announced his resignation after an emergency meeting of the ministers. He went at once to deliver the cabinet resignation to President Enrico de Nicola.

Earlier Tuesday De Gasperi notified De Nicola of his intentions. The cabinet resignation followed an expression of reserve by Pietro Nenni's Socialist Party on De Gasperi's program for enlarging the cabinet by bringing in all parties. The Socialists favor fusion with the Communists.

The crisis came after 10 days of troubled jockeying. De Gasperi's own Christian Democrat Party assailed his "weakness" and failure to break with the Communists. Indications of American influence seemed unmistakable in the moves to weaken leftist power in Italy. The U.S. Embassy, however, said that "we have never given any advice to De Gasperi and he was not asked for any."

But on his January trip to the United States De Gasperi had decided to try to form a government without Communists after conferring with President Truman and top ranking American State Department officials and political leaders.

Plan Failed: He returned with promises of large loans and a firm intention of ousting the Communists, but his January shakeup of the government failed to achieve that objective because of a party split.

The anti-Communist Socialists refused to enter the government because of party organization troubles. The pro-Communist Socialists refused to participate in any way without the Communists, and De Gasperi was forced to resume the tri-party coalition.

The resignation, nevertheless, contained some elements of surprise. De Gasperi had been expected to try to save the government from a full fledged crisis by a minor shakeup.



APPOINTED BY President Truman to succeed Dean Acheson as undersecretary of state, Robert A. Lovett (above), New York banker and former assistant secretary of war, will begin his duties under Secretary George C. Marshall June 30. (AP Wirephoto)

Fir Pay Boosts Up for Decision

A 7 1/2-cent an hour wage increase to all employees, and provisions standardizing hours of labor, were included in a joint recommendation submitted Tuesday in Eugene to lumber operators and employees.

Approval would extend the new wage pattern to cover an estimated 6,000 affiliated lumber workers in this area.

No Comment: Spokesmen had no comment Tuesday on other provisions of the agreement which is expected to be completed this week.

George Metzger, secretary-manager of the Willamette Valley Lumber Operators Assn., said that the wage and hours clauses had been agreed upon in negotiation sessions but would have to be approved by the members of both groups.

Goes to Members: Eldon Kraal, representing the Willamette Valley District Council of AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers, also pointed out that the agreement was being submitted as a recommendation to the membership.

Earlier reports from the industry in the Northwest showed similar agreements in the Puget Sound and Southern Washington areas and in local operations covered by CIO-IWA bargaining contracts.

Russia Beaten Twice on Plans For U N Probe

Palestine Inquiry Details Formulated

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (AP)—The Political Committee of the United Nations Assembly late Tuesday defeated a Soviet effort to make the membership of the U.N. Palestine Inquiry Commission the same as the 11-nation Security Council, including the Big Five.

The vote was 26 to 6, with 21 abstentions and two absent.

The committee proceeded immediately to vote on three other alternate proposals for composition of the commission.

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. (AP)—Despite a threatened Arab walk-out, the Political Committee of the United Nations Assembly Tuesday defeated a Soviet move to have a U.N. Palestine inquiry commission draft proposals for immediate independence of the Holy Land.

The vote was 26 against the Russian measure, 15 in favor, with 12 abstentions and two absences.

Gives Free Hand: This meant that the inquiry commission would be given a free hand to consider all possible solutions of the Palestine problem without any special reference to the independence question.

The vote came after Faris El Khoury, Syrian delegate, said outside the chamber that the Arab delegations were considering the possibility of walking out of the special assembly in protest against a majority stand on the Palestine question.

Supporting the Soviet Union proposal, in addition to the five Arab countries were Afghanistan, India, Iran, Poland, Turkey, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.

The committee's action was regarded as an important victory for the United States and Britain, who had insisted that the instructions to the inquiry commission should be kept broad and general.

Government Claims Railways Overcharge

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department Tuesday charged 705 railroads with making "unjust and unreasonable charges" on the government's wartime shipments of aluminum alloy airplane landing mats and asked for reimbursement.

The action was filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission. It followed by three weeks a previous complaint to ICC by Attorney General Tom Clark that the government had been required to pay more than private shippers for storage of overseas military freight to interior points during the war.

