

Fighting Makes Wheels Roll

Palestine Dispute
Hastens MeetingCouncil Rushes
Action in CrisisTruce Deadline
Fast Approaching

LAKE SUCCESS — (AP) — The United Nations Security Council was called into emergency session on the Palestine crisis Thursday.

The session was called to take up a request from the Jewish state of Israel for action to stop an Egyptian attack in southern Palestine.

Informal quarters said the United States had taken the initiative in behind-the-scenes talks for a council meeting.

The session followed Count Bernadotte's announcement at the Jews had agreed to an extension of the Palestine truce but the Arabs had rejected it.

Bernadotte said the Jews agreed to a 30-day prolongation of the truce if conditions "be substantially the same as those governing the existing one."

"The Arabs' reply, a translated one of which has not been received, states that the Arabs are not prepared to accept a prolongation of the truce under present conditions in view of their experience the past four weeks," the U. N. mediator said.

The last hours of the Palestine truce found both Arabs and Jews prepared to resume full-scale warfare. The four-week armistice runs out at 6 a. m. Greenwich mean time, (10 p. m. Thursday, Pacific Standard Time) Friday.

Most of the United States Mediterranean fleet was moving into the eastern Mediterranean. Three cruisers, two destroyers, a carrier and an escort carrier were headed that way from Istanbul and Naples.

But Secretary of Defense Forrestal told a Washington News conference Wednesday the movements were according to schedule and had "no significance."

US Steel Sees
Gloomy Prospect

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — U. S. Steel Corp. predicted "hardships and dislocations" for the nation's industry Thursday in announcing its departure from a 50-year-old policy of absorbing freight costs to distant customers.

President Benjamin F. Fairless disclosed reluctant abandonment of the corporation's historic "basement method" of selling steel and adoption of the F.O.B.-mill system.

F.O.B. Prices
Fairless said "big steel" will quote prices on all its products F.O.B. the shipping or mill point in the near future.

Because U. S. Steel produces a third of the nation's steel output—4,000,000 tons of finished steel a day—it was expected that the majority of other steel producers would follow its lead in the switchover.

Shift Explained
Fairless said the shift resulted from a U. S. Supreme Court decision holding a similar freight absorption system in the cement industry an unfair labor practice.

He said U. S. Steel had no choice but to change to F.O.B. pricing in compliance with the law... regardless of the hardships and dislocations to American industry which may result."

DEWEY NOT HIT

CLEVELAND — (AP) — The representative assembly of the National Educational Assn. decided Thursday not to take Gov. Thomas E. Dewey to task on the floor, and left to its executive committee further investigation of reports Dewey made anti-teacher remarks to other governors.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast:
Eugene and vicinity, mostly cloudy Thursday night and Friday with scattered showers Friday; little temperature change.

Western Oregon, same, with rain on coast Thursday night and in interior by Friday.

Local statistics: Highest temperature Wednesday, 73 degrees; low Thursday, 50 degrees; no rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a. m.; total for month, 4.8 inches; normal for month, 3.7 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a. m., minus 1.40 feet; wind at 11:30 a. m., South 3; prevailing Thursday, South 4.

Sunrise and sunset (PDT): Friday, 5:28 a. m. and 8:56 p. m.; Saturday, 5:39 a. m. and 8:56 p. m.

12:30 a. m. 9.6 ft. 3:08 p. m. 7.5 ft.
6:30 a. m. -1.7 ft. 8:47 p. m. 2.4 ft.

Longshore Work
Slowups Denied

Rome, Paris Have Strikes

SAN FRANCISCO — (UP) — CIO longshoremen charged Thursday that waterfront employers were trying to enforce a speedup while accusing the longshoremen of "slowdown" tactics.

The employers Wednesday charged the longshore officials with violating the provisions of an 80-day federal injunction with "planned and deliberate" work slowdowns at Seattle, Coos Bay and Los Angeles.



SEN. WAYNE MORSE

Morse to Lead
Town Meeting

Senator Wayne L. Morse, who plans to return to Eugene about July 20, will moderate the nationwide broadcast from McArthur Court July 26 when the Eugene Council on World Affairs sponsors America's Town Meeting, Chairman Ray Siegenthaler announced Thursday.

George V. Denny, Jr., chairman of Town Hall, asked Sen. Morse to take over for the network broadcast, and notified the council that speakers were being engaged for the forum which is expected to be on some question of world government.

Morse first made his mark in Washington as a freshman senator when he secured passage of his world court bill in 1945.

