

Union Dispute by US

Final terms on a year wage boost reached in the 11-16 between the national and 16 non-operating... worked out on recommended by a fact-finding board... by a union spokesman... "most momentous" movement in the American industry... and the basic 40-hour week for the first time... 1,000,000 em-



De Gaulle Party Wins Largest Popular Vote

French Election Gives Reds Fewer Seats
PARIS — (AP)—Extreme right wing de Gaullists emerged with the largest popular vote of any single party in Sunday's French cantonal (county) elections, final official returns showed Monday. Communists at the other political extreme fell off slightly from their 1946 total, but wound up with the second highest vote of any single party.

Percentages Shown
The de Gaullists polled about 25 per cent of the popular vote, the Communists about 23 per cent. The remainder went to a multiplicity of parties banded together—for the present—in the coalition which makes up the government of Radical Socialist Premier Henri Queuille.

The result of the cantonal elections could not affect the national government now, but it was looked upon as a barometer of strength. Vote Close
The total of the Communist and de Gaullist vote fell only 150,000 short of the combined total of the government bloc coalition. Presenting the figures of the combined total of the Communist and de Gaullist vote is only for the purpose of showing the anti-government strength in the cantonal elections. There remains, as always, little likelihood of any combined action by Communists and de Gaullists, who hate each other heartily.

Interpretation of the election in which 723 local legislators were named, was difficult because another 789 will be chosen next Sunday.

Results Listed
Final results in councillors elected:
Gaullists 170.
Communists 15.
Groups supporting the government 538.

A breakdown of the governmental parties shows that Premier Queuille's Radical Party won 138 seats, Socialists 108, Independent Socialists 37 and Popular Republicans 36.

Paul Reynaud's Independent Republicans, a group but not a party won 199 seats. Reynaud is currently supporting the government. Another 20 seats were divided up among unclassified office holders.

Senate Gets Labor Bill

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Senate Labor Committee officially sent the administration labor bill to the Senate Monday and called it "a long step forward" toward achieving good labor-management relations.

In a 78-page printed report, the eight-man Democratic majority of the committee condemned the Taft-Hartley Act in detail. The administration bill would repeal Taft-Hartley and restore the Wagner Act with certain additions proposed by President Truman.

The five Republican members of the committee will have something to say in minority reports later. The committee already had approved the administration bill by a straight party vote, 8 Democrats for and 5 Republicans against.

This is the same bill which now is the subject of House hearings which end Monday. The bill is sponsored in the Senate by Senator Elbert Thomas (D-Utah) and in the House by Rep. Lesinski (D-Mich).

President Optimistic Of Program

Truman to Continue Working with Group

WASHINGTON—(UP)—President Truman said Monday that he and Congress are "basically" working together and will continue to do so for the good of the country.

He told the United States Conference of Mayors that "of course I differ with the actions of Congress on some points, and where these differences are important I shall continue to urge the course I think is right."

But he predicted that "we are going to agree on a lot more things than we disagree on. And when the final score for this Congress is added up, some of the selfish pressure groups are going to be pretty badly disappointed."

'Big Four' Meet

Mr. Truman spoke shortly after holding his first post-vacation meeting with his "big four" legislative leaders. They said they told him that the administration program is not bogged down despite the recent Senate filibuster and reverses he suffered last week.

The Big Four—Vice-President Alben W. Barkley, Speaker Sam Rayburn, Senate Democratic leader Scott W. Lucas and House Democratic leader John W. McCormack—predicted after the White House conference that a good program will be enacted before Congress quits for the summer.

No Filibuster Talk
They said they did not discuss with Mr. Truman the Southern filibuster against changes in Senate debate rules. Nor did they talk about the action of the Senate Armed Services Committee in tabling the nomination of Mon C. Wallgren to be chairman of the National Security Resources Board.

In his speech to the mayors, Mr. Truman emphasized need for a big housing program. "In particular," he said, "we have needed a fresh start in the construction of rental housing for low-income groups, in the clearance of slums, and in research to reduce building costs."

