

5000 Pickets in Parade in Front Of Ford Plants

Peaceful Demonstration by Strikers — Clerks Unmolested

Detroit, May 6 (AP)—Ford Motor company's huge River Rouge plant was locked today in its first major strike since 1941 as an estimated 5,000 pickets paraded peacefully before main gates.

It was the second day of idleness for approximately 65,000 CIO United Auto Workers, who walked out at noon yesterday in union protest against what the UAW called a "speed-up" of assembly lines.

Nearly 60,000 struck at the Rouge plant, one of America's industrial giants, and approximately 5,000 more walked out at Ford's Lincoln-Mercury plant nearby.

No Negotiations On
Just how long the strike might last was anybody's guess. No immediate renewal of company-union negotiations for settlement of the dispute was scheduled. But it was felt that both Ford and the UAW would be agreeable to early peace talks in view of the critical aspects of a prolonged strike.

The company has estimated that within approximately a week the worldwide operations of the second largest automobile manufacturer would be paralyzed. Ford has more than 100,000 production workers in 49 plants in the United States.

Picketing continued in an orderly fashion today, just as when the walkout began. Police Protection Refused

Long lines of pickets, some bearing signs saying simply "Ford is on strike," circled in front of all main gates at the massive Rouge plant.

By 10 a. m. an estimated 5,000 pickets, some in lines and some in groups, were marching back and forth.

Ford asked Dearborn police for more protection and protest against the massing of pickets at the gates.

But Dearborn Mayor Orville L. Hubbard rejected the request. "No plant gates are blocked," he said. "Anyone who wants to can walk right in."

All salaried employees not on strike were permitted to enter the plant and at one gate they even were allowed to drive their cars inside.

Everybody admitted by the pickets had to show a pass and, once inside, all wore armbands proclaiming "O.K. to work."

Home Rule for Japan Favored

Washington, May 6 (AP)—The United States declared today that Japan should "be given increasing direction of its own affairs in the international field."

A policy statement by the state department said that beginning this process under the occupation has "obvious advantages in developing a healthy international outlook" and "averting the confusion that might well arise from any abrupt removal of current restrictions after a peace treaty."

The statement added: "The immediate resumption by Japan of some international responsibilities in such fields as trade promotion, citizenship and property problems, cultural relations, technical and scientific arrangements and exchanges would provide a substantial contribution to the economic recovery of Japan."

The statement was issued in explanation of a new proposal to the 11-nation Far Eastern commission to permit the Japanese to accept invitations to attend international conferences.

Fire Wipes Out Bonneville Block

Bonneville, Ore., May 6 (AP)—Fire destroyed almost an entire block of this incorporated town early today.

The blaze started in a grocery store across U. S. Highway 30 from the Bonneville dam reservation and swept through the old Tyrrel tavern, another grocery store, three apartment units and an unused gasoline station. Another gas station was saved, the only building to survive the flames.

Capt. B. E. Whitsett of the army engineers and captain of police at the Bonneville reservation said the cause of the fire had not been determined, but he said the property in the town was a "total loss."

Two Bonneville dam fire trucks answered the first alarm at 1:15 a. m. and were joined later by a forest service truck. The fire raged until 6 a. m.

The buildings destroyed were constructed at the time Bonneville was being erected in 1935 and 1936.

25 County Units In Mutual Aid Disaster Pact

Fire Chief Roble Completes Survey for Meeting Flood, Fire

By DOUGLAS THOMAS
The completion of a mutual assistance pact which joins the Salem fire department with 24 other Marion county units to meet disaster problems was disclosed Friday by Fire Chief William P. Roble.

The pact, along with a detailed survey of fire fighting equipment and tools for meeting problems of flood, fire or any widespread disaster, represented almost 11 full months of work. Chief Roble was appointed by the Marion County Fire Chief's association in June of 1948 to make the survey.

The mutual assistance agreement, first approved by Salem officials June 28, 1948, provides for members to furnish equipment and manpower, if available, upon request of other signatories.

Detailed Inventory
The detailed inventory of personnel, fire equipment and tools needed to meet disaster have been charted to enable members to know where equipment is located and to get it when needed.

Included in the listing of the survey are such things as ambulances, bulldozers, gas masks, cutting torches, heavy duty jacks and other items.

In addition to the total of 25 cities, towns and rural fire districts which have signed the agreement, the naval reserve station in Salem has pledged the use of its equipment and manpower, while "ham" radio operators of the county are being organized to provide an emergency communications network.

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Steel Workers Ask Wage Hike

Pittsburgh, May 6 (AP)—Phillip Murray's United Steelworkers are taking the lead in demanding a fourth-round pay boost.

And some of Murray's other big CIO unions are going to follow the leader.

John L. Lewis, president of the unaffiliated United Mine Workers, also wants more benefits for his half-million soft coal diggers.

