

UAW Orders Ford Strike Rouge Plant

Disagreement Arises on Date; Local Says May 4; Nat. May 5

Detroit, May 3 (AP)—The national CIO-United Automobile Workers today authorized a strike Thursday noon against the Ford Motor company's River Rouge plant unless a dispute over a "speed up" of assembly lines is settled by that time.

Walter P. Reuther, president of the UAW, announced the board's strike approval about an hour after the executive board of local 600 of the UAW set its own strike date for 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Reuther said the Thursday strike date was set without regard to the local's action.

The national executive board ignored the strike action of its giant River Rouge local.

A national UAW spokesman said a strike by the local union before Thursday would be branded a "wildcat walkout" under union rules.

Reuther accused Ford of "double dealing" by slowing down its assembly lines when investigators were at the plant and then speeding them up again after the union committee left.

"Today the company has again increased the speed of its lines," Reuther said.

The telegram to Reuther read: "The executive board of Local 600 in its regular weekly meeting this morning voted unanimously to shut down the entire Rouge plant effective on the day shift, Wednesday, May 4, 1949, at 10 a.m."

"This action was taken because Ford Motor company violated its oral agreement to maintain assembly line speeds during negotiations and speed up the 'B' building assembly line."

"Signed Thomas Thompson 'President Local 600.'"

A Reuther spokesman said that he had received no "official notification" of the local's executive board action. He declined further comment.

Workers Vote A strike was voted by the 62,000 Rouge workers two weeks ago in protest of alleged speed ups which the union claimed was endangering the health and safety of workers.

Last week the national executive board of the UAW delayed authorizing a strike at River Rouge. Instead it ordered an investigation of the alleged speed ups.

When a UAW executive board committee entered the Rouge plant to check charges of a speed up, workers in the trim department left their jobs stopping the final assembly line.

Ingrid Keeps Plans Secret

Rome, May 3 (AP)—Like any girl in love, Ingrid Bergman walked Stromboli's sunny shore today hunting a design for happy living.

In her heart was the answer to a question which might have been lifted from one of her Hollywood scripts:

Did she love Roberto Rossellini, stormy genius of Italy's film world, as Italian newspapers reported?

Or were there more happy years ahead with her doctor-husband, Peter Aron Lindstrom, whose marriage with the actress has for years been about as near an idyl as Hollywood could boast?

Nobody knew the answer—except the 31-year-old film star.

But Robert Conway of the New York Daily News, who talked with her for four hours on Stromboli, said Miss Bergman had "tacitly confirmed" that she is in love with Rossellini.

Conway quoted Ingrid as saying she and Rossellini "wanted to keep it quiet."

She refused to deny that she will divorce Dr. Lindstrom, father of her daughter, Conway cabled his paper.

His dramatic half-v-around-the-world flight from Los Angeles resulted in a face-to-face meeting with his wife, film circles said. What the results were no one knew.

Another question mark was whether Rossellini was free to marry. He has been separated from the mother of his children for some years, Italian press reports said.

Bandits Collect \$7000

Chicago, May 3 (AP)—Three masked bandits today took over a Prudential Life Insurance company office for one hour and held 58 persons captive while they collected \$7000.

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Franzen Talks To Engineers About Water

By STEPHEN A. STONE

What the city of Salem will need in water intake construction at Big Cliff dam is information wanted by the army engineers before the design for the dam is completed.

For that reason City Manager J. L. Franzen was in conference with the engineers in Portland Tuesday afternoon, having been asked by the engineers to come to Portland for the discussion.

Big Cliff dam is part of the Detroit project, and will be known as a reregulating dam. It is three miles below Detroit.

An additional source of water for Salem is part of a long-range plan, looking to the future when the rapidly growing population will be much larger than now, and the present source of water at Stayton island possibly not sufficient to meet requirements.

More Reservoirs Needed Also in the city's long-range plan several more reservoirs are considered, and plans for them are gradually taking shape.

"Because of increasing population," said Franzen before he left for Portland Tuesday, "we have to look ahead for an additional source of water. The Big Cliff dam is a natural. It will afford plenty of good water with lots of head."

Although the city has not yet made a formal application for an appropriation of water from the Detroit project, assurances (Concluded on Page 5, Column 6)

Full Operation First of July

The West Salem plant of the National Battery company will return to full production about July 1, in the opinion of H. J. McKay, vice president of the company who was in Salem to inspect the plant Monday.

For several months the plant has been operating at about 50 percent of capacity. Demand is growing in the northwest, where the plant has its main market, McKay says.

He believes the West Salem plant will be able to meet the demand for some time, and no additional plants in this region are planned now.

For several weeks McKay has been touring the United States and Canada visiting various company plants. Speaking of business in general, he said he saw no threat of a business recession unless the people let fear of one overcome their good judgment. Oregon and Texas, he said, seem to be keeping their economic equilibrium better than other states.

