

5,000 Strike at Ford Auto Plant Over Speed-up

Within 9 Days Walk-out to Hit 135,000 Production Workers

Detroit, May 5 (AP)—A strike of 65,000 workers hit Ford Motor company at noon (EST) today and negotiators broke up a last minute conference in which they had hoped to reach a settlement.

Peace talks were called off at 12:20 p.m. They had been extended after the deadline in a last desperate hope that agreement could be reached.

Some 62,000 shouting workers streamed out the gates of the big Rouge plant. At the Lincoln-Mercury plant, another 3,000 left their jobs.

Assembly lines, whose speed had been the subject of wrangling for months, ground to a stop.

First Major Strike Since '41 And so, Ford was hit by the first major walkout since the bloody 10-day battle in 1941 when the UAW-CIO first gained recognition.

Within nine days, the company said, the strike would tie up most of the worldwide industrial empire and hit 106,000 production workers.

Despite the walkout, peace talks between top ranking union and company representatives had continued beyond the noon strike deadline.

Ford Vice President John S. Bugas reported several minutes after noon that there was "no hope of a settlement in sight."

A similar report came from a top union negotiator.

President Walter Reuther of the UAW entered negotiations today at 10 a.m. for the first time. He and the company, however, could find no basis for agreement on his final proposal.

Reuther said that adjustment of production standards at the "B" building of the Rouge plant and at Lincoln-Mercury to standards in the rest of the industry would end the strike.

He said if Ford would sign an agreement to this effect, the walkout would be called off.

Sound trucks appeared at the main gates, blaring, "We're willing to stay out until Christmas if necessary."

The walkout was orderly. There was none of the grim bitterness of the violent 1941 strike in which dozens of workers were injured and troops of police were called to the scene.

The strike was the first big walkout in the auto industry since last May, when Chrysler workers staged a 17-day walkout over wages.

Plan Summer ONG Training

Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, Oregon's adjutant general, will go to Fort Lewis Saturday to confer with Gen. Mark Clark, Sixth Army commander and Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins, commanding general of Fort Lewis on the summer training for Oregon's National Guard ground troops.

Rilea and the two generals will check on the area to be assigned the Oregon men during the time that they are at Fort Lewis, June 12-26. During this period the entire 41st division, composed of guardsmen from Oregon and Washington, will train together at the Washington army post.

Oregon will have approximately 5000 men, air and ground forces, at summer training this year. Of this group approximately 600 are air National Guard members and the remainder are with the ground forces.

Town Residents Boycott Post Office

East Moreland, N. H., May 5 (AP)—Eighty-two residents of this community have voted to boycott the local post office.

At a public meeting last night the villagers voted unanimously to protest appointment of Mrs. Rae Publicover as acting postmaster.

They said they wish to restore the position to the home and charge of Mrs. Hiram Woodward, widow of the previous postmaster.

They have pledged to buy no stamps nor other materials at the post office.

Several of the 82 participating in the boycott have taken boxes for mail delivery at the neighboring Keene post office.

Plane Victim Identified

Medford, May 5 (AP)—Jackson county Coroner Carlos Morris said today the woman killed in a mid-air plane collision Tuesday had been identified as Mary Agnes Thompson, Willow Ranch, Calif. Her husband, William M. Thompson, was en route here to claim the body.

Need Parking for 1000 Cars Now Says Elfstrom

Off-street parking lots to take care of at least 1000 automobiles are needed to solve Salem's parking problem as it stands now, Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom said Thursday noon at a luncheon conference with his special committee that is making a study of the subject.

Plans looking ahead to off-street parking are still very tentative, and there is little probability of immediately getting leases on enough space to park 1000 cars, but that is a possible objective.

Off-street parking, the mayor believes, should not be entirely a downtown project.

Needed in Outlying Areas "The outlying business centers like Hollywood, University addition and South Salem should also have their parking lots," he said.

"Also I believe in a reasonably large number of lots rather than a few. It will be better to have 20 lots with space for 50 cars each than four lots for 250 cars each."

Mayor Elfstrom said his ideas are largely the result of observations made on his recent trip through the south and middle-west.

Salem business centers have few vacant lots, and the mayor recommends that the city get leases on a number on which obsolete buildings are standing, and remove the buildings, paying owners enough through leases to meet the present income from the properties.

