

Kaiser Agreement Hailed by Murray

PITTSBURGH — (UP) — CIO President Philip Murray hailed the signing of Kaiser Steel Corp. Thursday as evidence supporting the United Steelworkers' strike for company-paid pensions and social insurance.

U.S. Protests Soviet Action

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The United States sent a strongly worded note to Russia Thursday protesting the "shocking" mistreatment of Americans who stray into the Soviet Zone of Germany. "This treatment of the United States government finds to be in shocking contravention to the most elementary standards of international decency," the note said.

At the same time the United States, through Ambassador Kirk in Moscow, notified the Russian foreign office that "it expects that those Soviet officials who are responsible for these acts will be punished."

The American note referred specifically to the case of the two American college students who "inadvertently and innocently" entered the Russian zone while bicycling and who were detained for eight weeks.

It also cited the case of Pvt. John J. Sinkowicz, an American soldier, who escaped Sept. 16 from a prison in the Soviet sector of Berlin after 10 months of imprisonment. The note said he was held under "brutal and uncivilized conditions."

The note said bluntly: "There can be no justification for this kind of treatment of citizens of a friendly nation, persons whose only violation of law is purely technical at most, and whose innocence of criminal charges can easily be established."

Wrestling Bear Tips Tony Ross

VANCOUVER, B. C. — (AP) — The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals called off its investigation Thursday and Canadian wrestling fans rubbed their eyes in surprise as Ginger, the wrestling bear from Tennessee, won his 25th victory over man.

The Canadian fans, who hadn't seen a wrestling bear before, couldn't believe that a professional wrestler couldn't put the business on a mere brute with the greatest of ease.

An SPC agent was on hand to see that the bear wasn't mistreated Wednesday night as owner Les Welch of Pawhuska, Okla., led Ginger into the ring in a match with Tony Ross, Pacific Northwest junior heavyweight champion.

Ginger reared on his hind legs when Welch took his muzzle off, and advanced to grapple with Ross. The bear had the man on the canvas in 23 seconds, but Ross wriggled free. Twice the bear knocked the man through the ropes.

The bewildered Ross climbed back and finally got a headlock on the bear. Ginger tripped him, slapped a half nelson on him, rolled over and sat on him.

"He fought a clean fight but he scratched me in the clinches," the defeated Ross panted when it was over. "But he didn't hurt me."

Forest Seeding Program Set

PORTLAND — (UP) — Crown-Zellerbach Corp. will reseed some 5200 acres of logged-off and burned-over lands in the Portland area this weekend.

Chief Forester Clarence Richen said reseedling will be done on lands serving the firm's pulp and paper mills at Camas, Wash., and West Linn and Lebanon, Ore. Hand-planting of seedlings will follow the scattering of evergreen seeds and seed pellets in several weeks.

Restocked areas include Molalla, Vernonia, and Seaside, Ore.; Cathlamet and Gardiner, Wash.

Slave Wife Freed
MANILA, P. I. — (UP) — Police liberated Mrs. Lourdes Santos, 28, Thursday from a locked, windowless room where she said she had been kept a prisoner for three years by her jealous husband.

Also found in the room was Mrs. Santos' two and a half-year-old daughter who had been kept in the room for her entire life.

Mrs. Santos said she gave birth to three children in the room, two of whom died.

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Industry observers said, however, that the new agreement with Kaiser, a relatively small producer, would have little effect on steelworker negotiations with big steel companies.

At the same time, Federal Mediator Director Cyrus S. Ching said in Washington that he was watching the steel developments closely but would maintain a "hands off" policy for the time being.

Commerce Secretary Charles Sawyer said Wednesday night that despite the steel and coal strikes, which have idled 1,250,000, the nation's economy generally is sound.

However, he warned that the strikes will force a "drastic curtailment" in the nation's economic life within the next two weeks. Already, he said, there has been a marked "letdown" in the economy caused primarily by consumers' fears.

