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Strike Holds-up Construction In Salem Area

Teamsters Out at Sand, Gravel and Cement Mixture Plants

Building construction in Salem is seriously handicapped, and the city's street improvement program for the year is in danger of bogging down because of a wage dispute that has idled four of the main materials producing concerns here.

Involved in the dispute is Local 324 of the Teamsters union on one side, and on the other producers of sand, gravel and cement mixtures. No progress toward a settlement had been made today.

The Warren Northwest company, which has the contract for paving Salem streets, has closed down its plant on Cherry avenue because it is unable to get materials from the sand and gravel companies. With approximately 50 blocks of unimproved streets remaining under the contract the street improvement program is at a standstill.

The city itself builds the curbing for improved streets, and for the first time in eight years the city is operating its own concrete mixer, for the reason that the ready-mix concerns are unable, because of the labor tie-up, to deliver under their contracts.

For the setting of standards for the new lighting installations on downtown streets the city is bringing "hot stuff" from the Albany plant of the Warren Northwest company, and making five or six trips daily.

Russia Incites Japs to Revolt

Washington, July 14 (AP)—American officials said today that Russia is attempting to use the Japanese labor movement to incite a Red revolution in Japan.

They said this is clearly evident by recent communist-inspired demonstrations in Japanese cities, statements by Soviet officials, and return to Japan of thousands of Soviet indoctrinated Japanese war prisoners who pledge allegiance to communism.

The openness of the Russian tactics and their ultimate aims have become a source of serious concern to the United States, officials said. They attacked the broadening of the communist campaign to recent communist successes in China and economic unrest in Japan.

The fight between the United States and Russia over labor policies in Japan resulted in a new clash yesterday between their representatives on the 11-nation far eastern commission. The commission drafts occupation measures for Japan.

Gen. Frank R. McCoy, American representative, told Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panushkin that despite his "democratic phrases" and the statements of other Russian officials, this government believes recent cases of mob violence in Japan "are not designed to protect the rights of labor or to advance democratic tendencies."

Attorneys to Vote On Federal Judge

Portland, July 14 (AP)—Attorneys throughout the state will be queried by the Oregon state bar on their preference for possible appointment to the proposed third federal judgeship in Oregon.

President Walter H. Evans, Jr., said the board of governors believes the bar of Oregon should seek the most qualified person for the work. He said the vote would be by secret ballot. The recommendations would be forwarded to President Truman.

Evans said the bill creating a third federal judgeship for Oregon may go to the White House in two weeks.

Communists Stirred to Anger By Pope's Edict

Excommunication of Reds Warns of No Compromise

Rome, July 14 (AP)—The pope's excommunication of communists stirred the communist-controlled press of Europe to violent reaction today.

The Vatican disclosed last night that Pope Pius XII has cut off from the sacraments and comforts of the fair all Roman Catholics "who make profession of the materialistic and anti-Christian doctrine of the communists."

The action was a stern warning that the church will not compromise with communism.

Called Act of Hatred

Il Paese, a communist-line newspaper in Rome, called the decree "an act of hatred" and the official Italian communist newspaper, L'Unita, said the order "crowns a violent provocation campaign of the Holy See against Catholics who do not intend to submit to its political directives."

Italy is an overwhelmingly Catholic country in which the communists officially number more than 2,000,000, and the papal decree could have a telling effect here.

The communists have swung 5,000,000 votes in the postwar elections in France, also a predominantly Catholic country, where the warning of the pope to the faithful to avoid exposing themselves to communist doctrines and writings, also could have a heavy effect.

The concern the communists apparently feel in France is reflected in the official French communist newspaper L'Humanite. In an angry attack on the Vatican, the newspaper termed the decree "pure totalitarianism."

Held Last Warning

The decree, announced by the sacred congregation of the holy office — which is in charge of protecting the faith — and approved by the pontiff — is interpreted by informed Vatican sources to be a last warning to Catholics who may be leaning toward communism.

The decree marks the fourth time the pope has used excommunication to fight back at the communists in recent years.

Previous decrees had been directed at those who tried and sentenced Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac in Yugoslavia in 1946, at those responsible for the imprisonment of Hungary's Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, and at the founders and willing members of a separatist, government-controlled Catholic action society in Czechoslovakia.

