

Strike Parley Awaits Bridges

Honolulu, Aug. 24 (AP)—A federal try to reopen peace talks in the 116-day Hawaii waterfront strike marked time today awaiting the return of Harry Bridges.

The CIO longshore boss had been expected from San Francisco by air this morning.

Leaders of his striking International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union here said they would not meet with federal mediator George Hillenbrand until Bridges arrives, probably tomorrow.

Hillenbrand met with representatives of the seven struck stevedoring firms yesterday. He is attempting to find a new basis for direct union-employer negotiations as suggested by Cyrus S. Ching, director of the U. S. conciliation service.

Ching also invited both sides to go to Washington or New York where he would mediate if any peace try here fails. The last negotiation effort here collapsed Friday.

An employer spokesman said after meeting with Hillenbrand the companies' decision would not be made until after Bridges talked with the mediator.

Preacher Heads Klan Outfit

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 24 (AP)—A fiery-tongued, silver-haired former Baptist minister reached out today for new power as the nation's imperial emperor of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Lycurgus Spinks, who recently described himself as the "fighting buck private in the rear ranks of the Klan," has been enthroned to lead an ambitious new union of the robed order. The group has invited other Klans throughout the nation to join their organization.

Spinks, 64, was selected by Ku Kluxers from six states to head their combined order. Robed and masked, about 60 Klan leaders from Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee and Louisiana met yesterday in private in a Montgomery hotel room. Only Spinks was bare faced.

They met within a few blocks of the state capitol, where legislators recently enacted a law banning masks or hoods in public.

Spinks says the new organization has 265,000 members.

Meanwhile, William Hugh Morris, chief of the Alabama Klans who is now in jail in Birmingham for refusing to reveal Klan membership to a grand jury, denounced the new organization as being "the idea of one or two men."

Morris said he did not think it would last long.

Bonneville Line To Montana OK'd

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—The senate approved today construction of the Kerr-Anaconda power line of the Bonneville Power administration in Montana.

By a vote of 45 to 35 it wrote language into the interior department appropriation bill to authorize use of money to build the line.

The amendment was proposed by Senator Magnuson (D., Wash.).

The senate appropriations committee had recommended against the project. Its construction was approved by the house in passing the interior bill.

It was the third setback for the committee in the last two days.

Twice yesterday during consideration of the half-billion dollar interior department appropriation bill a group of senators beat down amendments to restrict power line funds.

In most such instances where it recommended cuts from the amounts approved by the house for transmission line construction, the senate committee recommended that the interior department enter into contracts with private utilities to "wheel" government power.

Suicide Note Reveals Crime

Ecorse, Mich., Aug. 24 (AP)—The suicide note left by an eccentric uncle who strangled his "favorite" niece after taking "indecent liberties" disclosed today that he believed sex perverts like himself should be put to death.

A two-day search for nine-year-old Barbara Jean Aberle ended last night when her nude body, with her own blue jumper tightened around her neck, was found in a log-covered grave. The searchers were directed to the lonely spot by a crude incoherent note discovered in the shirt pocket of the body of the uncle, Arthur Mayer, 39, found several hours before in a wooded area four miles away.

In despair over what he had done, the ne'er-do-well odd-jobs man wrote the note, telling where the girl's body was buried. Then he killed himself by firing a .22 caliber rifle bullet into his brain.

"I don't know what came over me to take indecent liberties with her," Mayer wrote in a cheap notebook. "When she said she would tell what I did to her I knew I had to take her life. "Then I knew I must take my own life, so will do so," the note continued. "There ought to be capital punishment in Michigan for people like me."

Mayer warned mothers whose daughters "become sex-conscious at a young age."

Set Scio Jail Afire to Escape

Scio, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—Earl Fred Oakley, Scio, jailed as drunk and disorderly, decided to burn down the jail door and get out.

So he got a wooden box — things are a bit informal in the one-room frame jail — broke it into kindling and set it afire against the wooden door.

The kindling burned and so did the roof. The door didn't. A passer-by in this western Oregon town of 400 turned in the alarm.

Fire Chief Fred Bryant turned the hose on Police Chief Howard Jordan and kept him wet down while he unlocked the door.

Oakley, who had splashed water from a cell bucket on himself when the fire backfired, came out under his own power.

Today he's in the sturdier Linn county jail at Albany, confronted by a \$154 fine and 60-day sentence on the drunk and disorderly charge. Police Chief Jordan, nursing a burned key hand, said he had asked the district attorney to draw up an arson charge, too.

Cranberry Crop Increases

Portland, Aug. 24 (AP)—Oregon's 1949 cranberry crop will be 15,500 barrels, up from 13,300 barrels a year ago.

The department of agriculture said larger acreage of bogs in Coos county had produced the greater share of the increase. Clatsop county output declined slightly.

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Father Rescues Son From Creek

Albany, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—A two-year-old lad was pulled from a farm area creek by his father last evening, then revived by a neighbor woman.

Ralph De Vilbiss was called to the creek by his son, Larry, 5, who ran across a field to summon aid when his brother, Roy, tumbled into the creek and sank. De Vilbiss found the boy.

Mrs. Oscar Hoven, a nurse, applied artificial respiration to revive the youngster who was recovering fully today in a hospital here.

The mishap occurred ten miles

Polk County Child Killed

Dallas—A one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kosack of the Gooseneck district was killed Wednesday morning when a fir tree limb fell and hit her while the child was at play. Her parents, who were picking prunes nearby, brought the child to the Dallas hospital where she was found to have died enroute.

