

SAWYER'S PROBLEM

Secretary of Commerce Charles W. Sawyer, a conservative-minded millionaire, faces a nearly impossible job in the current government vs. steel vs. labor dispute.

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Truman Blasts Move to Block Steel Operation

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman told the Senate Monday that if it restricts use of government property for operation of the steel mills it may result in "paralyzing the operations of the government in an emergency."

In a letter to Vice President L. B. Nichols, the President hit out vigorously at Republican-sponsored proposals to deny any funds for government operation of the mills.

THE SAID enactment of the GOP proposals might lead to a complete shutdown in steel and "immediately reduce the ability of our troops in Korea to defend themselves against attack."

Further, the President contended much of the debate on the matter has been of "extreme and unproductive character."

He warned: "If the Communists stage another offensive in Korea this spring, the success or failure of our offensive may well depend on whether or not we have kept our steel mills in operation."

"This is a consideration over and above the drastic effect a steel shutdown would have on our total defense effort."

TRUMAN repeated what he had said in a message April 9—that he ordered "temporary operation" of the steel mills by the government "with the utmost reluctance."

He said the idea of government operation of the steel mills was thoroughly distasteful to me; and that he wanted to see it ended as soon as possible.

The President went on then to challenge Congress to come up with a better way to deal with the situation created by the steel wage dispute if it does not like what he has done.

William W. Sullivan, Nathan Feinsinger, chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board, and Ellis Arnall, price controller, met at the White House Monday to discuss the steel situation.

JOHN R. Steelman, aide to Truman, is now acting chairman of the advisory board.

Secretary of Commerce W. W. Sawyer, said no steel industry government's steel industry management would come Monday to the Capitol, Republicans opposing the moves to cut off aid for government operation of steel industry claimed growing economic support.

They have put forward two proposals: Forbid use of funds provided in pending money bill to run steel mills under seizure; instructed by Sen. Ferguson (R-Ind.).

Deny use of any federal funds, regardless of the source, to operate any plant without specific consent from Congress.

Another version was proposed by Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.), a move in the anti-seizure maneuver.

Tired Juliana Bids Farewell To West Coast

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — (U.P.) — A very tired appearing Queen Juliana departed for Detroit and her last U.S. stop of a 21-day good will tour Monday aboard a giant four-engine Military Air Transport Service airliner.

The royal party bade farewell to Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles and other civic and foreign dignitaries who were host to the queen during her 46-hour stay here.

Before boarding the plane the 42-year-old monarch shook hands with each of the Los Angeles motorcycle police who paced the party in a speedy tour of Southern California. She also posed for a picture with the crew of her plane.

Property Sale Plans Progress

Preliminaries in a large scale property transaction that may bring a new million-dollar shopping center to Eugene appeared moving ahead Monday.

Directors of the First Christian Church Sunday afternoon agreed to give favorable consideration to the possible sale of their property on Oak St. should a definite offer be made to them.

THE CHURCH was approached last week by representatives of an unnamed commercial organization. At the same time, the city administration was contacted relative to possible sale of the city library site, and other owners of property south of 11th Ave. between Oak and Willamette St. were similarly contacted.

The First Christian Church has been planning an extensive remodeling project, Dr. Carroll Roberts, pastor, reported Monday. Sunday afternoon, 85 members of the church board, voted unanimously to consider the possible relocation of their church provided that property owners around them appear in favor of selling and time can be gained for acquisition and use of a new church site.

THE REV. BERLYN Farris of the First Methodist Church also reported Monday that a district church conference will be held here May 1 to consider the possibility of a sale. The Methodist Church is located on Willamette St., on the opposite side of the block from the First Christian Church.

At next Monday's meeting of the Eugene City Council, a committee report will suggest inquiries with the library board to determine whether the library on the southeast corner of 11th and Willamette Sts., might be sold at this time.

Mahoney Raps Oregon Demo

PORTLAND — (AP) — Another Democratic party leader has attacked Oregon Democratic National Committee member Monroe Sweetland.

The current dispute was touched off Friday when State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson, speaking at a Roseburg Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner, said party harmony was impossible under the "Sweetland group."

Sweetland later replied that Pearson had aligned himself with a "disruptive element" in the party with which he said State Sen. Thomas Mahoney is associated.

Mahoney, replying to the Sweetland statement, said: "In his usual cowardly fashion, Sweetland, instead of answering Pearson's charges, sought to evade the issue." He said many persons have denounced Sweetland as "a socialist or worse."

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TWO LOG TRUCKS heading up the McKenzie Highway for another load, were temporarily put out of service early Monday when they collided. The truck in foreground was operated by James Hall, 469 W. 6th Ave., Eugene, who attempted to pass a similar rig driven by Wm. Alexander, 160 S. 9th St., Springfield. Alexander reportedly attempted a left hand turn resulting in damage of approximately \$700 to his machine while the Hall truck received an estimated \$1000 damage.

Dean Hints A-Test Biggest Yet in U.S.