Financing Plan The financing plan recommended by the mayor is a light occupational tax on businesses, based possibly on number of employees, and the metering of the parking service at no higher rate than is paid into street parking meters.

Members of the special committee that met with the mayor are Kenneth C. Perry, chairman, Russell Bonesteel, Robert W. DeArmond, Carl W. Hogg and Ralph Nohlgren.

Don Young to Quit Board

Donald A. Young, attorney, who is currently serving as chairman of the Salem school board, announced Thursday that he would not be a candidate for re-election.

However, fellow members said they would urge him to continue for at least a portion of the five year term that the office calls for.

In announcing his decision to withdraw, Young said he would have been on the board 10 years at the end of June and that he would like to be relieved of the responsibility of further service.

He said he had enjoyed the association with fellow members and Superintendent Frank E. Bennett but admitted that the strain on his health had become a bit burdensome.

During Director Young's tenure the district has faced many problems brought about through the unusual growth of the community.

The election will be held June 20.

The Dalles Stays on DST

The Dalles, May 5 (AP)—The Dalles will stay on standard time. The city council, hearing protests of farmers, voted 3 to 2 last night against adoption of the fast clock.

Senate Group Ups Funds For Oregon Waterways

Washington, May 5 (AP)—A record \$751,515,690 supply bill approved by a senate appropriations subcommittee for civil functions of the army during the next fiscal year, contained \$87,605,800 in funds earmarked for flood control and rivers and harbors in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

A \$40,000,000 item for the McNary lock and dam on the Columbia river near Umatilla, Ore., was the largest single entry.

The report now goes to the full appropriations committee. It contains \$158,233,420 more than approved by the house.

Lion's share of the north-west funds would go to Oregon—\$70,521,500. Washington would get \$12,200,000, Idaho \$3,840,300 and Alaska, \$1,044,000.

The house approved bill did not itemize allocations by project.

The senate breakdown, however, for various projects includes (with army engineers' distribution of house-approved funds in parenthesis):

Rivers and harbors: Oregon—Columbia river at Bonneville, Ore., and Wash., \$1,500,000 (\$1,030,000); Columbia and lower Willamette rivers below Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Ore., \$161,800 (\$111,000); McNary lock and dam, Columbia river, Ore., and Wash., \$40,000,000 (\$27,479,480); Coos Bay, \$1,500,000 (\$687,000); Umpqua river, \$100,000 (\$100,000); Yaquina Bay and harbor, \$35,000 (\$24,000); Depot Bay, \$442,000 (none).

Flood Control: Oregon—Columbia Grove reservoir, \$140,000 (\$104,200); Detroit reservoir \$11,300,000 (\$8,408,200); Donera reservoir, \$2,924,000 (\$2,175,700); Fern Ridge reservoir \$208,000 (\$154,800); Lookout Point reservoir, \$11,000,000 (\$8,185,000); Milton-Freewater, \$710,000 (\$528,000); Willamette river (bank protection), \$500,000 (\$372,100).

Plans to Renew Fight in Congress Over Labor Bill

Washington, May 5 (AP)—Labor legislation strategists in both branches of congress charted new battle plans today even as the smoke of the hectic house scrap still swirled.

Public predictions of final victory came from both camps—that is, from (1) those who want to get rid of the Taft-Hartley law, and (2) those who want to keep most of it.

But there was a note of restraint—even gloom—in the private comments of some legislators.

Situation Up to Date This is the situation: In the house, the Wood bill to keep much of the T-H law on the books is back in the labor committee—fired there yesterday by a narrow-squeak vote of 212 to 209.

The house sent the measure back to the committee for further study and hence reversed its acceptance of the bill on Tuesday, 217 to 203.

Yesterday's surprise action means there is no labor bill before the house at present, and the Taft-Hartley law still stands.

It also means the Truman administration can launch another drive, starting in the labor committee, for house approval of its Taft-Hartley repeal bill—which got no place in this week's debate.

However, the indications are democratic leaders will concentrate instead on a compromise measure which would keep some of the T-H provisions.

Senate to Decide That compromise bill also was defeated in the first round house battle. So there will be an uphill fight on that the next time.