The department made no estimate of the amount involved in Tuesday's action, but said the alleged unreasonable charges were made on "hundreds of carloads" of landing mats between Jan. 1, 1944 and June 30, 1946.

County Court to Rule On Poultry Valuations

Lane County Court Monday considered five petitions from private citizens as well as approximately 110 from Attorney William G. East in its annual board of equalization meeting at the county courthouse. East represented the Lane County Poultry Growers Assn.

Poultrymen sought a reduction in assessed valuation on flocks to 30 cents a bird. The present valuation is 50 cents. Consideration of the petitions was put off until Wednesday.

Similar petitions were filed last year, but the state upheld the county's valuations.

City Increases Levy On Pinball Machines

SPRINGFIELD — The city council Monday night raised the city's share of gross pinball receipts to 20 per cent from the original 10 per cent and set a \$150 weekly payment as the minimum amount to be turned over to the city.

The action, an amendment to the ordinance taxing pinball receipts, was passed by a four to one vote, with Councilman Fred Kenschot opposing. G. R. Shoush, Ward "ix," was not present.

FROST STRIKES BEND

PORTLAND (AP)—After a brief, weekend respite, temperatures dropped to freezing levels again in Central Oregon Monday night. Bend recorded a minimum of 30 degrees. It was the second frost in that area in recent days. Vegetables and wheat suffered damage in sub-freezing marks last Saturday. Loss has not been determined.

Ball Players Cheer Youth Minus Legs

MALDEN, Mass. (AP)—Two big, tanned ball players—Ted Williams and Joe Dobson—walked through the quiet corridors of Malden Hospital Tuesday and gave 11-year-old Glenn Brann an autographed baseball and a home run bat he probably will never use.

The Red Sox slugger and pitcher chatted briefly with the little lad who loves baseball but doesn't know his legs have been amputated as a result of burns suffered in a "stake-burning" game.

Glenn wasn't feeling very well, but his eyes gleamed as he saw all the names of the Red Sox regulars written on the brand new ball.

And his little, thin hands clutched tightly the big bat with which Williams had propelled many a home run out of the confines of a ball field.

Other baseballs and a baseball cap are enroute from Cleveland Indian President Bill Veech, who lost a leg in a wartime accident.

Bills Share 14 Common Points

WASHINGTON (AP)—Both the House labor bill and the bill passed Tuesday by the Senate:

1. Outlaw the closed shop, under which the boss can hire only union members.

2. Permit the more common union shop when a majority of workers vote for it. Union shop agreements authorize employers to hire anyone they choose, but workers must join the union shortly thereafter.

3. Prohibit jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts. A jurisdictional strike usually results from a fight between unions over which should do certain work.

A secondary boycott is a union attempt to hit indirectly at an employer by forcing other employers to quit dealing with him.

4. Authorize the government to seek injunctions to block or stave off national emergency strikes, such as a coal or steel tie-up.

5. Create a new federal mediation agency independent of the Labor Department.

6. Make unions liable for unfair labor practices. Employers already are.

7. Require unions to register and file financial reports annually.

8. Make unions subject to suit in federal court for violation of contract.

9. Prohibit employer collection of union dues unless workers give their consent in writing.

10. Free employers of any obligation to bargain collectively with foremen.

11. Guarantee employers freedom of speech in dealing with employees so long as their statements are neither threatening nor coercive.

12. Outlaw union coercion of workers in organizing campaigns.

13. Allow employers to petition the National Labor Relations Board for elections to determine which union shall represent their workers.

14. Deny collective bargaining rights to a union if any officer could "reasonably be regarded" as a Communist or a Communist sympathizer.

POLICY AGREED

WASHINGTON (AP)—A joint conference committee late Tuesday speedily resolved differences between House and Senate versions of the \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid program.

The check, made out by the Royal Bank of Canada, was payable to Murray Garsson. The notes, plus interest and protest charges, were marked paid, and the balance was given in cash to Joseph F. Freeman—another defendant with May and Murray and Henry Garsson—whom Garsson had sent to handle the transaction.

Patterson's testimony was followed by a government maneuver which will make it unnecessary to call Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army chief of staff, to the stand as a prosecution witness.