Housing, Rents Together
The housing shortage cannot be mentioned without a discussion of rent control, Mr. Truman added.

"I know you will agree with me on the necessity of maintaining rent control in those areas where there are still serious shortages and few vacancies," he said. The President said another serious matter facing city governments today is the fundamental problem of finances.

CHIN-UP CLUBBER DIES

PORTLAND — (AP) — Mrs. Cecile (Sally) Sole Roisum, 58, former vice-president of the Chin-Up Club of Oregon, whose wheelchair wedding last year attracted attention, died at her home Saturday.



PROGRESSIVES hear professors on academic freedom at a Community Center dinner Sunday night which wound up an all-day convention of the party's state central committee. Top: Left to right, Roy Stauffer, Lane County chairman and host for the convention; Prof. Ralph Spitzer, recently dismissed chemistry teacher at Oregon State College; Prof. L. R. La Vallee, former economics teacher at OSC, dismissed with Spitzer; and Tom Moore, state director of the Oregon Progressives.

Below: Karen Sandell, 790 Kratz Rd., Eugene, last summer's chairman of "Teen-agers for Wallace" and active Eugene Progressive, poses with "Col." A. M. Church of Salem, chairman of the Marion County Progressive Club. (Ted Goodwin photo, Wiltshire engraving.)

Progressives Hear Views Of Discharged Professors

Convention Denounces Treaty

About 50 delegates of the Progressive Party state central committee met in an atmosphere of urgency here Sunday to mobilize a state campaign against the proposed North Atlantic Pact.

In afternoon and evening sessions Progressives from over the state discussed a political action program on both foreign and domestic matters, but always returned to the principal issue, "How to stop Senate ratification of the North Atlantic Military Alliance."

Peterson Presides
State Chairman Nels Peterson, Portland attorney, presided as delegates from upstate counties reported renewed Progressive activity after a slump which had followed the November election.

Cited as the reason for renewed interest in the party which had supported Henry Wallace for the presidency, was asserted public dismay at the failure of the Truman administration "to live up to campaign promises."

Delegates observed that civil rights legislation is being filibustered to death in Washington. A new "Mundt-Nixon Bill" which would outlaw the Communist Party is in the hopper. There is no apparent concern with either housing or employment; and both the old parties seem "resigned to a foreign policy that can lead only to war."

Discuss Unemployment
State Director Tom Moore told the delegates that there are 91,000 persons unemployed in Oregon, according to official state figures.

Summary

- 1. Resolved to reopen in the State Board of Higher Education protest against the alleged political firings of two Oregon State College professors.
- 2. Prepared resolutions for Congress denouncing the "North Atlantic Military Alliance" as fatal to the United Nations and a step toward inevitable war.
- 3. Set up a state committee on unemployment.
- 4. Started a 1949 membership and financial drive.
- 5. Moved to continue a campaign for an anti-discrimination ordinance in Portland.

Lumbermen Name Officers

Officers and directors of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Assn. were elected for the coming year at the annual meeting last week. Dale Fischer, of Fischer Lumber Co., Marcola, was named president; Nils Hult, of Hult Lumber Co., Junction City and Horton, vice-president; and Elliot Jenkins, of Booth Kelly, secretary-treasurer.

The balance of the board of directors consists of Kenneth W. Ford, Roseburg Lumber Co.; Ernest G. Whipple, of Drain; Lauren Stewart, Bohemia Lumber Co., Culp Creek; Sid Lewis, Willamette Valley Lumber Co., Dallas; Vitz Ramsdell, Santiam Lumber Co., Sweet Home; and W. A. Woodard, Woodard Lumber Co., Cottage Grove.

The new offices of the association are now located in the Collins Bldg., 12th and Pearl, Eugene, P. O. Box 1192.

Bids Called On BPA Line

Bids on invitation 4543 for clearing and construction of the Albany-Lebanon 115 KV transmission line were called Monday by the Bonneville Power Administration.