Eugene offices have been opened for Sen. Morse again this summer in Room 205, postoffice building, by two members of his staff, Secretaries Genevieve Cooper and Sue Leopold.

Miss Cooper said Thursday that the senator was speaking in Cleveland at a noon luncheon for the convention of the National Educational Assn.

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PICKING CHERRIES this lad leaves to someone with more ambition. He'd rather eat 'em. Larry Reece, 3, displays a handful (and a mouthful) of Royal Annes picked by his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Reece, Willakenzie Rd., at the R. H. Bauer orchard, 111 Bauer Lane. The employment bureau estimates about 1600 workers are this week cleaning the fruit from Lane orchards, although the rain has hurt the crop somewhat. (Wiltshire photo and engraving.)

County's Farmers View
Present Crop Situation
Less Rain Wanted

The recent heavy rain brought joy to some Lane County farmers and despair to others—depending on the particular crop being raised and its condition when the drops began to fall. However, all farmers agree that any more rain may be generally harmful.

The unseasonal July weather so far has not caused extensive damage, but the cherry growers are worried lest there be a repetition of last year when most of the crop was destroyed by heavy rain. Statistics provided by the weather bureau show that 48 inches of rain have fallen thus far—normal for the month being 3.7 inches.

A picture of the condition of various crops is provided by many local sources, including the county agent's office, the horticultural agent, and numerous farmers:

Cherries—It is estimated that the rains may have split as much as 25 per cent of the existing cherry crop. This may be serious when it is considered that this year's crop is only about 40 per cent of normal because of late spring weather.

Although splitting has not been observed in all orchards, the danger is that brown rot may develop and spread. This applies mostly to sweet cherries since the sour variety is not ready for picking until the last week in July.

Beans—The rain has helped this particular crop since beans are now only about two feet high. In fact, it has aided growth and offset somewhat the effects of the dry spell which preceded the rain. Beans will not be ready for harvest until the latter part of August.

Hops and mint — These crops have also been helped by the rain. Hops are in their growing stage and will not be harvested until sometime in September.

Mint is a crop that can take a lot of water and rain is a boon to the farmer who does not have an adequate irrigation system. However, the mint flea beetle is a danger to the crop this month, and growers are already hard at work to control damage caused by the strawberry root weevil.

Hay and grass — Tuesday's heavy showers soaked much of the vetch and oat hay which farmers had cut and left out in the field to dry. No real damage has been done, unless further showers make it impossible for growers to thoroughly dry the crop before storing.

If the hay cannot be dried before it rains, it will be of little value. (Continued on page 2)

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Reds Give an Inch
In Mile-long Feud

Check-up Pays

Lane Valuation Rises
By Almost \$10 Million

County Assessor George Stock reported Thursday that Lane County's total valuation for tax purposes this year will be more than \$72,000,000, based on a summary he completed this week.

Last year the total valuation was \$63,000,000.

Stock said the total includes \$45,000,000 valuation on 1,050,552 acres of real property; \$15,998,675 valuation on personal property, and an estimated \$11,000,000 valuation on public utilities. The latter figure will be determined by the State Tax Commission about Aug. 1.

The increase over last year's valuation, 16.8 per cent, not counting public utilities, was attributed to new construction and the program of systematic re-evaluation which has been going on for the past 18 months.

Stock said the personal property increase (which includes some \$10,000 worth of fur-bearing animals, for example) is due "primarily to our insistence on true cash values..." The assessor's office has been particularly watchful when firms with large inventories file their returns, and in some cases has asked them to open their books.

About 10 per cent of the increase Stock attributed to new construction, but said that the increase would have been much greater if he could have had enough men to conduct a thorough reappraisal of the county. Eugene's reassessment has just been completed, but the rest of the county includes large areas still taxed on valuations set in the 1920's, Stock said.

Help to Taxpayers
Stock pointed out that while individual taxpayers sometimes show resistance when their own property is reappraised, most agree that the final outcome of the program will help them. Since the county can raise only six per cent more taxes this year than it did last year, as more property goes on the tax rolls, the millage rate—the amount the individual has to pay—goes down.

Here are some totals taken from the summary:

Tillable land, 131,229 acres, valued at \$6,228,360; timber land, 248,065 acres, valued at \$5,459,070; non-tillable (generally out-cultured) land, 671,258 acres, valued at \$3,269,320.

Included in the personal property summary are such items as movable machinery and equipment, \$6,400,495; boats, \$14,545; horses and mules, \$47,395.