Railroads Hard Hit
Railroads have been the hardest hit by the strike, but the impact also has reached into the shipping, automotive and appliance industries.

Murray announced Wednesday night that Kaiser agreed to pay the 10-cent an hour pension-insurance program recommended by a presidential fact-finding board for its 3500 employees.

Wage Issue Dropped
Murray said the Fonana, Calif., steel firm had agreed to set aside four-cents for each man hour to be held in trust for payment on the net cost of an insurance plan and six-cents for payment of pensions, effective Oct. 1.

In return for the "package" plan, Murray said the union dropped its demand for a general wage increase.

Kaiser was the second small basic company to accept the peace formula. Portsmouth Steel Co., employing 4000, accepted shortly before Murray called a strike of 514,000 USW members in basic steel companies last Saturday.

Most major steel companies including Bellweather U.S. Steel refused to go along unless the union would agree to employ contributions in the pension-insurance fund.

Wilhi Opening Postponed

BETHEL — Open house at the new Willamette High School has been postponed one week until Sunday, Oct. 16, Tom Powers, district school superintendent, reported Thursday.

Originally scheduled for this Sunday, the event will be delayed, Powers explained, because some final work must be completed on the building.

The open house will be from 2 until 6 p.m. During these hours the general public will be invited to inspect the new educational plant, one of the most modern high schools on the Pacific Coast.

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Portland Blazes Damage \$4000

PORTLAND — (UP) — Two basement fires did a total of \$4000 damage late Wednesday night to a home and a restaurant.

A \$3000 fire blamed on defective wiring damaged the building and equipment at the "Dixie Lunch" restaurant.

The building is owned by Joe Laprinzi and is covered by insurance.

A \$1000 fire gutted the basement and first floor of a one-story frame residence occupied by Robert Annas.

Owner Finds Stolen Auto Minus Help

SPRINGFIELD — Gustave Schnell, 315 T St., has discovered an effective way to recover a stolen car—find it yourself.

Schnell reported loss of his automobile Wednesday night. Thursday morning he happily notified police he had located the car in a parking lot on Main St.

Schnell said he spotted the vehicle while on the way to Glenwood Thursday morning. The car was apparently undamaged. It must have been "borrowed," Schnell said.

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Springfield Chest 70 Per Cent of Goal

SPRINGFIELD — The Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Committee Friday noon will give close examination to federal low rental housing.

Nelson Grubbe, attorney for the Lane County Housing Authority, will explain provisions of the new federal housing law. Howard Buford, consultant of the Lane County Planning Commission, will discuss zoning regulations in reference to construction of low rental units.

Chamber Manager Lew Garbutt said a report will be given on the probable future population growth in the area. E. H. Peterson will be present as a special guest, Garbutt said.

The meeting will be held at Greenwood Lunch.

Annual Livestock Exhibition Opens Friday in Portland

PORTLAND — (Special) — The Pacific International Livestock Exposition, opening in Portland, Ore., Friday at 5 p.m. will have the biggest beef show and horse show and the most cash prizes in its 39-year history—\$140,000.

There will be 372 exhibitors with 2462 head of livestock. General Manager Walter A. Holt announced. This betters the 2009 in 1948 and is far ahead of the 1672 in 1947.

In addition 4-H and FFA youths will have another 870 head of livestock on exhibition in the 11-acre plant that houses the show.

There will be 775 horses used in the horse show and rodeo. Biggest show horse total is this year's 210.

All commercial booths were sold a month before the show and 22 counties will fill the land-products space.

The more than \$140,000 in premiums and prizes goes to livestock exhibitors, horse show and rodeo contestant, 4-H and FFA youth, intercollegiate judging, lands products and other features.

Joan Barnett, queen of the 1949 Pendleton Round-Up will reign over the Pacific International.

Movie hero Bill Elliott will be grand marshal of the downtown parade to open the Pacific International and will compete in cutting horse competition.

Springfield C. To Study House

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