Bids will be opened in Portland April 8. William E. Trommer-shausen, district manager, reported that this will be the first combined clearing and construction contract ever let in Oregon. One such contract was let previously in Washington.

The power line includes 17 miles of wood pole H-frame construction. Included in the specifications is clearing of about 22 acres of rights of way.

'Political' Firings Described

Two former professors at Oregon State College Sunday night told 75 Progressive Party delegates and a handful of visitors that they lost their jobs because of their politics.

Dr. Ralph Spitzer, speaking on academic freedom in Oregon, said that the college failed to produce evidence that his teaching of chemistry was anything but satisfactory. He pointed out that in three years he had been promoted from assistant to associate professor.

Firing "Unjustified"

L. R. LaVallee, assistant professor of economics, said that they could not conclude they had been fired for being Progressives, and that since the Progressive Party in Oregon was a legally organized political party, the firings were unjustified invasion of academic freedom.

Dr. A. L. Strand, president of the college, notified the two men Feb. 8, that their contracts would not be renewed, asserting that as president of the college, he had the right to hire and fire at his discretion. They said that they asked President Strand at that time if their teaching was in question, and that he replied, "I would not know about that."

They said they then asked President Strand if their activity in behalf of the Wallace movement last fall, and recent Progressive programs in Corvallis, was the cause of the dismissal, and quoted his reply as follows: "Anybody's politics is all right down here, but..."

"Apparently," said Spitzer, "there is a lot of meaning in those three dots. College professors are about the only working men left who can be fired without any reason."

The two professors then leveled a number of specific charges against the college.

Consultations Questioned
1. That they were fired without consultation of their department heads. (This charge was denied by OSC, but there was some doubt as to what constitutes a consultation. Spitzer said his department head first told him he had not been consulted, and then later remembered that perhaps he had been.)

2. That there was no investigation of their work. Spitzer said he frequently had been commended

'Legion' Sailor Arrives in US

ALAMEDA, Cal., — (AP) — James Parick Ryan, 25, arrived here Monday aboard the flying boat "Mars," hoping the Navy would believe his story that he did not desert, but was shanghaied into the French Foreign Legion.

Ryan, officially listed as a deserter for failing to report to the destroyer Legion in San Remo, Italy, in 1947, is on his way back to Bethesda, Md., where he will undergo physical and mental examinations. The Navy said he is not a prisoner.

Swears It's True
"I hope this doesn't mean Portsmouth (Navy prison)," Ryan said as he stepped off the plane. "I know it's a cockeyed story—but it's true."

He turned up several weeks ago at Adm. Oscar Badger's flagship at Tsingtao, China, and related his fantastic story.

When he missed the destroyer, Ryan said, he walked across the border into Nice, France, where Foreign Legion military police picked him up and shipped him to Africa. An apprentice seaman, Ryan was wearing Navy white but no hat or insignia. He spent a year in Africa with the Legion.

'Worse Than Nazis'
"Legion training isn't worth a damn," he said in Honolulu Sunday. "They're worse than the Nazis."

He said 85 per cent of the legionnaires were Germans. Only 40 per cent of the men had volunteered and the remainder were shanghaied, he said. German legion officers questioned him often about American arms.

Catches Attention
In January, 1948, he smuggled letters out of camp and his case came to the attention of the French war secretary and the American consul general at Casablanca. Before he was freed, however, officers shipped him to Indo-China to "get you out of our hair for once and for all."

He spent eight days in Indo-China and then escaped to the Chinese who held him on suspicion that he was a Communist. In February, he surrendered to the American consulate at Canton and was ordered to a hospital.

All Stations Agree

PORTLAND — (AP) — Oregon gave the first official day of spring a typical welcome Monday. The weather bureau said that every one of its 18 state stations reported — R-A-I-N.