The greatest single category of taxable value is found in the improvements on platted lands, or buildings. This total, which includes the buildings in Eugene and other platted areas in the county, reached \$15,656,355 this year, as compared to \$12,766,645 last year.

CHICAGO — (AP) — Grain elevators throughout the plains states were crammed to the seams Thursday with a bumper wheat crop, and farmers were forced to store more of the golden grain on the ground.

Throughout the big wheat producing states of Kansas and Nebraska a shortage of storage space was reported. Railroads reported that again this year there is a shortage of boxcars.

PENDLETON — (AP) — Early harvesting was underway Thursday in Umatilla County on what farmers estimated would be the largest wheat crop in history, an estimated 8,000,000 bushels.

Fields were yielding up to 45 bushels an acre, about twice the normal.

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The center, which gave two years of college work mostly to veterans, was destroyed in the Memorial Day flood disaster. About 1400 students were finishing the spring term. The center has been conducting a summer school at Portland's Grant High School, attended by about 450.

Dr. C. D. Byrne, secretary of the board, and Dean J. F. Cramer, head of the general extension division, told board members the administration building is ideally suited.

It is only a mile farther from the center of Portland than the Vanport site. Most of the remaining temporary housing in the Portland area, as well as ample trailer house space, is nearby, they said.

The board voted to continue the name Vanport Extension Center to simplify legal procedures and to provide a "monument."

A contract with Nuveen & Co., Chicago bond firm, to assist in arranging details and prospectus for a proposed University of Oregon bond issue was entered into by the board.

Electric Power
Help PromisedOffer Said Not
Selfless Action

LONDON — (AP) — The western powers decided Thursday night to give Russia at least 24 more hours to meet their demand to lift Berlin's food and fuel blockade.

As a result, the western powers agreed to delay making public the terms of their formal notes calling on the Soviet Union to restore unrestricted surface transportation between the western occupation zones of Germany and Berlin.

BERLIN — (UP) — Strong Allied pressure forced a chink in the Russian starvation blockade of Berlin Thursday.

Reacting swiftly to an order by the western allies drastically cutting transport and electricity in their sectors of the German capital, Soviet authorities promised to supply enough electric power to keep the Berlin elevated railway system operating throughout the city.

The Allied order would have halted the elevated system in the western sectors at midnight Friday. The order also cut deeply into electricity for homes and electric power for plants and businesses.

As if in reply, the directorate of the Reichsbahn, which operates the elevated, announced that the Soviet authorities had promised to supply all power necessary to keep the elevated running throughout Berlin.

About 40 per cent of Berlin's population depends upon the elevated for transportation.

Not Unselfish
Western observers noted that the Soviet decision was not entirely unselfish. The system operates on a series of power grids which make it possible for power to be cut off from any section of the line.

The plan of the western Allies to halt service would have cut off the line from Russian Berlin headquarters at Karlshorst to Potsdam in the Soviet zone. Many Soviet soldiers use the line daily.

The remaining restrictions seemed certain to cut deep into the economy of the western sectors, throwing thousands of the 2,900,000 Germans in the Allied area out of work, and seriously inconveniencing all the rest.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A railroad industry spokesman Thursday assailed as "wholly untrue" charges that the railroads "gouged" the government on wartime freight rates.

William T. Faricy, president of the Assn. of American Railroads, said that "in no instance was the government charged more than commercial shippers and in most instances it was charged less."

Faricy was replying to accusations aired before a House executive expenditures subcommittee that is investigating the government's annual freight bill.

Chairman George H. Bender (R-Ohio) said "about a dozen" railroad executives who served as Army or Navy officials during the war will be called before his subcommittee next month to tell their side of the story.

Conferences Held
On Train Strikes

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The White House disclosed Thursday that management and labor representatives are holding joint negotiations in the rail labor dispute.

Charles G. Ross, presidential press secretary, told reporters that both sides met for four hours at the White House Wednesday night and will renew their talks Thursday evening.

Ross would not forecast the possibility of an agreement. He said "wait and see" what develops.

Logger Killed
At Deadwood

John S. Solomon, about 40, Deadwood, was killed almost instantly in a logging accident about three miles above Deadwood late Wednesday afternoon.

Coroner Phil Bartholomew said that Solomon was bucking logs on the side of a hill for James Black, logging contractor at Florence, when a log which he had just cut jarred another loose and sent it rolling. The log struck Solomon on the head.

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