



DOWN ON THE SLOPES — Jane Meissner, 10-year-old daughter of ski coach Jack Meissner, ended up on the seat of her pants during practice last week at Bachelor Butte. This weekend the Mighty Mites, 38 strong, travel to Hoodoo Ski Bowl for open class racing. (Photo by Mike Stahlberg).

U.S. mediator seeking accord with conductors

CHICAGO (UPI) — Work rules negotiations between the nation's railroads and five operating brotherhoods have been suspended until April 17 while a federal mediator attempts to prevent a threatened strike of Pullman conductors.

Robert O. Boyd, a member of the National Mediation Board, arrived here from Washington Wednesday and immediately began separate conferences with representatives of the Pullman Co. and the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen (ORCB).

The union has called a strike beginning April 12 for sleeping car and parlor car conductors working in the Chicago and Milwaukee, Wis., areas. A week later the strike would be extended to the St. Louis, Mo., area and on April 26 the walkout would become national, according to ORCB announcements.

Free To Strike
The ORCB has been free to strike since January but delayed calling the walkout because of cold weather. A presidential fact-finding board failed to resolve a dispute over job security between the ORCB and the Pullman Co.

In the parallel work rules talks here, a two-week recess was ordered so that the union negotiators, including those for the conductors, could study a report of a presidential commission and to give the railroads time to answer a demand from the Switchmen's Union of North America (SUNA) that it be given "unqualified" recognition as a bargaining agent.

Neil P. Speirs, president of SUNA, said the railroads have challenged his union's right to bargain in a pending federal court suit.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen (BRT) said it needed time to study the presidential commission report because of changes in its bargaining team. Officials of the other unions said they also would like to re-study the report.

Refuse To Negotiate
Officials of the Engineers, Firemen, Trainmen, Conductors and Switchmen's unions have said repeatedly during the week-long talks they would refuse to negotiate on the basis of the commission report. They accused the commission of making recommendations on matters not before it.

State notes claims drop from March

SALEM (UPI) — Unemployment insurance claims in Oregon stood at 28,351 last week, a drop of several thousand from a month ago, Oregon Employment Commissioner David Cameron said today.

A month ago claims totaled 33,828. The 28,351 of last week compares to 42,612 claims a year ago.

At the same time the rate of insured unemployment dropped in all areas of Oregon except in La Grande, Lakeview and North Bend. The rate was 7.2 per cent statewide and compared to 8.5 a month ago and 10.7 a year ago.

Portland was lowest in Oregon with 4.3 per cent. Other unemployed rates, compared to a month ago:

Corvallis 4.9 per cent, down 2.2 per cent; Eugene 6.9, down 1.1; Klamath Falls 10.3, down 4.2; Medford 9.3, down 3.5; Pendleton and Milton-Freewater 8.6, down 2.5; and Salem 8.7, down 1.3.

Earl Armes dies in N. D.

Word has been received here of the death of Earl Armes, N. D., hospital of Grand Forks, 464 Wye Lane, Bend. Mr. Armes entered the North Dakota hospital two weeks ago, having been taken there by plane.

A resident of Bend for about a year, Mr. Armes lived in Redmond some 20 years. He was a native of Springfield, Neb., where he was born 66 years ago. Aside from his widow, Evelyn, who left by plane early this morning for Grand Forks, Mr. Armes is survived by a sister, Mrs. Faye Wengol, Bend, and a brother, Roy Armes, Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 7, at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Grand Forks.

Plan to cutback U. S. reserves brings protests

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The National Guard was expected today to bear the brunt of a sweeping Army plan to eliminate eight divisions and 60,000 men from the nation's civilian reserves.

The loss of divisions was to be divided equally between the Guard and the remaining Reserves, but reliable informants said the Guard would lose 35,000 men as compared to 25,000 for the other Reserves.

This would reduce the National Guard from 400,000 to 365,000 and the Reserves from 300,000 to 277,000 men.

Congressmen Protest

The Army plan brought immediate protests in Congress. Rep. Melvin Laird, R-Wis., said he hoped Congress would block the move. Rep. James Van Zandt, R-Pa., said such cutbacks had been tried before "and if I know Congress they'll stop this one."

Rep. Durward G. Hall, R-Mo., said, "I do not believe the Congress will stand for this kind of nonsense."

In a 1,000-word announcement Wednesday the Army said the following divisions, averaging about 9,000 men, were slated to be reduced to brigades of 3,000 to 4,500 men each:

National Guard: The 35th Infantry in Kansas and Missouri; the 34th Infantry in Nebraska and Iowa; the 43rd Infantry in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont; and the 51st Infantry in Florida and South Carolina.

Army Reserves: The 79th Infantry in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware; the 94th Infantry in Massachusetts; the 96th Infantry in Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Washington and Nevada; and the 103rd Infantry in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Plan Not Final
The Army said the plan was "not to be considered final" until after the conclusion of hearings scheduled to begin April 16 before the House Armed Services Committee.

But the long statement made clear that detailing has been carried out in detail, and that the Army has discarded a proposal which would have spared all National Guard and inflected all of the cuts in the other Reserves.

Economy run cars near finish line

CHICAGO (UPI)—The 44 surviving cars of the Los Angeles-Detroit Mobil Economy Run left Chicago at dawn today on the last lap of the 2,497-mile grind with a martini glass of gasoline separating the leaders.

Prestige, industry pride and untold dollars worth of future car sales rode on the light footed drivers eeking every drop of gas out of the competing cars.

A Rambler American driven by veteran engineer Les Vilen led the pack into Chicago Wednesday, averaging 31.36 miles per gallon for the 2,097 miles to the check point at Paxton, Ill.