THIS IS HOW an auto driven by Donald D. Myers, Woodburn, looked Saturday night, a few minutes after it had collided with a car driven by Donald A. Still, 1480 Park Ave., two and a half miles north of Elmira Junction on Highway 99. Mrs. Katherine Myers, Myers, and Francis Martin, all riding in the Myers auto, were in the hospital Monday. Mrs. Myers suffered a broken leg, while the other two were described in "fair condition." Still was in the hospital in "good" condition. (Photos by Margaret Benston, Wiltshire Engravings.)

Rep. Ellsworth Calls for NW Study of CVA

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore) expressed belief Monday that Congress should not consider a Columbia Valley Authority bill until after a study by the five Northwest states shows that it is needed.

The Oregonian said he had been unable to find "specific and compelling" reasons why such an agency is necessary.

"It is the normal practice in any legislative body to first establish the fact that a given piece of legislation is needed and then to tailor the legislation to meet the need," Ellsworth said. "Apparently this logical approach to the question of Columbia Valley Authority legislation has been completely ignored."

He asked what "distress, disadvantage, inconvenience or inefficiency" the people of the five Northwest states are suffering from handling the river basin under present laws. He wanted to know, he told a reporter, if such troubles were so serious that "we must, forthwith and without any investigation of them, proceed to enact federal legislation which would take from the people of those states many of their normal rights of self-government."

"Before dashing headlong into the enactment of authoritarian legislation which would place our Northwestern states under a dictatorship controlled from Washington," he said, "we had better first find out if we need any federal law at all, and if so, what sort of legislation is required."

He said any study of the need for such legislation should be made by the states and if the facts indicate the need for federal legislation the same facts would show the kind of legislation needed.

"I do not believe that the President or any other authority bill," he said, "should seriously be considered by Congress until we first know why we need a bill and what kind of a bill, if any, is required."

President Truman recently announced he was having a study made to draw up legislation for a Columbia Valley Authority. It has not been presented to Congress but other bills, following the lines of the Tennessee Valley Authority, have been introduced.

Senate Passes Laws Revision

SALEM — (AP) — The Senate Monday passed and sent to the House a bill to create a seven-member council to clarify and simplify Oregon laws.

"If this had been done a number of years ago, our work by now at this Legislature would be done by now," said Sen. Irving Rand of Portland.

The measure, recommended by the Oregon State Bar Assn. and introduced by the judiciary committee, calls for an appropriation of \$90,000 for the next biennium. The council would be appointed by the governor and include both lawyers and non-lawyers.

Sen. Rand said, "many laws take pages and pages to say what could be said in one or two sentences." He believed that Oregon's 10 volume code might be boiled down into two books.

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, cloudy with occasional rain Monday night; Tuesday partly cloudy with widely scattered showers. Western Oregon, same.

Local statistics: High temperature Sunday, 51 degrees; low Monday, 39 degrees; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m., .22 inch; total for month, 2.71 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m., plus 1.60 feet; wind at 11:30 a.m., SSW 13; prevailing Sunday, South 12.

Sunrise and sunset (PST), Tuesday, 6:12 a.m. and 6:27 p.m. Wednesday, 6:10 a.m. and 6:28 p.m.

STUNSLAW TIDES
Tidegauge at Eugene
High 6:30 a.m. 7:51 p.m.
Low 6:30 a.m. 7:51 p.m.

Judge Passed

The Senate sent to the governor for his signature the Second Circuit Court Bill which provides that two of the judges sit primarily in Douglas, Lane and Clatsop counties. The other judge would sit in Coos or Curry counties.

has yet to consider the bill to take Linnton out of that district in the Linn-Benton district. That bill also would take Linnton out of the Linn-Benton district.

(AP) — A proposed amendment to issue bonds in higher education appear on the general list in November, 1950. The measure to issue \$7,500,000 bonds to refund existing bonds thus save the state \$3 million would be other education build-

Wash Kills 3

Three persons and one injured in the British civilian plane Berlin attack, the British Government announced.

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