

Working Sailors Officially Halt Coast Shipping

Few Exceptions To Strike Order

FRANCISCO—(AP)—West coast shipping officials were told Tuesday by the AFL-CIO Union of the Pacific. The union already had tied up 20 vessels in a stop-work order to discuss a new contract.

Exceptions were ships carrying mail, military service as carrying military and foreign tankers. President Harry Lundeberg ordered the SUP stop-work move to support demands for a 5 percent pay hike.

The owners' Pacific Maritime Union said it had agreed to overtime and to "most" of the 5 percent pay hike.

IT IS DEMANDED at least a 5 percent pay hike. The old contract expired Tuesday.

Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins proposed calling in the Wage Stabilization Board as arbitrator. He refused, saying the only cure for the no-strike request, Lundeberg said "the union will enter negotiations except at request of the federal government."

Lundeberg said he expected the Coast ships to be picketed by Honolulu and New York also. He said the vote from New York and Honolulu "cannot be overturned the overwhelming vote from the West Coast."

REPORTED a crew will be asked to sign on the passenger ship President Wilson, originally scheduled to sail last Saturday. The ship, tied up here by the work meetings, was then scheduled to depart at noon Tuesday for Los Angeles and the West Coast.

Lundeberg agreed to the sailing of the Federal Conciliator Hoskins if there are military personnel among the passengers. The PMA said this statement:

"We no longer can live as an industry on labor agreements renewed from day to day... We are ready and willing to attempt to resolve the money matters in dispute, but we do not feel that any decision on them alone, without a firm contract, would give us the stability needed to meet our commitments."

THE VALUE VARIES of the diamonds produced in the Belgian Congo, the world's largest source, only about 2 percent are suitable for gems, notes the National Geographic Society. Others go into varied industrial uses. The yield of Tanganyika's mines is 80 per cent gem-quality stones.

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POTATO THIEVES PLAGUE FARMER

ALTUS, Okla., (AP)—Farmer Jack Colville has placed a 24-hour guard over his irrigated potato fields near here to save the rest of his valuable crop from "potato nappers."

Colville said Tuesday thieves recently dug and carried off most of the potatoes in a quarter acre tract.

He said thieves, spurred by a potato shortage, tried to conceal their work by burrowing under the vines from the side, stealing the potatoes from the roots and then pushing the dirt back around the vine.

Six Railroads Earn Awards

CHICAGO—(AP)—Six Class One railroads Tuesday were named group winners of the railroad employees' national safety award of the National Safety Council.

The railroads had a 1951 employee casualty rate 56 per cent less than the average rate for all Class One roads. The combined rate of employees killed or injured was 3.43 for the six winners, compared with a 1951 rate of 7.88 for all Class One railroads.

Class One roads are those with operating revenues of more than a million dollars a year.

Union Pacific Railroad Co. won first place among railroads whose employees worked 50 million or more man-hours in 1951. Its total accident rate was 3.40, compared with an average of 7.01 for all roads in its group.

Marian Fischer Named Convention Alternate

SALEM—(AP)—Mrs. Marian Lowry Fischer, society editor of the Salem Capital Journal, was named Monday as an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Mrs. James W. Mott, Salem, elected as a convention delegate from the First Congressional District, appointed Mrs. Fischer as her alternate. She was Mrs. Mott's alternate four years ago, and managed both of Mrs. Mott's campaigns for delegate.

Public Power Backers Meet

Private Utilities' Advertising Hit

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The electric Consumers Conference Tuesday was drafting a demand that private utilities be barred from charging their customers for the cost of "propaganda and advertising" aimed against public power.

The newly organized conference was urged by President Truman Monday to fight what he called a "most vicious campaign" by "private power monopolies."

TRUMAN SAID he is thinking of asking his new attorney general, James P. McGranery, to investigate whether power companies are violating the Corrupt Practices Act in charging their "propaganda" costs to the consumer and at the same time—by labeling them operating costs—reducing their tax payments.

Conference officials said this question already was before a committee on principles named at Monday's opening session of the public power, labor, farm and rural electrification groups. A resolution covering the question will be submitted for approval, they indicated.

Murray D. Lincoln, conference chairman and president of the Cooperative League of the United States, asked the 500 delegates also to organize a fight to preserve the preferences clause in federal power laws.

This clause, now under attack in Congress, guarantees to state, municipal and cooperative groups a priority in the purchase of power from federal hydro-electric developments.

PRIVATE utilities, he said, not only are pressing Congress to revise the preference clause but also to limit the sale of power to customers who can build transmission lines. This move, Lincoln said, would insure that only private utilities got the power.

Representatives from various parts of the country reported on their local public vs. private power battles.



(AP Wirephoto)

BABY DAUGHTER takes a swimming lesson under the watchful eye of mama hippo at Frankfurt Zoo in Germany. The youngster, now three weeks old and a healthy 120 pounds, is the first hippo ever born at the Frankfurt Zoo. It has doubled in weight since birth and gives promise of a pretty big girl like her mom.

Bull Bullies 50 Policemen

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—A \$10,000 Brahma bull which prefers the wide open spaces of Texas to confinement aboard ship chased a would-be cowboy up a power pole and otherwise staged a three-hour rampage on the waterfront.

With three others of a shipment from Texas, huge King ranch, the bull broke away Monday night while being transferred from a cattle car to a ship bound for Australia.

His three pals were quickly captured. But the big Brahma dove off a pier into the water. Men in a small boat lassoed him, and he proceeded to tow the boat ashore.

Fifty policemen joined the chase. And finally the bull was captured.

Top Fighter Ace To Return Home

TOKYO—(AP)—Col. Francis S. Garbreski, America's top-ranking fighter ace, has flown his 100th and final combat mission in Korea and will be rotated home, the Air Force announced Tuesday.

The Oil City, Pa., pilot added six and one-half Communist MIG-15 jets shot down in Korea to his World War II score of 28 enemy planes destroyed in air to air combat.

Talks Reopen, Still Stymied

Make Veiled Threat Of New Offensive

MUNSAN, Korea—(AP)—Communist truce negotiators Tuesday made a veiled threat of a Red offensive as Korea armistice talks resumed after a three-day recess—but immediately bogged down over the prisoner of war issue.

The prisoner issue alone blocks an armistice. The Reds demand return of all their captured soldiers. The United Nations command says not a single captured Red will be forced to return against his will.

North Korean Gen. Nam Il repeated his well-worn charges that the Allies have been slaughtering POWs. He referred to the April 10 riots on Kojoe Island which were disclosed during the recess. Then he declared:

"The Korean Peoples' Army and the Chinese Peoples' Volunteers decidedly cannot sit by while seeing their captured fellow combatants being slaughtered by your side at will."

The U.N. spokesman, Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, said Nam Il's statement "could be interpreted" as a threat of stepped up warfare by Communist troops.

But Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr., senior U.N. delegate, passed off Nam Il's statement as propaganda.

ACAPULCO CHANGES

Acapulco, Mexico's resort city on the Pacific Ocean, was known 50 years ago chiefly as a coal-mining port for steamships and as the former Mexican harbor for Spanish galleons bringing treasure from the Philippines, says the National Geographic Society.

Frank P. Bigelow

Frank P. Bigelow, of Belknap Springs, husband of Helen A. Bigelow, died at a local hospital May 27, 1952, at the age of 67 years. Complete funeral arrangements will be announced later by Bartholomew-Buell Chapel.

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