That's the picture in industrial America today—the "Big Four" of industry—steel, auto, coal and electrical workers—want more money now and a guarantee of security in the future.

The CIO United Steelworkers' wage policy ended a three-day huddle of top strategists yesterday by asking not only for an unspecified wage hike but a pension program and health and welfare benefits for 1,116,000 members.

Murray, president of both the CIO and the Steelworkers, wouldn't estimate the total cost of his union's demands to the steel industry. He did estimate, however, the insurance program would cost 8.4 cents per man, per hour.

The CIO leader long has been in favor of pensions for his members, along with other social security benefits. He's become more insistent on pensions since John L. Lewis obtained them for his UMW members.

Merit salary increases for state workers slashed

By JAMES D. OLSON
Merit salary increases to state employees, authorized by the civil service law, will be decreased by approximately 25 per cent during the 1949-50 biennium, according to an estimate made by Robert R. Johnson, state civil service director Friday.

Lack of funds in state department budgets will bring about this reduction, Johnson predicted.

During the past two years about 75 per cent of all state employees have been rewarded with merit salary increases but it is estimated that less than 50 per cent would get such increases during the next two years.

However, every state employee will benefit by the civil service salary scale increase beginning July 1. This increase averages \$30 a month, although the range is from \$10 to \$65 a month for each employee.

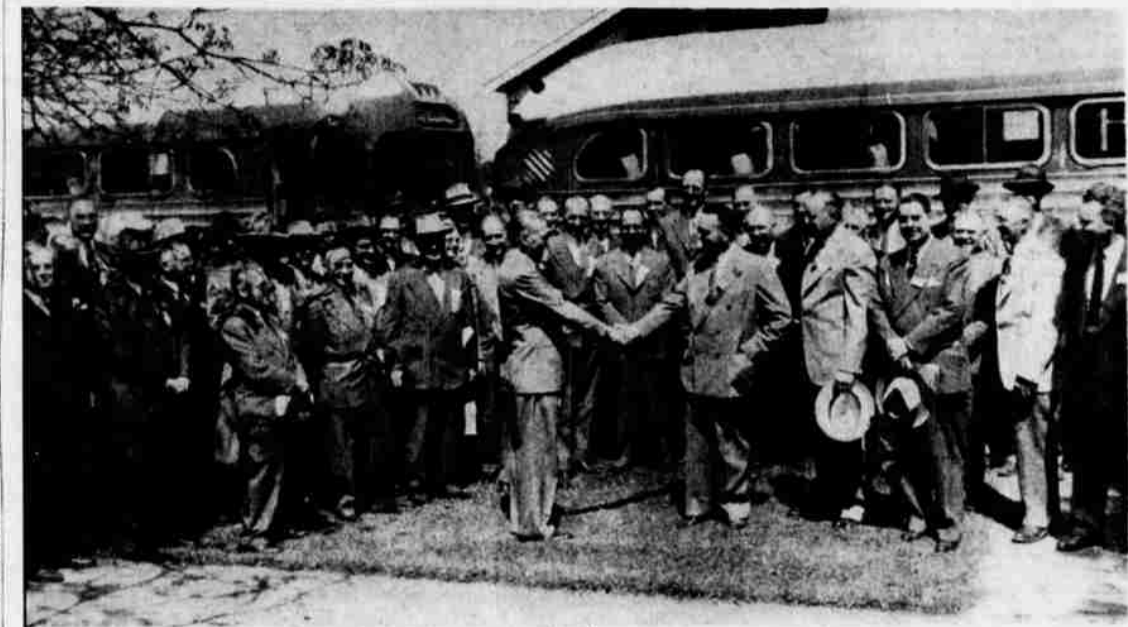
Director Johnson said that he did not believe it would be necessary for any state department to discharge any employee on July 1.

"The ways and means committee of the legislature authorized adjustments in small departments so that all employees in such departments would be given the salary boosts," said Johnson. In most large departments adjustments can be made so that the scale can be placed into effect.

Many of the larger departments requested and obtained approval for new employees and in such cases the number of persons placed on the payroll can

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Vacations for Rail Workers

Cleveland, May 6 (AP)—A new agreement providing for liberalized vacations with pay for 450,000 operating railroad workers has been signed by five transportation brotherhoods and the nation's carriers, it was announced today.

President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen announced the agreement, which was signed last week in Chicago and which takes effect July 1.

The pact provides one week's vacation with pay for a year's service if during the preceding calendar year the employee worked 160 basic days in miles or hours.

An employee with five or more years continuous service will receive an annual two weeks' paid vacation. The old agreement provided for one week's vacation pay despite length of service.

The agreement also improved the old one by guaranteeing that vacation pay cannot be computed at less than the rate for the last service rendered by the employee.

The unions signing the agreement were the trainmen, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors and the Switchmen's Union of North America.

