

Union Files Suit

Rail Strike. Intended

CHICAGO (AP)—A strike has been threatened by the 200,000 union men who man the nation's trains in an attempt to keep railroads from revamping work rules which would eliminate thousands of jobs.

In a suit filed Thursday in U.S. District Court, the unions stated their intent to strike unless the railroads drop plans to enforce the work changes Aug. 17.

The suit, filed by unions of engineers, trainmen, conductors, brakemen, firemen and switchmen, requests the court

to declare the carriers' proposed changes a violation of the Railway Labor Act.

There was no comment Friday from representatives of management on the suit or on the strike threat.

The suit also applied for a permanent injunction to keep the managements from adopting new rules, recommended in February by a presidential commission.

The suit stated, the unions "will be forced to resist said revisions by asking those they represent to withdraw from service" until they have forced the

carriers to drop the proposed changes.

The work rules changes, the railroads contend, are aimed at eliminating what they call "featherbedding"—keeping on the payrolls personnel whose jobs are unnecessary. The unions say the jobs are needed for safe and efficient operation.

Management estimated that "featherbedding" cost the carriers \$500 million a year. One of the first effects of the changes—announced July 17 by the railroads—would be dropping of the jobs of 13,000 firemen employed on diesel locomotives.

Some 27,000 other firemen working as second men in cabs and freight yard service would retain their positions. The proposed job cuts also do not affect firemen occupying second cab posts in diesels used in passenger service.

In taking the preventive action the unions were compelled to oppose favorable terms of the work changes. These included recommended pay increases for some 75 per cent of the operating employees.

Unions joined in the legal action are the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Switchmen's Union of North America.

They named as defendants the Eastern, Western and South-eastern Carriers' Conference Committee and the railroads represented by them.

The suit also named several individual railroads as representative of the group concerned.

Earlier, flight engineers union President Ron Brown replied to a statement by a spokesman for the Air Line Pilots Assn. on Eastern proposing a truce in the long interunion squabble over job rights.

The pilots' association urged the flight engineers to go back to work while "a breath is still left in the body of our company."

Brown said if the pilots were sincere in their quest for an end to the walkout, they should accept a settlement plan advanced by Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg that has been accepted by the engineers.

It also should order pilots to halt training "as strike breakers" to replace engineers in the cockpit on Eastern Planes, Brown said.

Salesmen Indicted

NEW YORK (AP)—Three auto salesmen have been indicted on charges of defrauding customers by selling used cars which they represented as new. One of the gimmicks was to spray on a scent that gave used cars that factory fresh smell, authorities said.

Spent Too Much

Jury Indicts Defeated Candidate

SALEM (AP)—Lowell Wayne Hembree, 34, Portland, will enter a plea in Salem Aug. 6 to a charge of spending too much money on his political campaign.

It was the first time in the memory of state election officials for such a prosecution.

Making Hembree feel even worse were the facts (1) he failed in his political campaign and (2) in effect he turned himself in.

Hembree failed to win Democratic nomination for state representative in the May primary election at Portland.

A Marion County grand jury indicted him. He was arraigned Thursday.

He is accused of spending slightly more than \$1,000 of his own funds. The legal limit for that office is \$250.

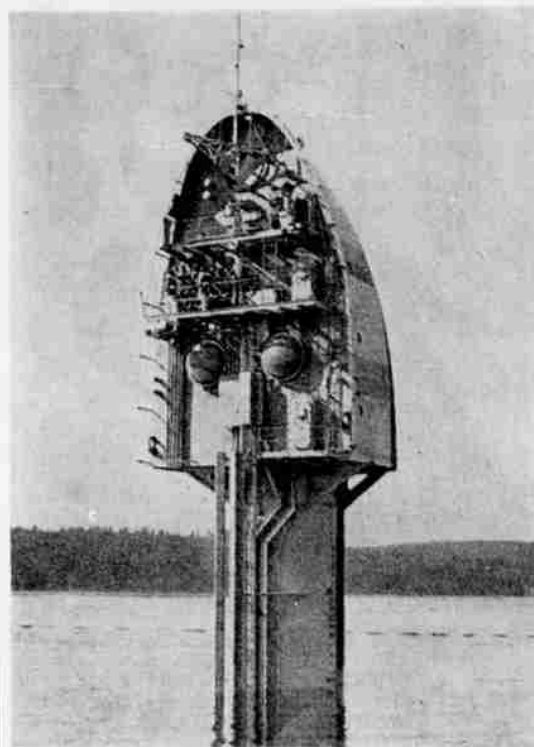
Hembree, filing the campaign report required by law, listed his expenses as paid by himself.