Business, thinks Mr. McKay, is leveling off, the law of supply and demand is beginning to work, and the country doesn't need anti-inflation legislation.

A luncheon for Mr. McKay was given at the Marion hotel at noon Tuesday. Present were McKay, George Lewis, Clair Brown, William H. Baillie, Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, Mayor Walter Musgrave of West Salem, James J. Walton, and Manager Clay Cochran of the Chamber of Commerce.

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Rent Increase Formula Fails To Give Details

Washington, May 3 (AP)—The government came up today with a new formula for figuring fair rent ceilings — but it provided no immediate answer on how much it will increase rents.

The new formula will be applied to the 14,000,000 dwellings still under federal rent control. It was worked out under orders from congress to provide the landlords with a "fair net operating income."

Housing Expediter Tighe Woods last night announced details of the new "yardstick" designed to provide property owners a net operating income of 25 to 30 percent on rental units.

Questions Unanswered The new policy, Woods said, will not mean a general, across-the-board hike in the nation's rent bill. But in announcing the basis under which all future rent increases will be granted, the housing director left unanswered:

1. How much will average rents go up under the new rule which congress ordered in approving the 15-month extension of federal rent controls?

2. How widespread will new increases be and in what areas will they occur?

Woods said, in effect, that these questions now are a matter for landlords and tenants to determine—with area rent offices acting as referee.

New Policy Outlined Under the new policy, "small" landlords—those renting one to four dwelling units—will be allowed rent increases if net income is less than 25 percent of gross income. In such cases, rents will be up to a 30 percent level.

For "large" landlords—those renting more than four units—increases will be permitted to bring net income to 25 percent of his gross if the net figure is now below the 20 percent mark.

Woods said it was impossible to tell how many rents will be increased under the formula. No accurate figures are available to show how much landlords' net operating incomes now average.

Percentage Given The percentage is the amount of rent from the property—not the amount of investment. For instance, say a house rented for \$100 a month. That is \$1200 a year.

If the landlord was entitled to a 30 percent "fair net operating income," that would be \$360 a year—meaning the amount he should have left after payment of taxes, maintenance, and making a reasonable deduction for depreciation.

If he had \$10,000 invested in the property, his net operating return on investment would be 3.6 percent. Actually, the formula takes no account of investment except indirectly through the factor of depreciation.

New York, May 3 (AP)—Housing Expediter Tighe Woods said today both landlords and tenants would be happier under the new rent regulations.

But even as Woods spoke at a businessmen's meeting here, a city-wide rent strike against any increases was urged.



Shanghai's Defenders Move In—Members of Shanghai's garrison command rest in front of British-owned Cathay hotel, while officers successfully dickered for living space. The manager said he expected about 80 "guests." Shanghai factory owners had requested protection for their plants and this move was the result. The Broadway Mansions, Palace and Park hotels were also housing troops. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Shanghai)

Suit Against R. E. Jones Dismissed by Plaintiff

The \$30,000 suit of Horisho Kaneko against Ronald E. Jones and Labish Celery Growers Cooperative association was dismissed on motion of the plaintiff's attorneys just as it was about to go on trial here Tuesday morning in circuit court before Judge George R. Duncan without a jury.

On behalf of the plaintiff his attorneys said that they found they would be unable to stay in court on the theory on which the case started and therefore asked that it be dismissed. Whether an effort will be made to proceed anew on any other theory was not stated. B. B. Skulason and C. W. Powers of Portland appeared for the plaintiff and Bruce Spaulding of Salem for the defendants.

The case had come up to trial based on a complaint and a later amended complaint.

The plaintiff, a Japanese evacuee from Lake Labish during the war, had alleged in his complaint that the board of directors of the cooperative voted Jones \$30,000 to be paid in installments of \$10,000 each during 1946 and 1947, that the sums were paid and he asked the money be returned with interest from the various installment dates. He charged the sum was paid without consideration.

The defendants in their answer admitted payment of the sums but denied that they were paid without consideration.

In the original complaint filed it was cited that the plaintiff and others were evacuated in 1942 and entered into an agreement with the cooperative, granting power of attorney, to harvest and market the crops and retain for itself one-half of the net profits to which the defendant Jones, consented, averred, that complaint. It also was alleged in the original complaint that a net profit of \$36,851.29 was realized and collected by the association as its one-half profit. These allegations had been deleted from the amended complaint which in effect merely charged the \$30,000 was paid over without consideration which the defendants denied, "particularly" as to alleged lack of consideration.

Atlanta Unmasks Ku Klux Klanners

Atlanta, May 3 (AP)—No longer will this capital of the Ku Klux Klan allow the hooded order to wear masks in public.

The city council voted unanimously yesterday to outlaw masks except for holiday celebrations such as hallowe'en.

The ordinance, introduced by Councilman Archie Lindsey, sets punishment at 30 days in jail and a \$200 fine for persons wearing masks in public.