In the senate, the opening of labor legislation debate still appears to be about a month in the future. But republican foes of the administration's Taft-Hartley repealer laid the groundwork yesterday for their counter-attack.

GOP Senators Taft (Ohio), Smith (N.J.) and Donnell (Mo.), all members of the senate labor committee—introduced a new labor bill which Taft told the senate would "retain the best features of the Taft-Hartley law."

Rep. Lesinski (D., Mich.), chairman of the house group, said "I think we will have a new bill ready within a month."

Flood Damage High on Santiam

Albany, Ore., May 5 (AP)—County agents said today that a flood crest in the South Santiam river had caused damage that would mount into "many thousands of dollars."

Extension Agent O. E. Mikesell surveyed damage as waters receded from an 18.4-foot level, leaving some of the best farms in Oregon seamed with gulleys.

He said such damage had seldom been inflicted before in so short a time.

Damage to land alone is excessive, Mikesell said, but many acres of seed, mint and other plantings have been wrecked all beyond repair. Most seriously affected were farms along the east bank of the river below Sanderson's bridge, which spans the South Santiam near Crabtree, Ore.

Truman to Continue Fight on T-H Law

Washington, May 5 (AP)—President Truman declared today he will continue to fight for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law.

Mr. Truman said repeal and a fair law was pledged by the democratic party platform. He reminded a news conference that his administration is in power for four years.

And he said he still thinks an acceptable bill to enact a new labor law can be passed.

He said he wants the democrats in congress to carry out the promises made in the democratic platform.

Local Frosts Forecast As Willamette Drops

Local frosts are predicted for the valley areas tonight and Friday, and most clear conditions Thursday morning's minimum dipped to 36. The Willamette river continued to drop slowly through this section, Thursday, measuring 13.3 feet Thursday morning following a crest of 14.4 feet on Tuesday—only 1.4 of a foot from equalling the record May height of 1896.



Held in Row—Pfc. Edward J. Touhey (above), 19-year-old six-foot-four U. S. military policeman, from Howard Beach, N. Y., is being held under observation following battle in plush Imperial hotel, Vienna, Austria, with at least eight Russian officers. Provost Marshal Col. Willard K. Liebel identified Touhey as man who knocked down the eight officers and chased another around lobby with a chair. Details on page 10. (AP Wirephoto)

Dam May be Named for Gov. Douglas McKay

McKay dam may become the name of the big project now under construction, known as Detroit dam.

The move to have the dam named for Oregon's governor started among members of the Willamette basin commission, and it is an honor believed due Governor Douglas McKay because of his long connection with the Willamette Valley Project as its chairman. McKay was elected chairman when the project was organized more than a decade ago and held the position actively until he was elected governor.

Naming the dam for Governor McKay would have to be done by congress. Wade Newbegin, a member of the commission, has written Senator Guy Cordon and has received a reply that the senator is in full accord with the idea.

At a meeting of the Willamette basin commission here Monday it was decided that the Willamette Basin Project committee rather than the commission should start and carry out the plan with the help of the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Clay Cochran, manager of the chamber, and Floyd Fox, commission member, will contact the people in the Detroit area.

The condition of the locks at Oregon City was discussed seriously by the commission. Walter Buse, Oregon City lumberman, declared that new locks are needed if industries are to come to the area.

Col. O. E. Walsh, district engineer, told the commission that approximately \$40,000 is spent each year on repairing the locks. Before writing the congressional delegation to start pushing this as the next most important project it was decided to take the matter up with Governor McKay.

18,000 Coal Miners Strike in England

Manchester, Eng., May 5 (AP)—Eighteen thousand coal miners refused today to go down the pits in a strike snowballing through two of England's biggest coal producing counties.

The strike started over a ban on the traditional free coal to miners.

The national coal board, which runs all of Britain's state owned pits, turned down the request for free household coal from miners at Burnley and Accrington in Lancashire.

Disgruntled, the miners then decided to refuse any more overtime work, and closed the Burnley and Accrington pits last Saturday.

Wallace Raps Atlantic Pact, Urges Its Abandonment

Washington, May 5 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace said today that a Russian offer on March 21 to lift the Berlin blockade was deliberately withheld from the public because the state department feared it might block the North Atlantic pact.