The visitors were impressed favorably with the scenery of the falls area, being able to view the main falls of the group, and to tour the grounds to some extent.

Four Trapped Miners Dead

Girardville, Pa., May 6 (AP)—Four miners trapped by a raging fire in the anthracite mine 800 feet underground were found dead today by rescue workers who fought fire and deadly smoke for 50 hours in efforts to reach them.

The four men were found sprawled in a passageway on the second level of the No. 5 colliery of the Gilberton Coal Co. Rescue workers said they apparently were killed by carbon monoxide fumes shortly after the fire broke out.

The position of their bodies indicated that they chose to fight their way to safety rather than barricade themselves behind heavy canvas curtains on a lower level to await rescuers.

Unemployment on Decline in County

Unemployment continued the decline which began in March as milder weather permitted increased activity in most types of business, reports the Oregon labor market bulletin for Marion county. Logging and lumbering operations are well under way in some of the higher elevations where weather conditions prevent steady work.

An estimated 4500 people remained unemployed in the area as the month closed, compared with the 5200 at the end of March and a peak of 8800 late in February. Arrival of migratory workers has tended to keep the lists of unemployed from declining as rapidly as might be expected.

Gooseberry picking should begin about the middle of May and strawberry harvesting will follow soon after. Present indications point to a much better than average strawberry crop.

Portland Businessmen Visit Silverton

Portland businessmen were greeted at the city limits of Silverton by Mayor Clinton Weiby, V. V. Runyan, president of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce, S. Parzy Rose, Felix Wright, Oscar Edlund, Craig Clark, committeemen and Vic Grossnickle, chief of Silverton police. Following a tour of the city and a serving of ice cream the visitors went to Silver Creek fall for luncheon.

Portland Visitors Greeted At Silverton and Falls

Silverton, May 6—The 60 members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce left Silverton around 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon en route by bus to Mt. Angel following a day's pleasures for the local forum in social cooperation as guests, locally.

The two bus loads of business visitors were met at the city limits by the chief of police, Vic Grossnickle, and the president of the Chamber of Commerce, V. V. Runyan, assisted by various committee chairmen.

Around 120 local residents accompanied the Portlanders on a tour of the town and to the Silver Creek state park lodge for noon luncheon, driving the loop road back to town later where they enjoyed a hospitality hour at the basement rooms of George's.

The around the table brief program was directed by Lou Rains of Portland and V. V. Runyan, Silverton. Speakers were S. Parzy Rose, talking of the possibilities of Portland forum industrial cooperation with their smaller neighbor; K. C. Eldridge, Jr., on the desire to aid all forums in making room for the influx to the west of new residents. Leo H. Baruh member of the Portland forum making the trip.

The general feeling is that while the German prospect is more hopeful there is yet no real assurance of future peace with Russia. Roberts emphasized this view by saying: "The truth is that whenever the democracies have been afraid to acknowledge the fundamental division between dictatorship and democracy, the delay has permitted the dictators to pick off the democracies one by one, just as Hitler did." He added: "The North Atlantic defense pact is an essential emergency measure to prevent an attack by Soviet Russia."

Roberts gave his views in a statement prepared for the senate foreign relations committee, which is holding hearings on ratification of the 12-nation defense alliance.

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West German Plans Rushed

Bonn, Germany, May 6 (AP)—Delegates writing a west German constitution slumped down communist obstruction today and strove to complete the document by Sunday—fourth anniversary of the Nazi's defeat in World War II.

Convention leaders set the target date despite communist pleas that they seize upon the imminent lifting of the Berlin blockade to drop the deliberations and work instead for a united Germany.

In a burst of energy, the 65 delegates went into a full plenary session for a second formal reading of the constitution. They scheduled the third and final reading for Sunday.

It is no secret that the western allies would like the Bonn constitution to form the basis of a central government of all Germany—including the Soviet zone.

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Sight Wreckage Of Lost Plane

Vancouver, May 6 (CP)—The R.C.A.F. reported today a light fleet Canuck aircraft, missing since Monday with two persons aboard, was sighted at 10:50 a. m. PDT, on Lone mountain, 40 miles southwest of Princeton, B. C. There was no sign of life around the aircraft.

A four-man R.C.A.F. paratrooper unit will take off immediately from Sea Island airport here to seek the plane's two occupants. Pilot Bill Grant, of Vancouver and nurse-passenger Sheila Cure, of Cardston, Alta.

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Shanghai Drive Begun by Reds In New Attacks

Communists Held in Southwest and Beaten Back in Northeast

Shanghai, May 6 (AP)—The big Chinese push for Shanghai may be on. The garrison today said strong communist attacks rolled up on the southwest and northwest. It said the one on the southwest was being held, and the Reds on the northwest were beaten back.

The Reds knifed deeper into central and southeast China meanwhile. There was little indication of fighting on either of these two fronts.