Norblad Again Protests Salem Airline Changes

Another protest was made this week by Rep. Walter Norblad to the Civil Aeronautics board on the proposed substitution of West Coast Airlines service for that of United Airlines in Oregon's capital city.

In addition to the second protest, which was accompanied by a copy of the Capital Journal editorial of July 1 entitled "A Threat to Salem's Air Position," the CAB proposal was drawn to the attention of the house of representatives and included in the Congressional Record of July 1.

In drawing the matter to the attention of the house Rep. Norblad commented: "This nation-wide carrier has furnished our state capital of Salem with excellent service since it was instituted in 1941 and has carried an ever-increasing pay load from the city. It seems utterly foolish for the Civil Aeronautics board to even consider substituting that service for one by a carrier which could furnish feeder service only."

With this statement was also recorded the editorial of the July 1 dateline which compared the service offered by United Air Lines and that which could be offered by West Coast. It also drew attention to the position that United had in development of industries in Salem, as well as showing the

Truman Attack On Economists Irks Congress

President in Fireside Chat Again Urges Deficit Spending

Washington, July 14 (AP)—President Truman's sharp attack on "selfish interests urging drastic cuts" in federal spending collided today with both democratic and republican criticism in congress.

So did his assertion that many people would like to have a depression "for political reasons." On the other hand, Senator Pepper (D., Fla.) called Mr. Truman's arguments "reasonable commonsense and full of practical justification."

The president spoke out last night in telling the nation about his new program designed to expand production and avert a more serious business slump. He went on both the radio and television.

"Selfish Interests"

"We shall have to be sure," the president said, "that the selfish interests do not drive us into the ditch, as they have done before."

As he did in the economic report he sent to congress last Monday, Mr. Truman said: "We are not in a depression." Many people who talk of a depression, he said, would like to have one "for political reasons."

But he added that the increase in the number of people out of work "is something to worry about, and something that must be cured."

The president again lit into the republican-ruled 80th congress of 1947-48 for cutting income taxes. He criticized it, too, for refusing to enact the anti-inflation program he wanted then but now has abandoned because, he said, of changed conditions.

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Poles Stampede To See Portrait

Warsaw, Poland, July 14 (AP)—The official Polish press agency blames the Roman Catholic hierarchy for circumstances leading to the death of a woman and injuries to 19 other persons in a stampede to witness a "weeping virgin" portrait in Lublin.

The agency, organ of the communist-led government, said yesterday Catholic leaders had "deliberately" encouraged a mass pilgrimage to the eastern Polish city.

A throng of 100,000 Poles from all over the country, believing that prayer before the portrait would bring miraculous cures, swarmed around the Lublin Cathedral, the agency reported. In the stampede a wooden stockade collapsed, killing the woman and injuring the others, the agency said.

Government officials said persons spreading rumors about the reported miracle would be prosecuted. The agency charged that the Catholic hierarchy had allowed nuns and priests to lead the pilgrimage.



Wreckage of Crashed Dutch Airliner—Indian rescuers probe the crumpled wreckage of the Royal Dutch Airlines Constellation which crashed north of Bombay, India, carrying 45 persons, including 13 American newsmen, to their deaths. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Bombay via London)

Fire Menace in Oregon Extremely Dangerous

Portland, July 14 (AP)—Fire jumped over cleared trails on Gunbarrel creek today and roared out of control beyond 5000 already-blackened acres of south central Oregon pine forests.

The 200,000-acre Tillamook burn of northwestern Oregon—often-burned powderkeg of the Pacific northwest—was closed to entry as temperatures soared and humidity fell.

The Gunbarrel creek fire, Malheur national forest, 35 miles northeast of Burns, was one of 34 set off by a Monday night lightning storm. It was the only one in Oregon not controlled quickly.

Guy Johnson, forest service regional fire dispatcher, said the Gunbarrel situation was "extremely serious." Little merchantable timber, however, is in the immediate area.

"We are sitting on a powder keg throughout the state," he said. The weather bureau, which sent its mobile forecasting unit to the Gunbarrel creek area last night, reported "high to extreme fire danger in Oregon forests all over the interior of the state today and tomorrow, with increasing fire danger in the coastal range."