He said the state department held up news of the Russian "concession" for over a month "because it explodes the myth on which the North Atlantic pact is based and destroys the basis on which it is being sold to the American people."

There was no immediate reply from the department to Wallace's charge.

The Russians told the department on March 21, Wallace said, that they were prepared to end the blockade on the "sole condition" that the Big Four foreign ministers meet to consider the whole German problem.

A Big Four agreement announced today provides for a meeting of the foreign ministers May 23, eleven days after the lifting of the Berlin blockade and the western counter-blockade of the Soviet zone in Germany.

Wallace, former vice president and now head of the pro-

Red Far East In Alliance for Mutual Defense

Communist China, Burma, North Korean Pact Blessed by Russ

A Red China-Burma-North Korean alliance was revealed today (Thursday) by the Chinese central news agency in a dispatch from Rangoon.

The alliance, designed for the mutual defense of the communist segments of the three Asiatic countries, bore Moscow's blessing, the official Chinese news agency said.

The pacts—one signed February 26 in Burma and the other March 17 in Moscow—banded the Asiatic communists together in "the joint struggle against American and British imperialism," said the news agency.

Shanghai Appeals to UN No other source has confirmed the signing of the pacts, which could bring many millions of Asiatics under the Russian wielded hammer and sickle.

Meanwhile Shanghai's British and American leaders discussed a proposal to ask the United Nations to declare the metropolis an open city.

The plan was rejected after what one diplomat called a full discussion of "the whole mess." However, there were indications it might be revived later.

Rain Causes Halt Rainy weather in Shanghai was reflected in lack of military activity. All was quiet around there.

The communist radio in Peiping announced six nationalist bombers struck Nanyuan airfield near Peiping killing or wounding 20 persons.

Shanghai's land and water routes inland have been cut by the Reds. For the first time in years the Yangtze cornucopia, which gushed inland merchandise into Shanghai, was stopped up. As a result the city's markets were in a chaotic condition.

Chinese and foreigners grumbled over the situation which slowly choked off the city's industry.

One military observer in Shanghai expressed the opinion the Reds would leave Shanghai alone and concentrate south and west of the metropolis.

Chinese Red armies meanwhile slashed across south central China.

Floods Follow Drought in Italy

Rome, May 5 (AP)—After the drought the flood.

Suffering its worst drought in 30 years, northern Italy's Po valley today was flooded in many places.

Crops that withered last week were under water. There were still no estimates as to the amount of damage nearly 50 inches of rain in Italy this week caused.

Southern Italy, however, had only light rains.

At least there will be more electricity for Italians who have had several months of daily current shutoffs because of lack of water-power.

DST Rejected

The Dalles, Ore., May 5 (AP)—Yielding to farmers' protests, The Dalles city council last night rejected daylight saving time by a vote of 3 to 2.

Mike Jacobs to Retire

New York, May 5 (AP)—Mike Jacobs, owner of the 20th Century Sporting club, will give up his boxing interests in Madison Square Garden on June 1. However, he will remain with the new group taking over as a director, it was announced today.

THE WEATHER

(Released by United States Weather Bureau) Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Mostly clear tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 34 degrees, with local frosts in early morning; highest, Friday, 68. Conditions will be favorable for all farm activities, Friday. Maximum yesterday 64. Minimum today 36. Mean temperature yesterday 49 which was 3 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today 0. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month 1.33 inches which is 1.18 inches above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Thursday morning, 13.3 feet.

4 Powers Sign For Lifting of Berlin Blockade

Communique Released In Four Capitals Gives Terms

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER Washington, May 5 (AP)—The Russian blockade of Berlin will be lifted May 12 under a Big Four agreement announced today. The western powers' counter blockade of the Soviet zone of Germany will be ended at the same time.

The council of foreign ministers will meet in Paris May 23 "to consider questions relating to Germany, and problems arising out of the situation in Berlin, including also the question of currency in Berlin."

Issued in Four Capitals The four power communique, climaxing more than two months of intense negotiation, was issued simultaneously in Moscow, London, Paris and Washington—as well as in New York where the Berlin deal was worked out at the headquarters of the United Nations.

The document was an extraordinary display of harmony after more than a year of tension and conflict—sometimes marked by fears of actual war.