ATOM BOMB SITE, Nev. — (AP) — The atom bomb to be dropped over the Nevada desert testing ground Tuesday may be the greatest yet in the United States.

That was the broad indication Monday by Gordon Dean, head of the Atomic Energy Commission, who told a press conference that the aerial drop will release more energy than those exploded at Hiroshima or Nagasaki, but:

"It will not be the largest bomb that we have exploded. If it were, we would not be exploding it here within the limits of continental United States. We would instead be exploding it at Eniwetok."

ENIWETOK is the mid-Pacific testing ground for atomic weapons. Of the troops—including the first atomic paratroopers—who will be on the scene when the bomb is dropped from a plane—Dean said:

"They are here to experience explosion of a type that might conceivably be encountered in battle and react to it and take their reactions back to the unit from which they came."

Discussing the size of Tuesday's blast Dean said the bomb will be larger than any exploded at Bikini, where the early post war tests were made.

THOSE dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki brought World War II to a quick end. Nearly 1500 troops — dug into four-foot deep foxholes about three miles from ground zero — will attack the enemy positions. As the troops advance to ground zero, four C-46 planes will drop 120 selected paratroopers of the 504th Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division well behind the enemy lines.

British Queen Keeps Pledge, Inspects Unit

WINDSOR, Eng. — (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II made good Monday on a promise she had given the Grenadier Guards 10 years ago—that they would be the first troops she would inspect as sovereign of the realm.

It was the queen's 26th birthday, her real one. On June 5 the British people will celebrate her birthday by decree. Dressed in black and with her bowler-hatted consort, the Duke of Edinburgh, close by, the Queen reviewed a Grenadier Guards contingent of 600 men on the castle's quadrangle.

A drizzle cancelled out much of the pageantry that usually goes with such a review. The men carried no regimental colors nor arms. Grey capes shrouded their brilliant scarlet tunics.

But three-year-old Prince Charles, at a window overlooking the quadrangle, enjoyed the show. Delightedly he beat time to the guards' band music with his fist and at the end of the parade he put up a creditable imitation of a real guard's salute.

Flags Wave as Rome Notes 2,705th Birthday

ROME — (U.P.) — Rome observed its 2,705th birthday Monday. Flags of the Italian republic flew from buildings throughout the city. The Colosseum, the Roman Forum and all the main monuments will be flooded throughout the night.

Some 1,000 singers from elementary schools sang the glories of the city in a special concert at the Opera House.

Mutinuous Convicts Seize 10 Hostages In Prison Violence

Workers Battle To Hold River At Leavenworth

Weather Experts Fear Heavy Rain

KANSAS CITY — (AP) — The Army, augmented by civilian workers, carried on a grim battle Monday to save the Sherman Air Field of historic Fort Leavenworth from the unruly Missouri River.

Some 1,800 men waded through mud in a chilly rain, bolstering a three-mile stretch of dikes against the tremendous river pressure.

It was a dangerous hand-to-hand struggle.

FLOOD WATERS behind the dikes stood as much as nine feet above the level of the air field. Lifeboats were kept at hand. Most of the work was done without aid of machine. The field was too soggy for trucks.

Fort Leavenworth is about 25 miles northwest of Kansas City. The critical area along the flooding Missouri is now between St. Joseph, Mo., and Kansas City.

If the dike at the north end of Sherman Field gives way, the water probably will cut a new river channel across the field leaving part of it an island, flood fighters reported.

While the Army fought the Sherman Field battle, tricky Missouri Valley weather posed new problems on 700 miles of the flooding river.

WHAT WORRIED the flood fighters was the question: How much will it rain? And where? All the experts would say was that a chance of heavy rain exists. But they couldn't tell yet whether it would hit the Missouri basin, especially the overloaded area from St. Joseph, Mo., to Kansas City.

Even if it rained a full inch in the Kaw Kansas basin, they said, it would raise the Missouri at Kansas City only about a foot. That would still be well below the level the protecting dikes were built to stand.

BRIG. GEN. D. G. Shingler, division engineer at Omaha, stuck to his prediction that the Kansas City would be safe this time. But while the downstream battle was not as spectacular as the fight to save Omaha and Council Bluffs last week, it was still a hard one.

Lady Sylvia Gets Divorce From Gable

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — (U.P.) — Lady Sylvia Ashley hobbled into court on crutches Monday to win a default divorce from her matinee idol husband, Clark Gable, because "He told me he didn't wish to be married to me or anyone else."

The honey blonde Lady Sylvia, still suffering a broken foot which she received in an auto accident in Nassau four months ago, received a hefty property and alimony settlement but far short of the \$1,000,000 she was reported to have sought.

Superior Judge Stanley Mosk awarded her \$600,477 in community property.

Stafford Cripps Sinking Slowly

ZURICH, Switzerland — (U.P.) — Sir Stafford Cripps, gravely ill former British chancellor of the exchequer, lapsed into unconsciousness Monday.

"Sir Stafford is slowly sinking," Dr. Dagmar Liechti, his physician, said in a mid-morning bulletin. "He has now drifted into a state of deep and painless unconsciousness."