Five hundred men were on the fire lines today in Malheur forest—220 of them sent last night from the Nyssa farm labor camp.

Johnson said communication with fire fighters had been poor and that a radio team had been sent in to set up reporting stations.

However he said fighters reported today's weather was "a bad burning day" and the only hope lay in light winds.

The winds have been variable. Most of the fire's shift has been toward the southeast since its start. If it moves north or northwest, valuable stands of merchantable timber will be in hazard, Johnson said.

Jap General Gets Hard Labor for Life

Manila, Philippines, July 14 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Shigenori Kuroda was sentenced today to life imprisonment at hard labor for the more than 2800 atrocity deaths of Americans, Filipinos, and other allied nationals while he was Japanese commander-in-chief in the Philippines.

A Philippine military commission, in passing sentence, held him responsible for 2873 specific atrocity deaths and countless additional cases of murder and torture between May 1943 and September 1944. The thin, graying, 65-year-old general pleaded innocent.

Sheriff Goes to FBI School; Hits 'Cowsey'

Centralia, Wash., July 14 (AP)—Lewis county Sheriff Frank Thayer recently returned from the FBI school at Washington, D. C., where he grew very proficient at hitting bullseyes.

Yesterday he chalked up a cowsey. A cow being unloaded at a packing plant near here, scattered plant employees, jumped the fence and headed for the city. Thayer brought the galloping animal down in one well-placed shot.

Low Flying Caused Crash

Los Angeles, July 14 (AP)—Civil aeronautics board officials say that low flying and not a fight caused the crash and explosion of a non-scheduled airliner which cost 35 lives and injuries to 14.

Stewardess Charlotte Grenander, 23, told authorities yesterday that the scrap aboard the Standard Airlines' twin-engine C-46 Commando was only a one-punch affair. She said it occurred an hour before the crash in the rugged Santa Susanna mountains 30 miles north of downtown Los Angeles Tuesday.

She named Frank Conway, Albany, N.Y., who was killed, as the man who struck his seatmate. Miss Grenander added that there was no trouble after the pilot, Capt. Roy G. White, came back and talked to Conway.

James N. Peyton, regional CAB chief, said the aircraft was on course for an instrument approach landing at Lockheed air terminal, Burbank, but was 2000 feet too low. He said a smashed altimeter registered 1940 feet.

Peyton added that low fog may have obscured the pilot's vision, although fog was not believed to have been abnormally heavy.

Salem Banks to Keep Open Saturday

Salem banks will not take advantage of the Saturday closure permitted under a law passed by the 1949 legislature.

Officials of both the First National and the Ladd and Bush branch of the United States National banks said Thursday that the banks of the state had not yet reached a decision as to whether the Saturday closing would be adopted.

It was stated at the First National bank that there might possibly be extended hours rather than any curtailment of hours and it was not contemplated to take advantage of the Saturday closing law.

Morse Balks on Dulles For Foreign Committee

Washington, July 14 (AP)—A proposal to place New York's freshman Senator John Foster Dulles on the senate foreign relations committee kicked up a political storm in republican ranks today.

Senate leaders are discussing enlarging the 13-member committee to make room for Dulles, GOP foreign policy expert, until his appointment expires in December.

But Senator Morse (R., Ore.), has served notice he is "fighting mad" and will call a special party conference to oppose any such move. He insists, friends say, that he is in line for the next seat on the foreign relations committee.

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Truman to Set-up Steel Fact Finding Board if Big 3 Cooperate or Not

Senate Group Approves Four Hoover Plans

Washington, July 14 (AP)—The senate expenditures committee today in effect approved four of President Truman's plans for reorganizing government agencies.

The members looked over and raised no objections to plans for: 1. Strengthening the top management of the post office department.

2. Transferring the national security council and the national resources board to the executive office of the president.

3. Making the chairman of the civil service commission responsible for the operation of the civil service programs, within regulations made by the commission.

4. Revamping the operating activities of the maritime commission by vesting executive authority in the chairman.

The plans will go into effect August 19 unless the senate or house votes disapproval before then.

Democratic leaders tried today to get an agreement for a senate vote Saturday on the North Atlantic pact.

