

Strike Idles Mills

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without a wage increase in the North. The strike is the Emerald Empire, Monday morning this way:

ASTORIA, Local 2-611, AFL, the following mills: California Bros.; Walters Lumber Co.; Rosboro Lumber Co.; Guernier Lumber Co.; Handle Co. and Plywood Co.

WYEMING STRIKE—Kral, assistant business manager of the Willamette Valley Council, AFL, said that three mills in the local were permitted to work because the local had offers from management. They are Zellner Lumber Co.; K. S. Lichty Lumber Co.; and Hills Lumber Co. at Jasper.

More than 1,000 members of the local struck Monday.

Springfield, approximately 250 in Local 5-246 of the strike, were involved in the strike, were to Frank Worley, business manager.

Mills struck include Weyerhaeuser; Fischer Lumber Co.; Marcola; Booth-Kelly Lumber Co.; West Lane Lumber Co.; Logan Lumber Co.; Central Lumber Co.; Lumber Sales; Zippo Log Lumber Co.; Tangfelt Lumber Co.; and the Cascade Lumber Co. All the mills were picketed.

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Methodists To Have '55 Session Here

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Conference of the Methodist Church, holding its 101st annual session here, voted to hold next year's conference at Eugene.

The Meeting closed Sunday with Bishop A. Raymond Grant reading appointments for the 1954-55 year.

These included:

Eugene district, Meredith A. Groves, superintendent; Cottage Grove—Sydney B. Gaither; Eugene—First, Rector W. Johnson and S. Raynor Smith; Trinity, Robert W. Burner; Wesley, Paul E. Peterson; Junction City—Joyce Kendall; Oakridge—John B. Radmore; Roseburg—Ellsworth Tilton; Springfield—Harold Shellhart; Sutherlin—Wilbur-Luis Bove.

Salem district, George G. Roseberry, superintendent; Harrisburg—J. William Bowles; Salem—First, Brooks H. Moore and Calvin Moore.

A-Plane Seen In Six Years

WASHINGTON (AP)—Robert LeBaron, a government atomic specialist, predicted Monday that the United States will have an airplane driven by nuclear power within six or seven years.

LeBaron is chairman of the Military Liaison Committee to the Atomic Energy Commission but he devoted most of a copyrighted interview with the Magazine U. S. News and World Report to a discussion of peacetime uses of atomic energy.

He did say, however, that work is proceeding on development of an atomic-powered airplane, on a somewhat longer schedule than the nuclear submarine due for testing this summer.

Hope Felt for Americans Held by Chinese Reds

By WARREN FRANKLIN
Of The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)—The families of Americans imprisoned in Communist China held guarded hopes today that a small concession wrung from Red delegates to the Geneva conference might mean their eventual release and return to freedom.

Wang Ping-nan, a member of the Communist Chinese delegation, promised possible action by the Peiping government on Americans with records of "good behavior" and the privilege of corresponding with and receiving mail and packages from home.

The concession was also the first open admission that the Communist Chinese hold or have imprisoned 122 Americans, including Richard Applegate, 42, Medford, Ore., of the National Broadcasting Co. and former United Press correspondent; Donald Dixon, 26, New York, of the International News Service; and Benjamin Krasser, 31, Brooklyn, ship captain.

brought new hope to their long waiting families who wonder what the Reds mean by "good behavior" and who realize that Communists are ruthless and do not do humanitarian deeds for nothing.

BELIEVES SON SAFE
Mrs. Ditchik, who has never stopped believing that her son is safe, has sent registered letters, Christmas cards and birthday cards by registered airmail addressed to him to cities throughout Red China. There is nothing to indicate Dixon has received anything. Only one letter come back.

In Medford, Ore., home of Applegate's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Applegate have sent three recent letters to him through Huang Ho, Red Chinese representative at Geneva.

OLD OREGON FAMILY
Applegate's father also mailed another letter last Sunday in care of the Chinese Red Cross in Peiping. No packages have been sent yet; Mrs. Applegate said she had not heard of that offer.

"Dick's birthday was this week," Mrs. Applegate said, "and it is only the second time I have never sent him anything."

Mr. and Mrs. Applegate, members of a pioneer Oregon family who will celebrate their golden anniversary this summer, are hopeful that public opinion may help to sway the Communists. And they hope that word of a petition for her son's release, already signed by more than 10,000 persons in Southern Oregon, will have reached the Red delegations in Geneva.

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The three men were captured in Applegate's yacht, the Kert, in international waters between Hong Kong and Portuguese Macao on March 21, 1953, by a Chinese gunboat.

Peiping and Moscow have remained silent about their fate. They disappeared mysteriously behind the Bamboo Curtain after the 42-foot yacht was seized and towed to Lap Sap Mei Island, five miles southwest of Hong Kong. Rumors and clandestine reports from "travelers" involved in the intrigue and underground of Hong Kong have provided only conflicting clues to their whereabouts perhaps Peiping or Canton.

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