Lady Cripps was at her husband's bedside in the Bircher Benner Clinic. Their daughter Peggy is expected to arrive here Tuesday and their son John on Wednesday.

Cripps, who will be 63 Thursday, has been under treatment here intermittently since November, 1950, for spinal tuberculosis and another "rare and dangerous disease" which never has been identified publicly.

Cripps probably was the most brilliant member of the post-war Labor government of Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee, who gave him complete charge of Britain's economic and financial affairs at a time when the country seemed headed for bankruptcy.

Phone Workers Back on Jobs

Employees of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. returned to work in Eugene and other Oregon offices Monday, but a strike against the Western Electric Company is still in effect.

Louis Eade, manager of PT & T in Eugene, confirmed a Portland report by both management and the union that picket lines have been removed.

The general telephone strike on the part of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) did not result from a contract dispute, but came after Western Electric employees picketed telephone company locations and fellow CWA members refused to cross the lines.

Western Electric installers reached an agreement in New York over the weekend, but union officials in Portland said the men will stay off the job until all segments of the union have reached an agreement. Besides the installers, on strike were salesmen, warehousemen and some other employees.

Inmates Control Half of Huge Michigan Prison

Police Use Gunfire To 'Warn' Rioters

JACKSON, Mich. — (AP) — One prisoner was killed in rioting at Southern Michigan prison Monday, the assistant state corrections commissioner, S. J. Gilman, reported.

The first fatality in the day-long rioting was reported as state police quelled part of the rebellious convicts.

JACKSON, Mich. — (AP) — Six more guards were seized as hostages by mutineers at the state prison of Southern Michigan Monday.

This brought to ten the number of hostages held by the prisoners.

Four other guards had been in the prisoners' custody since Sunday night.

The method of seizure of the additional six was not immediately made clear at the prison.

THE FIRST gunfire of the prison riot meanwhile took place. State police fired four shots when rioters were said to have threatened guards of a work party inside the grounds.

The police said the shots were "warning shots" and were fired over the heads of the convicts.

The gunshots came as rioting prisoners still held control of a large portion of the mammoth prison in a continuation of an outbreak that began Sunday night.

The bulk of the Michigan state police force was rushed to the scene to guard the beleaguered institution and prevent any possible mass escape attempts.

HALF A DOZEN prison guards had been injured as the rioting spread into mid-morning.

The quartermaster building, containing clothing, was set ablaze.

State police used tear gas to keep some of the rioters from breaking into other cell blocks.

'6% Limit' Annual Problem for Schools

Budget Amount Requires Vote

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of three articles on the forthcoming election in School District 4.)

By PHIL WOLCOTT, Register-Guard Staff Writer

There's a paragraph in the Oregon State constitution that has caused Oregon's school budget committees and administrators to lose a lot of sleep annually.

For some years that paragraph has been the cause of "school budget" elections each spring. School taxpayers have had to approve additional tax levies upon themselves to operate the schools in accordance with state requirements.

Commonly called the "six per cent limitation," that paragraph tells the world that no Oregon "state . . . county, municipality, district or body" can increase taxes by more than six per cent over the greatest amount levied in any one of the three previous years—unless the voters are consulted.

That means, for example, that if \$100 was the highest tax levied by a governmental unit in any one of the last three years, then no more than \$106 may be levied this year—unless the voters approve.

This is applicable no matter how much the unit's duties have grown, or how much prices have climbed.



Woman Fails Suicide Try

PORTLAND — (U.P.) — Mrs. Zada Kader, accused of killing her 10-year-old daughter, Sherrie, by throwing her body into a sump tank January, failed in a suicide attempt Sunday night, the city office reported.

Officers said Mrs. Kader was found in the bathroom of the city jail with a cord from her telephone around her neck and another around her wrist. Sheriff Schunk said Mrs. Kader used a broken razor blade to cut her wrist, but that the wound was only slightly.

Mrs. Kader, 21, had written a note maintaining her innocence and accusing law enforcement officials and newspapers of plotting her.

She is awaiting trial for first degree murder.

ST Verdict Due Tuesday

ALBANY — (AP) — Oregon will know Monday whether it will have daylight saving time this summer, Douglas McKay said Monday.

The governor said he has already completed his investigation whether he should order the clocks set ahead one hour Sunday.

He said the only thing that he had to check is whether the state of Tacoma, Wash., will have daylight time.

The state law provides that Oregon can't have daylight time unless the governor proclaims it for the whole state. He can proclaim it if he finds the state's economy would be damaged by staying standard time.

County Postmasters Elect New Officers

OAKRIDGE — Mrs. Charles Croner, Oakridge postmaster, was elected president of the Lane County Postmasters Association at its spring convention here Saturday.

New secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Goldie Pritchard, postmaster at Blachly. Retiring president and secretary are: William Lower of Creswell and Mrs. Ben Weber of Dexter.

Next meeting of the group will be in August in the Blachly-Horton area.

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