Prosecution Adds Evidence In Ex-Solon's Bribery Trial

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Bronx banker testified in the bribery trial of Andrew J. May Tuesday that in 1942 Munitions Maker Murray Garsson paid off four of May's notes totaling \$5000.

The testimony was introduced by the government after Secretary of War Robert H. Patterson told the court May called him five times on behalf of the Garsson munitions combine to which May is accused of selling his services.

Margin Enough To Thwart Veto

Compromise With 'Tough' Bill Passed by House Scheduled Next

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Tuesday passed its controversial labor bill by a vote of 68 to 24—more than the two-thirds margin needed to override the presidential veto which some opponents have predicted.

The far-reaching measure, denounced by organized labor but generally endorsed by industrialists, now goes to conference for compromise with a tougher bill approved by the House.

Then the compromise version will go to the White House, probably late this month.

Shortly before the final vote the Senate rejected 73-19 a substitute bill drafted by a group of Democrats who regarded it as the kind of legislation Mr. Truman would sign. Critics called it a "milk-and-water" bill.

Senator Taft (Ohio), chairman of the Senate's Republican Policy and Labor Committee, led the fight for the bill adopted.

The substitute was tailored to meet President Truman's recommendations on labor legislation, Senator Murray (Mont.) and 10 other Democrats presented the bill only to put themselves on record with a specific example of the kind of labor bill they believed should be adopted.

Unlike the Taft bill, the substitute would have permitted the closed shop, under which employers can hire only union members.

Marshall's action was disclosed by the State Department in publishing the text of his latest communications to the Soviet foreign minister on the Korean issue.

This note, delivered Tuesday morning to Molotov, said Marshall is instructing Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, American occupation commander, to make immediate preparations for reconvening a joint Soviet-American commission in Seoul, the Korean capital.

The commission's efforts to reach agreement broke up last May. Korea currently is administered through separate American and Russian occupation zones.

Marshall's note accepted assurances given last week by Molotov to the effect that all major political elements in Korea and not merely pro-Communist groups, will be consulted in the negotiations.

Food Concessions Rulings Explained

Deadlines and bid procedures for food concessions at the Oregon Trail Pageant—Lane County Centennial have been established by the Concessions Committee and were announced Tuesday by Chairman Con Dillon.

All bids must be in by midnight, May 24, and they may be submitted on a percentage or flat rate basis by any reputable concern, Dillon said, adding that "preference will be given local concerns or those with local office."

The concessions may be located at any or all the available spots—fairgrounds (where the Pageant will be presented), street sales, and stands around town. Any or all types of food may be sold, but the committee went on record as disapproving any beer or liquor concessions.

Bids should be turned in to Dillon at the Willamette Collection Service office, Miner building, or to Horace Robinson, post office Box 643. Further information may be obtained by writing Robinson or by calling him at 2875-J.

Yankee Dollars Back Mexican Peso Rate

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States and Mexico Tuesday announced the signing of a \$50,000,000 financial agreement to stabilize the dollar-peso rate of exchange between the two countries.

A joint announcement made simultaneously in Washington and Mexico City, said the U.S. will purchase \$50,000,000 worth of Mexican pesos during the next four years beginning July 1, 1947.

The announcement said the agreement was reached during President Aleman's visit to the United States earlier this month.

The agreement, signed by Secretary of Treasury John W. Snyder and Mexican Ambassador Antonio Espinosa De Los Monteros, "extends and enlarges" the stabilization agreement of 1941.

Passed by board members Monday night, the regulation will remain in effect until crowded conditions at Eugene High School change, or until the proposed new high school is built. The regulation will not affect students already enrolled at Eugene High School. Eugene High was built to accommodate 750 students; present enrollment is 1200.

Districts now sending senior high school students to Eugene are Willakenzie, Oak Hill, Goshen, Twin Oaks, Clear Lake, Central, Deadwood, Ferry, Bethel, Ward, Pine Grove, Irving, LeBlau, Danebo, Glenwood and Alvarado.