The night before the council meeting, Lindsey reported an emblem, shaped like a klanman's hood and bearing a cross and the initials K.K.K., was placed on his front porch.

A little later, he said, an anonymous telephone caller told him: "For your sake and safety, the klan must not be unmasked."

THE WEATHER (Released by United States Weather Bureau) Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Increasing cloudiness tonight with rain beginning by morning, becoming showy by late afternoon. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 42 degrees; highest Wednesday, 62. Maximum yesterday 59. Minimum today 37. Mean temperature yesterday 50 which was 4 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today .11 of an inch. Total precipitation for the month 1.53 inches which is 1.37 inches above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Tuesday morning, 14 feet.

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ALCO Anti-Trust Suit Dismissed

New York, May 3 (AP)—The government anti-trust action against the Aluminum Company of America was postponed indefinitely in federal court today.

No reason for the adjournment was given.

The action involves a department of justice effort to have Alcoa's holdings reduced under a court ruling that the aluminum firm was a monopoly as of 1940.

In turn Alcoa asked the court to rule that it no longer has a monopoly in the aluminum ingot field.

Potato Program Extended

Portland, May 3 (AP)—The federal government's potato purchase program is being extended to May 15, the state office of the USDA production and marketing administration said today.

Berlin Blockade May Be Lifted Early Next Week

New York, May 3 (AP)—The three big western powers were reported today to be completing a joint declaration of policy on the Berlin blockade to lay before Russia within 24 hours.

Speculation in some quarters was that this would call for lifting the blockade as early as next week.

A state department spokesman indicated there was a possibility the envoys of the United States, Britain, France and Russia would meet some time today.

But Philip C. Jessup, U. S. ambassador-at-large, denied reports that a four-power meeting had been scheduled at 1 p.m. (9 a.m. PST) in his office at 2 Park avenue.

The joint declaration will propose dates both for lifting the blockade and convening the council of foreign ministers for a discussion of the whole German question, it was understood.

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Old Age Bill Approval Urged

County Judge Grant Murphy, in his capacity as president of the Association of Oregon Counties representing all the counties of the state, has written Governor Douglas McKay urging that he approve public assistance legislation now before him. The judge says he realizes that the governor is "being bombarded every day by the organized interest in favor of public assistance to veto" the measure but on behalf of the counties he says he strongly urges approval instead.

"I believe that the organized pension people are over-emphasizing the sentimental part of the legislation creating a prior lien on the recipient's property," says the judge in his letter. "It furnishes security to the pensioners in that it guarantees them a place to live during their lifetime and, moreover, in many cases the owner has only a small, perhaps no capital investment in the property as they are often acquired on deferred payment contracts from grants from the welfare commission given in lieu of rent."

"The other feature of the law that is being hammered is the requirement that members of the family assist in caring for their parents. The exemptions provided in this bill are generous, and certainly anyone who has an income greater than the brackets of exemption in it ought to assist in supporting their parents."

"The Association of Oregon Counties has been on record for a number of years in favor of making the property of a recipient of public assistance subject to a prior lien and legislation requiring members of the family to support their parents. Speaking for the association I am very strongly urging you to approve the measure."

Recession Held Relief to Millions

Washington, May 3 (AP)—The president of the United States Chamber of Commerce said today that a "recession from post-war peaks" of business is inevitable. He added that it will bring "overdue relief to millions of consumers."

Earl O. Shreve, in the keynote address at the Chamber's 37th annual meeting, also told some 2,500 business leaders:

"When the current readjustment has run its course, and buying for inventory replacement revives, business should find itself on a sounder and infinitely more satisfactory basis."

Commie Plot To Block Up Ships Revealed

Shanghai, May 3 (AP)—United States, British and French naval craft left the Shanghai waterfront because of a reported communist plot to block their passage to the sea, a U.S. navy spokesman said today.

The spokesman, from the staff of U.S. Vice Adm. Oscar C. Badger, said "reliable sources" told the United States navy that communists planned to scuttle a ship near Woosung, the Chinese nationalist garrison, that would have blocked the larger ships from the sea.

The spokesman evidently disclosed this "plot" to offset accusations that the U.S. navy had "run out" on communist threatened Shanghai.

Details of the "plot" came from the same source which had previously tipped the navy the communists had a similar plan to bottle up naval vessels in Tientsin earlier this year, the spokesman said.

The navy evacuated numerous persons from Tientsin shortly before the city fell and the route to the sea was cut.

"Nipped in Bud" The navy spokesman said the Woosung "plot" was "nipped in the bud." He declined to give details saying it was a Chinese matter.

He said after the plot was "nipped" the American President Lines liner President Wilson came up to the Shanghai waterfront past the Sossung garrison. The Wilson tied up at a bund pier and evacuated 300 persons after an overnight stay.

Shanghai, May 3 (AP)—Kwangteh, important city midway between Wuhu and Hangchow, has been captured by Red troops, the Peiping communist radio said today.

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