(This appeared to be a hint that the two lancing operations into nationalist China's vitals were virtually unopposed.)

Break Fortnight's Call
The attacks on the Shanghai front broke a lull that began when the communists by-passed the city, seized Hangchow on the southwest, and left Shanghai isolated except by sea.

The communists said several thousand communist troops were attacking Kashing, 50 miles southwest on the railway to Hangchow. One attack was launched from the south at a point near the city's airport.

A second came west of Kashing. A third hit nationalist positions around Chengchi, about nine miles to the north.

Meanwhile the newspaper Sin Wan Pao said Fukien province officials were worried as Red vanguards moved into the mountains about 20 miles from the northern border of this southeast province.

(Fukien province is opposite Formosa, island province converted into a nationalist fortress.)

Racketeers Shot Down
Police and garrison authorities in Shanghai began shooting 20 more alleged racketeers today. Four were shot yesterday for "subversive activities, robbery and the killing of a policeman."

Approximately 150 persons in all were rounded up. Police accused some of them of running a gang which enlisted 400 "loafers" to pillage homes of the wealthy when opportunity arrived.

These executions, however, justified they may be, always cause considerable worry in China. They have a way of turning into blood baths.

There never is any telling who will be next, and the law is in the hands of the military.

The economic crisis in Shanghai deepened. The municipal government abolished the cost of living index. This had been used for three years to figure the proper level for wages.

Gerard Urges Atlantic Pact

Washington, May 6 (AP)—James W. Gerard, America's World War I ambassador to Germany, said today senate failure to ratify the Atlantic pact will mean "war, the end of democracies everywhere and the domination of the world," by Russia.

Gerard, envoy to Germany from 1912 to 1917, told the senate foreign relations committee that it should push action on both the defense treaty and its allied program despite "any change" in Soviet policy regarding Germany.

He gave the committee recommendations for pact approval from 24 former U.S. ambassadors. A 25th statement—from J. Reuben Clark of Utah—opposed the treaty.

Clark, a first counsel of the Mormon church and former ambassador to Mexico and under-secretary of state, said the pact would enable "any little country" to push the United States into war merely by "thumping its nose at Russia."

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In a letter to members of congress, Gray said every effort will be made to keep the essential services to veterans at a high level.

"Unless this step is taken now, more drastic curtailment would be necessary during the latter part of fiscal year 1950," Gray said.

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An immediate effect of the reduction order is to close four offices in Oregon—Astoria, Bond, Coos Bay, Ontario and The Dalles.

Russians Seek Withdrawal of Troops in Reich

Allies Undecided How to Deal With Expected Proposal

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Washington, May 6 (AP)—Russia's expected proposal to withdraw all occupation troops from Germany is regarded here as one of the most difficult issues, the western powers will have to meet at the Big Four ministers conference in Paris late this month.

Indications are that the United States, Britain and France are yet to decide exactly how they will deal with the proposition if the Russians put it forward. There is no present evidence that they will accept any such demand.

State department experts are now working intensively on this and other problems expected to arise at the Paris meeting which opens May 23. On most if not all these other problems the unified American-British-French position is determined.

Unification Sought
Plans already are under way for creation of a western German government, thus far developed against Russian opposition. Those plans will form the basis of western proposals for a government for all Germans.

Economic and political unification of the Soviet and western zones is an objective of the western powers. In working toward this they will insist that the Soviets agree to take down the barriers which now restrict communications between the two areas.

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German Police Guard Blockade

Berlin, May 6 (AP)—German police enforced the Russian blockade inside Berlin with gunfire today—six days before the barriers are due to be lifted.

A wild fusillade from German guards on the east Berlin boundary failed to halt an automobile racing into the American sector under cover of darkness.

Editorialists in the official Soviet army newspaper *Tassliche Runcshau* meanwhile gave a clearer outline of probable Soviet demands in the Big Four foreign ministers meeting in Paris.

They indicated Russia will attempt to:

1. Obtain a four-power agreement to exclude Germany permanently from the new council of Europe and the Atlantic pact.

2. Discard the statute for control of the Ruhr by six western powers and acknowledge Russia's interest in this vital industrial territory.

3. Abandon major German policies adopted by the U. S., Britain and France without Russia's concurrence—this includes the west German republic.

4. Establish a government for all Germany which will continue the measures of "people's democracy" already carried out in the Soviet zone.

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Forecast for Salem and Vicinity:
Mostly clear tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature. Lowest temperature expected tonight, 40 degrees; highest Saturday, 82. Conditions will be favorable for farm work Maximum yesterday 74. Minimum today 42. Mean temperature yesterday 55 which was 1 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a. m. today 0. Total precipitation for the month 1.53 inches which is 1.19 inches above normal. Willamette river height at Salem Friday morning 9.1 feet.