Baseball

AMERICAN: St. Louis . . . 010 000 000—1 3 1
New York . . . 012 203 10x—9 14 1
Zola, Sanford (4), Iott (7) and Early; Reynolds and Houk.
Chicago . . . 101 020 101—6 17 8
Boston . . . 000 140 30x—18 18 10
Rigney, Harist (5), Smith (8), Haynes (8) and Dickey; Ferrit, Zuber (5) and Wagner.
NATIONAL: New York . . . 002 000 102—5 12 6
St. Louis . . . 000 000 000—0 2 1
Koslo and Cooper; Pollet, Beann (5) and Rice.
Boston . . . 100 120 002—7 12 1
Chicago . . . 000 301 000—4 9 3
Spahn, Karl (8) and Masi; Schmitz, Kuhn (6) and Scheffing.

Small Mill Owner Decides to Close

Lessened Demand Among Numerous Causes of Shutdown

By ROCH BRADSHAW

Two years ago Dale Shearer, back from the war, glad he didn't have to go through anything like D-Day in Normandy. A friend said:

"Let's get a small mill and go into the lumber business." So he did.

Until about two weeks ago the near Veneta made a good living for Shearer, his wife and son. Then things tightened up and the mill was closed down, as a half dozen or more other "peckerwood" mills in this area have done recently.

She Drops: He could keep going at \$35 a thousand board feet, said Shearer, who came here in 1940 from North Carolina, but after the price dropped from \$45 he had trouble selling logs on a 50-50 basis. Furthermore the demand for the lumber he had been cutting from the forest was falling.

His experience and that of other small operators indicates that their present problem is due to the following factors: Without dry kilns or planers cannot turn out the type of lumber the "choosy" buyer of today demands.

They can sell to other mills which can finish the lumber, but demand for their product is softening.

Orders used to pour in, unlimited. Now they have to be begged, and the peckerwoods are too few to do this.

Today's orders often are for certain types and grades. Storage space is required for unsold lumber, and the very small mills don't have it.

Peckerwoods often have cut all private holdings which it isn't profitable for a large outfit to log. These holdings are being sold to other sources and the cost of building would be too great for amount of timber involved.

In order to stay in the picture it is becoming more essential to utilize logs of high degree of efficiency. A

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HIS OPERATIONS HALTED as changing conditions forced a shutdown of his peckerwood mill near Veneta, Dale Shearer remembers when this saw was used to cut 8000 to 10,000 feet of lumber daily. He hopes it will bite into logs again but admits the outlook is grim. (Register-Guard photo, Wiltshire engraving).

Bethel School Bonds Favored in Balloting

Property owners in Bethel School District 52 voted Monday in favor of a proposal to issue \$15,000 in general obligation bonds to finance furnishings for classrooms, and other needed equipment. The final vote was 19 in favor of the proposal, five opposed.

John L. Luvaas, the district's attorney, reported that the election was held prior to the making of the district budget so that payments on interest and principal could be planned within the first year.

He said the district's bonded indebtedness now is \$62,000, and that payment of interest and principal this year will cut it to \$51,000 by Oct. 1. The new bonds will bring the indebtedness to \$66,000.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, partly cloudy Tuesday night and Wednesday, with little temperature change; Oregon, same, with few showers over mountains of east portion; slightly warmer east portion Tuesday; gentle to moderate northwest winds off the coast.

Local statistics: Highest temperature Monday, 68 degrees; low Tuesday, 41 degrees; no rainfall in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m.; total for month, .09 inches; stage of Willamette River at 7:30 a.m., minus one foot; wind at 11:30 a.m., North 9; prevailing Monday, SW 5.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Wednesday, 4:47 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, 4:46 a.m. and 7:31 p.m.

Westfir Lumber Firm Gains Auction Timber

The Hines Lumber Co. of Westfir, only bidder at the first auction sale of timber ever held in the Willamette National Forest, Monday afternoon was awarded the contract for 105,200,000 board feet of timber on the North Fork of the Willamette River drainage 20 miles northeast of Westfir, at the appraised price of \$715,892.10.

The sale was conducted by Walter H. Lund, forester in charge of timber sales in North Pacific Region 6.

A second sale, set for 2 p.m. Tuesday, involves approximately 70,000,000 board feet of mostly Douglas fir in the Salmon Creek area about 10 miles above Oakridge.