Senator Watkins (R-Utah) blocked it. Watkins said he would not agree to a vote before next Wednesday.

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Russians Clear Army Convoy

Berlin, July 14 (AP)—The Russians, ending their slowdown of western traffic, cleared a 60-truck U.S. army convoy for Berlin in quick order at the American-Soviet zonal border today.

The convoy reached Berlin this afternoon without incident. Soviet authorities suddenly ceased their slowdown tactics at the Helmstedt check point on the super-highway to Berlin late last night. It looked to many like a Soviet facing-saving gesture to avoid an embarrassing showdown when the U.S. army convoy arrived.

When the convoy arrived at the check point, a Russian soldier took a paper handed him by Maj. John L. King, Jr., of Carrollton, Mo., gave it a cursory glance, returned it and waved on all 60 trucks.

A 10-truck British army truck convoy also was waved through after guards glanced briefly at the commander's papers.

Unarmed American military police were escorting the American convoy along the entire 110-mile route through the Soviet zone of Germany. They were in constant radio touch with American headquarters in Berlin.

The food carried by the trucks totaled only about 125 tons—a drop in the bucket toward meeting the real needs of the 4,500,000 persons in the western sectors of Berlin.

Strike Order to Be Issued to Apply to All Firms Rejecting Truce

Washington, July 14 (AP)—The White House said today that President Truman will set up a steel fact-finding board tomorrow whether or not the "big three" producers yield to his pressure for them to go along with his plan to avert a strike Saturday.

Charles Ross, presidential press secretary, announced this after saying nothing has been heard from Mr. Truman's latest message to the three companies.

There was no hint from Ross as to who the president has in mind for the board—a group whose findings and recommendations may be decisive on the issue of whether millions of American workers are to have a fourth round of post-war wage increases.

Truman Urges Plea. Asking United States Steel, Republic and Bethlehem to reconsider their rejections of his plan to submit the wage-pension dispute to a special inquiry board for a recommended solution, Mr. Truman told the three: "Surely you are not afraid to have your side of this dispute examined in the public interest."

While some smaller steel firms and the CIO United Steel Workers union accepted Mr. Truman's plan, the big three had contended it by-passed Taft-Hartley law procedures for strikes imperiling the nation's health or safety.

Philip Murray, president of the CIO and its steel union, said he will issue a strike order today to apply to all steel firms rejecting Mr. Truman's plan for a 60-day strike truce.

Refuses to Use TH Law. Mr. Truman, in asking the three to reconsider yesterday, said it was his opinion the present situation "does not constitute such an immediate peril to the national health or safety" as to invoke Taft-Hartley emergency strike clauses.

An inquiry board named under Taft-Hartley lacks power to recommend a dispute solution, as the president said his three-man board will have.

However, both the president and Cyrus S. Ching, director of the federal mediation and conciliation service, stressed neither the companies nor union would be expected to accept any solution suggested by Mr. Truman's board. Ching said it was hoped the recommendations could form a basis for settlement.

Britain Slashes Dollar Buying

London, July 14 (AP)—Britain today sliced 25 percent off her buying from the world's dollar areas for this year.

Sir Stafford Cripps, chancellor of the exchequer, told the house of commons Britain's imports from the United States and other dollar areas would be limited to \$1,200,000,000. In 1948 Britain spent \$1,600,000,000 on imports.

Cripps announced a cut in purchases of U. S. tobacco. He also said the sugar ration would be lowered from 10 to eight ounces weekly and the recently derationated candy would go back on ration Aug. 14. The weekly candy ration will be four ounces per person.

Cripps knocked off \$800,000,000 of the \$440,000,000 originally set aside for the purchase of tobacco.

He said this would mean a reduction of about five percent to British users. Cigarettes already are scarce here and lines in front of tobacco stores are a common sight.

Jake Bird to Hang; Loses Final Appeal

Washington, July 14 (AP)—Justice Black of the supreme court refused today to grant a stay of execution to Jake Bird, convicted slayer scheduled to be hanged tomorrow in the state of Washington.

Bird had asked for the execution stay on grounds that he had been coerced into confessing the crime and that he never had been permitted to have a full transcript of the trial proceedings.