

Northeast Shipowners OK Terms

South, Gulf Ports Still in Mediation

NEW YORK (AP) — Northeast shipowners and longshoremen have agreed to terms to settle the month-long dock strike—but numerous details remain to be worked out before more than 600 idle ships sail again.

Southern and Gulf ship owners and longshore negotiators have yet to come to terms.

And agreements in all areas are subject to ratification by the union rank and file.

The New York Shipping Assn. agreed Tuesday to accept a Presidential board's proposal to provide a 37 cents an hour package wage increase over a two-year period.

The AFL-CIO International Longshoremen Assn. had agreed to it for the northeast area Sunday.

Usually Set Pattern

Agreements reached here usually—but not necessarily—set the pattern for the remainder of the industry.

Federal mediation sessions were scheduled Wednesday in Galveston, Tex.; New Orleans, La., and Mobile, Ala., in an attempt to reach agreement in those areas.

A similar meeting will be held in Miami, Fla., at a time not yet specified.

The first northeast longshoremen local to vote on ratification gave unanimous approval to the Presidential board's proposal.

The vote on the master contract by the largest of six Philadelphia area longshoremen locals Tuesday night preceded voting Wednesday and Thursday by most dockworker locals from Maine to Virginia.

It appeared possible for docks in that stretch of coastline to be operating again by Friday.

Ship owners here voted previously to accept the peace plan.

It remains to be seen whether South Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports will go along with the so-called master contract negotiated in New York.

NAM Critical

The peace formula was proposed by a Presidential board which drew the fire of the National Assn. of Manufacturers for wielding what it called a club on union and management.

Alexander P. Chopin, chairman of the New York Shipping Assn., representing employers, announced that the association membership accepted the recommended peace pact in the national interest.

He said that the acceptance was not binding outside the northeastern coastal area.

The New York agreement normally sets the master contract pattern for both East and Gulf ports, which bargain separately on local issues.

In advance of the association vote, Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., chairman of the three-man board appointed by President Kennedy to mediate the dispute, said the settlement his group recommended was "fair and just."

"If this case had gone to arbitration," Morse said in Washington, "it would cost the employers at least twice the 37-cent settlement."

Helicopter Crashes

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — A U.S. troop-carrying helicopter was destroyed in a crash Tuesday, but authorities said no one was hurt. The crash was attributed to mechanical failure not enemy action.



(AP Wirephoto)

James H. Meredith prepares to pay for repairs to his automobile at a Memphis, Tenn., service station Tuesday night. Battery trouble caused Meredith to come to Memphis for repairs after he finished semester examinations Tuesday at the University of Mississippi where he was the first Negro knowingly admitted. Meredith would not say whether he intends to return to Ole Miss for the next semester.

Tests Over

Perhaps 600 Million 'Earths'

We're Not Alone, Astronomer Says

By ALTON BLAKESLEE
Of the Associated Press

NEW YORK — Scattered through the Milky Way are perhaps 600 million planets bearing intelligent life, an astronomer theorized Wednesday.

The Milky Way is a galaxy of family of 20 to 200 billion stars, with our sun being a rather average star.

Prof. Lloyd Motz of Columbia University said he estimates the Milky Way contains 200 million stars similar to our sun, and if they have planets like ours, each might possess three "as abodes of an intelligent form of life."

Besides earth in the retinue of the sun's planets, Venus and Mars "could support an intelligent form of life under slightly

altered conditions," Motz told a joint session of the Institute of Aerospace Sciences and American Meteorological Society.

"That life exists beyond the solar system is now taken for granted by most scientists, even though we have no direct evidence," he said.

"We know from astronomical observations that in our galaxy there are millions of stars similar to our sun. Recent developments in the theory of stellar evolution (now observationally confirmed) show that all stars with the same general characteristics originated in pretty much the same way from the same kind of cosmic dust and gas, and have evolved in the same time through the same series of stages.

"Moreover, we also know that when stars like the sun are born from a matrix of gas and dust, a planetary system also arises.

"From this it follows that there are in the galaxy millions of planetary systems like our solar system with similar physical and chemical properties."

If a star has been burning long enough, and if the temperature is agreeable to a planet, highly intelligent life is bound to evolve, Motz said.

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First Year of JFK Tax Plan Might Hit Corporations Harder

WASHINGTON (AP) — Corporations might find themselves paying more tax instead of less under the first full year of President Kennedy's proposed tax reduction program, it was learned Wednesday.

Well-posted sources reported also that Kennedy plans to call for a sharp curtailment of the personal deductions claimed by millions of taxpayers for charity, interest, local taxes and casualty losses.

In a 9,000-word special message to Congress Thursday, the President will reveal the details of the proposed three-year tax package which would cut corporate and individual income tax rates by \$13.5 billion but would partly offset these reductions by \$3.5 billion of revenue-raising revisions.

Prospect Held Unlikely

The message will urge early tax relief—next July 1—for individuals and small businesses. For corporations generally, it will propose a two-stage reduction starting next Jan. 1 to reduce the corporation rate from 52 to 47 per cent in annual steps.

In the event Congress goes along with the whole Kennedy plan—an unlikely prospect, in the opinion of many members of Congress—the corporations would not receive a full benefit of their \$2.5-billion rate reductions until 1969.

The reason is Kennedy's proposal that corporation tax payments, now due six months after the quarter in which the income was earned, be speeded up sufficiently over a period of years

to bring the tax collections to a current basis.

Quick and Substantial

This would increase total corporation taxes by \$1.5 billion annually in 1964, while the rate reductions were saving about \$1.25 billion.

In 1965, when the second step

of the corporate tax cut takes effect, the net tax savings would be roughly \$1 billion, experts estimate. Not until the fifth year, 1969, would the full relief be felt.

For consumers, the benefits would be quick and substantial, even though the \$11-billion cut proposed in individual income taxes would be reduced to about \$8 billion because of changes intended to close what the Treasury calls tax loopholes.

The reductions for individuals also would come in two steps, but the timing would be different. The first reduction would take effect in mid-1963 and the second in mid-1964. The tax rates, now ranging from 91 to 20 per cent, would wind up in a range of 65 to 14 per cent.

No Basic Exemption Cut

But starting next Jan. 1, the proposed tightening-up revisions would take hold. Besides trimming severely the personal deductions, these revisions would bring important changes in the tax treatment of capital gains, stock options, dividend payments, inheritances, and percentage depletion allowances which apply to natural resources.

The basic exemption of \$600 each for taxpayers and their dependents would not be cut, informants said, but an over-all limit would be imposed on the total of such deductions as interest payments on bank loans and mortgages, losses from storm or casualty, doctors' and hospital bills, and taxes paid to state and local governments.

Demos Ponder Convention Site

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic party announced Wednesday it has not yet picked the city where it will hold its 1964 nominating convention.

"As of now every city which made a presentation is still under serious consideration," said William S. Potter, chairman of the Site Committee of the Democratic National Committee.

Cities which made bids last Saturday for the convention were Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Detroit, Chicago, Miami Beach and San Francisco.

Logging Manager Named by G-P Co.

PORTLAND (AP) — Clyde D. Jernigan of Corvallis has been named Douglas fir logging manager for Georgia-Pacific Corp.

David R. Brown of Salem, who has held the position since 1955, is leaving it to become a timber consultant.

Jernigan was logging superintendent for Willamette National Lumber Co. of Sweet Home prior to joining Georgia-Pacific as assistant to Brown in 1956.

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