At the same hour the brief statement was made public, a copy was handed to Trygve Lie, United Nations secretary general.

Text of Communique The text of the Big Four communique:

The governments of France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States have reached the following agreement:

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New Drug for Polio Relief

Buffalo, N. Y., May 5 (AP)—A drug bringing quick, safe relief from pain in infantile paralysis was announced today by three New York physicians.

Pain, and cramping or spasm are often severe in the early stages of polio. Even muscles that don't become paralyzed are often painful and tender to the touch.

The drug, named priscol, quickly abolishes the pain, spasm and tenderness. Drs. Emil Smith, David J. Graubard and Philip Rosenblatt of Brooklyn told the New York State Medical Society.

They said it had worked successfully, and often dramatically, on 120 polio patients last year at the Kingston Avenue hospital in Brooklyn. The drug can be taken by mouth or by injection.

The polio victims got relief from pain within 24 hours or less, they said. They rested more comfortably by day, slept quietly at night, and their appetites improved. Arms or legs which they kept bent because of pain or spasm could be straightened out easily, permitting quicker exercise to keep the muscle strong and reduce the after-effects of polio.

Some patients improved so quickly they could be sent home or to orthopedic hospitals within a week or two, the physicians reported.

Russ to Demand Reich Plebiscite

Berlin, May 5 (AP)—Sources close to Soviet headquarters said today that Russia's first step on lifting the Berlin blockade would be to demand a plebiscite to force establishment of a central German government.

Russia would want the plebiscite to ask if the German people merely if they wanted a united or a split Germany. Observers said virtually every German would vote "yes" for a united Germany.

By this means, it was said Russia would hope to:

1. Block formation of a western German state in the American, British and French zones.
2. Establish a central German government and spread communist and Soviet influence beyond the confines of the Soviet zone.
3. Block participation of western Germany in the Atlantic pact.
4. Block participation of western Germany in the western union.
5. Gain a voice in the control and management of the great industrial Ruhr.

The report was bolstered by a German communist communique today which called on all Germans to demand establishment of a central government for all four zones, conclusion of a peace treaty and withdrawal of all occupation troops.

Newborn Quads Said Doing Nicely

New York, May 5 (AP)—The Collins quadruplets were born only yesterday, but their father feels as if he has lived a lifetime since.

Everybody—two baby boys and two girls; their mother, Mrs. Ethel Collins, 27; and their two-year-old brother, Stephen—is doing nicely. And that goes to young papa—Charles Collins, 29, a brokerage office clerk.

Life for father has been hectic since he received the word yesterday from Lebanon hospital. But he's taken it with poise, this being a father of quadruplets, which doctors say happens only once in 676,000 births.

East and West Gird for Next Cold War Round

Lifting of Berlin Blockade Officially Set for May 12

In an atmosphere of armed truce, the east and west girded today for the next round of the cold war—after the blockades at Berlin are lifted next Thursday.

The west considered it had won a victory by bringing the Russians to agreement. But Russian-controlled organs were putting the best front they could on developments—and there was more than one way at looking at the turn of events.

At best, the battle of Berlin was only part of a broad picture strewn with storm clouds.

Cold Wind Off Russia And a cold wind still was blowing off Russia, toward the foreign ministers council which will meet in Paris May 23 to consider the German question as a whole.

Under the Big Four agreement made public today, the Russians will lift the total blockade which shut off western Berlin, except by air, for more than 10 months. For their part, the western allies will end the counter-blockade which severely pinched the economy of the eastern zone of divided Germany from July 26, 1948, on.

The United States will keep its airlift machine—the planes, men and directors who beat the Soviet blockade for 10 months—ready and waiting until they are reasonably sure Russia has no plans to set up another roadblock to Berlin.

Hard Bargain at Paris The Russians, on the other hand, obviously are ready to drive a hard bargain at Paris. Russian stiffness broke up the last foreign ministers' meeting which tried to deal with Germany.

A burst of harmony brought about the truce after two months of negotiations in United Nations headquarters in New York.

Trygve Lie, who as secretary-general of the UN has been in a delicate position between eastern and western pressures, said the agreement "opens the way to new efforts for a settlement of the German problem, one of the main causes of the great power differences which have so far hampered the work of the United Nations."

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