Viland took the lead at Grants, N.Mex., and has been fighting off the challenge of Dan Jones and his Ford Falcon which made 30.75 m.p.g. for the same distance. Less than half a mile per gallon behind Jones was Bill Horton in a Chevy II with an average of 30.29 m.p.g.

Today the cars had 6½ hours to cover the 295 miles to Detroit and must average more than 45 miles an hour for the route. They were to refuel at Kalamazoo, Mich., and finish at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

A disputed penalty in the close Class F division moved Bill Levy's Ford Galaxie up to second spot over Bob McDaniel's Plymouth Savoy. Bryon Froelich continued to lead the division—the low priced V8s—in his Chevrolet Impala with 20.95 m.p.g. Levy had 20.90 and McDaniel 20.37 for the distance.

McDaniel was penalized two minutes idling time for passing a truck in a no passing zone. The teacup of gas used in the two-minute fine was enough to drop him from second to third place in his class.

Bike licensing due on Saturday

Bend youngsters will be able to license their bicycles again Saturday morning at the police station, Chief Emil Moen announced today.

The licenses are free and will be installed from 9 a.m. until noon. Moen reminded that city ordinance requires that all bicycles be licensed.

Food shortages in Hawaii spur attempt to end tieup

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Severe food shortages in Hawaii and financial losses in the West Coast area today spurred federal officials' efforts to end the three-week West Coast maritime strike.

A three-man panel appointed by Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg has failed to report any progress between representatives of the Pacific Maritime Association and striking seamen, firemen, cooks and stewards.

The strike has idled about half of the 120 ships operated by PMA members. Only a few vessels have been released to carry essential military cargo, including equipment for the nuclear test preparations at Christmas Island.

Gov. William F. Quinn has declared a state of emergency in Hawaii because of dwindling food supplies. The island state filed suit in federal court Wednesday to get cargo unloaded from strike-bound vessels tied up in Honolulu harbor.

Quinn also has made four requests to President Kennedy requesting that he authorize use of military transportation to rush emergency food supplies to the island. In addition, Quinn asked the President to release surplus military supplies already in the islands.

To date, the President has taken no action on Quinn's requests.

The governor said there was less than a two-week supply on hand of more than 20 basic commodities including rice, butter, flour, frozen meats and other grocery items.

Several small businesses in Hawaii have been forced to close their doors and the state's pineapple and sugar industries have been crippled.

In California, the California and Hawaiian sugar refining corporation shut down its Crockett, Calif., refinery March 24 idling 1,100 of the plant's 1,500 employees.

Biggest impact of the strike on

the West Coast area was the loss of wages of those involved in the walkout. It was estimated strikers lost in excess of \$100,000 a day or more than \$2.1 million to date.

Goldberg has instructed the three-man federal team to report their progress to him by Saturday. The team includes Undersecretary of Labor Willard Wirtz, Assistant Director of the Federal Mediation Service Robert Moore and Harvard Prof. James Healy, an economist and experienced mediator.

Bail forfeited in city court

Edward Ronald Tapper, Vancouver, Wash., arrested April 3 for intoxication, forfeited \$25 and costs in municipal court Wednesday.

Other forfeitures were: Karen Linda Barackman, Route 1, arrested April 2 for a stop sign violation, \$10 and costs; and Robert L. Paschall, Fremont, Calif., arrested April 3 for operating a vehicle without lights, \$7.50 and costs.

The following were fined: Frances Nadine Downs, 80 McKay, following too close, \$12.50; and Frank J. Choate, 408 Georgia, stop sign violation, \$7.50.

Paul William Shesler, Indio, Calif., was sentenced to one day in jail on a vagrancy charge.

More prowler reports received

Prowlers and continuous prowlers have kept a continued string of reports coming into the Bend police station.

Three more reports were received Wednesday and early this morning.

Mrs. Ramsey, owner of Ramsey's Market, 1124 Newport, told police she thought she heard prowlers the past couple of nights in the floor level area of her store. She resides above the store. Police checked the area last night.

Mrs. L. H. Warfield, 815 East Greenwood, told police that someone rings her doorbell on evenings when her husband is out of town. When she gets to the door, nobody is there, she told police.

Pleasure boat tax proposed

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Kennedy Wednesday asked Congress to tax pleasure boats upwards of \$57 million a year to help pay for federal acquisition of land and water recreation areas.

The \$57 million would be raised through government retention of 2 cents per gallon on the excise tax on gasoline used in boats, which would yield more than \$12 million, and a new use tax which would yield about \$45 million.

It was part of a revenue plan to finance a national conservation program outlined to Congress by the President earlier this year.

Kennedy recommended four primary revenue sources which would be used for maintaining existing federal recreation areas and acquiring new ones. They are:

- Admission fees to the areas.
- Diversion of proceeds from sale of federal surplus non-military buildings and land.
- Government retention of 2 cents per gallon of the excise tax

on gasoline for gas used in boats. —A new annual federal "use" tax on all pleasure boats: It would be \$5 per year on a boat 14 to 16 feet long, with an additional \$2 a year for each foot over 16 feet.

PTA planning bazaar, carnival

Busy Marshall-Alan PTA committees headed by Kay Kirbs have completed arrangements for an all-city bazaar and carnival, to be held at Allen Grade School Friday, starting at 7 p.m.

Featuring this year's carnival will be two complete shows, the first to start at 7:15. Scrip tickets will be available at the door.

In carnival style, concessions will serve visitors, and there will be prizes for various games of skill. "Bring the entire family" is the invitation from the committee in charge.

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