Jack Thompson, director of the state elections division, said his office wrote Hembree, pointing out it would be a violation of the state corrupt practices act and inquiring if his committee made a mistake in not taking credit for some of the contributions.

Thompson said Hembree replied there was no mistake, he had no committee, and he had paid all his own expenses.

The indictment followed. He was indicted in Marion County, because that was the place where his report was filed.

FLIP Floats on End Like a Bottle



(AP Wirephoto)

FLIP Flips

The FLIP, short for floating instrument platform, flipped successfully in a test in Puget Sound near Seattle this week. The 355-foot long boat, which floats like any other boat, is constructed so that flooding its after section sends the stern deep into the water while the bow climbs straight up. It is designed to serve as a manned buoy from which to study ocean depths. The creation of a team of scientists at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, it will be towed to San Diego.

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One of the most unusual ships in the world is the U.S. Navy's FLIP ship which does in fact flip.

When in use for the purpose for which it was built, the ship floats on end like a bottle. When it is being towed it floats horizontally like a log.

FLIP, which is short for floating instrument platform, is part of a basic, overall oceanographic research program sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and the Bureau of Naval Weapons. It will be used for studies of wave motion, marine biology, internal waves, sound waves and other oceanic phenomena.

Stands On End

The fore, or business, end of the flip ship looks pretty much like the bows of a regular ship. The long tail (FLIP's overall length is 355 feet) consists mostly of ballast tanks. When these are flooded, FLIP stands on end. The bows then are above water and are usable as a series of floating platforms, laboratories and living quarters.

Its four-man crew is only aboard when the vessel is in its vertical, operating position.

The ship is not self-propelled. It must be towed to its operating locations, floating like a log.

In its vertical position it provides the stable platform long needed by oceanographers, particularly in rough seas where experimental equipment is not always effective and accurate measurements cannot be obtained.

The vessel is flipped into its vertical position by flooding its long after section with sea water, when only the "four-story" bow section remains above water.

The personnel clamber aboard up steel ladders.

Two diesel generators supply electrical power for air conditioning and other miscellaneous equipment.

Crew of Four

Two watertight cylindrical tubes permit the crew to descend to 150 feet below water level.

There are accommodations for four persons. Supplies can be carried to enable them to live aboard for as long as two weeks.

All electronic equipment is housed in the research laboratory which contains display, recording and processing equipment. Hydrophones are mounted at several locations on the vessel for listening to sound transmitted from a source lowered from the towing craft.

Personnel in the research laboratory can maintain visual, radar and radio contact with surface ships at the same time they are measuring sound waves in the ocean.

FLIP has a displacement of 600 tons. Built by Gunderson Brothers Engineering Co. of Portland, Ore., it was launched June 22 and has been undergoing its first trials this week in Puget Sound near Seattle.

Defense Money Bill Passed by House

WASHINGTON (AP)—The largest peacetime defense money bill in history has passed the House and gone to the Senate. Passage there may be delayed by consideration of the administration's communications satellite bill.

The measure provides \$48,236,247,000 to pay, arm and operate the nation's military forces this fiscal year.

House passage Thursday was by voice vote.

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- \$129.50 quilt top mattress and box spring ensemble, twin or full, both pieces incl \$ 74.88
- \$49.95 twin box spring and mattress ensemble, cushioned with cloud-foam, both \$ 39.88
- \$59.50 Simmons innerspring mattress or box spring, hotel type, twin or full, each \$ 38.88
- \$179.90 Danish bedroom, plastic tops, includes dbl. dresser, plate mirror, bookcase bed \$118.00
- \$74.95 five-piece dinette set, table 30 x 40, extends to 48", and 4 chairs \$ 49.88
- \$379.95 Kroehler giant 5-piece sectional sofa, 100% nylon pile and K-Foam \$239.88
- \$69.95 Early American sleeper lounge sofa, plastic cover, makes single bed \$ 44.88
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