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Prune Selling Not Monopoly

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—A complaint charging the Northwest Dried Fruit association, Portland, Ore., and its members with conspiring to create a monopoly in the sale of prunes has been dismissed by the federal trade commission.

Commissioner William A. Ayres, in an opinion in which the full commission concurred, said the complaint had involved a contract clause designed to protect sellers against delivery obligations. This hinged on whether the crop was unusually damaged by weather conditions.

Ayres' ruling noted the association comprised virtually all the prune industry in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The members produce what amounts to the nation's entire output of Italian-type prunes. The case involved the crop year of 1941-42.

The opinion concluded: "There is little to indicate that it would be in the public interest to institute further proceedings at this time to challenge the legality of the agreement by which the respondents adopted the uniform future sales contracts in 1919."

The Oregon Prune Exchange, Portland; the Washington Growers Packing Corp., Vancouver, Wash., and Rosenberg Bros. and Co., San Francisco and Portland, were also parties to the case.

New Tremors on Graham Isle

Prince Rupert, B.C., Aug. 24 (AP)—The Queen Charlotte Islands rocked "quite distinctly" under new shocks felt yesterday afternoon, a resident of Graham Island reported.

Mrs. Stewart Burton of Masset, in the north of the chain, said the periodical earthquakes which began Sunday night are making farm animals unruly.

"Horses and cows are acting nervously," she reported.

The latest shock, registered at 1:31 p.m. (PDT) yesterday, shook dishes from kitchen shelves.

At Craig, Alaska, Mayor John Sommerville and Councilman Cliff Anderson reported Sunday's earthquake caused damage estimated from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

(A number of chimneys fell, roofs were damaged, dishes, glassware and mirrors were broken in nearly every home, and the post office shifted several inches, they said.)

(The southeast Alaska fishing village felt four additional tremors another at 8 a.m. yesterday morning.)

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Stocks Steady In Light Trading

New York, Aug. 24 (AP)—Enough buying interest developed in today's stock market to keep prices on a steady footing.

Small gains were in a majority a good part of the day and at times it appeared possible that a full-sized rally might get going. Demand was too mild, though, to start a decisive trend.

Steadiness followed three days of declining prices. Yesterday the market took the sharpest drop since mid-June.

Stock Exchange Field Explained

The New York Stock Exchange acts as a barometer concerning public sentiment as to the country's financial stability and does not establish prices for the various industries represented. This was the gist of a motion picture "Money at Work" and an explanatory statement by J. J. DuLong, Portland representative of one of the country's largest brokerage firms during Wednesday's luncheon of the Rotary club.

The firm stressed the importance of giving as much consideration to the purchase of securities as one would give to the buying of a home.

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Round-up Opens At Pendleton

Pendleton, Aug. 24 (AP)—This western town was jammed with colorfully clad cowpokes—both genuine and drug store variety—today as the 38th annual round-up got underway with fair skies and mild late-August temperatures.

Restaurant trade was heavier than usual on opening day indicating a greater crowd, largely swelled by tourists who in previous September shows weren't here because of sending Johnny and Mary to school.

Bands paraded the business section this morning as people milled around — those who weren't in line for Round-up and Happy Canyon pasteborders. The Happy Canyon pageant, night show of the Round-up, also began a four-night run.

Gene Rambo, National I.R.A. all-around champion in 1948 and leading in this year's competition, was making a determined bid for the round-up title — to put with one he won in 1944. Rambo entered four events this afternoon — steer roping, bulldogging, bareback riding, and bronc riding — the four roughest events on the Round-up program.

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Vigilantes Say Cohen Is Front

Los Angeles, Aug. 24 (AP)—Mickey (The Mouse) Cohen will have more than the cops to contend with soon.

A new vigilantes committee yesterday charged:

"Mickey Cohen is merely a 'Mickey Mouse' front man for the real vice overlords. We are determined to find out who these vice lords are and name them publicly."

Then it announced it would immediately open an investigation bureau to sift information from private citizens on crime and vice conditions in Los Angeles, and turn the facts over to state and federal authorities.

The vigilantes, organized recently by a veterans group, called a mass meeting for tonight and invited local, state and federal law enforcement officers to attend.

Cohen, who has been willing enough in the past to talk with newsmen, yesterday declined to talk with District Attorney William Simpson. Simpson had said he wanted to ask the little gambler about reports that Cohen had paid \$20,000 for a copy of the transcript which police, using hidden microphones, made of conversations in his home.

Rebuffed, Simpson said he is interested in seeing if police officers who operated the listening post "can provide enough sworn testimony to make a case against Cohen." These officers currently are being questioned by Simpson.

Escaped Convicts Broke Out of Jail

Earl Bonney and Vic Morley, state prison trustees who escaped from the state penitentiary early in the week, had an escape complex when they were prisoners in the Marion county jail, reports Sheriff Denver Young, who said they were no strangers to county officers.

In 1942 Bonney in company with another jail inmate, Lester Flynn, sawed through the north

prison bars with hacksaws and made their escape, he said. However, they were both back in jail inside of 24 hours.

Vic Morley, on one of the enforced visits at the prison, also had escape ideas, said the sheriff. He said four half hacksaw blades were taken from his person, some of the rolled in the cuff of his overalls and some retrieved from the soles of his shoes. He wasn't given a chance to use them.

Long Beach Island Sinking

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—Man-made Terminal island at Long Beach, Calif., is slowly sinking into the Pacific.

This was brought out today as the reason for the navy's proposal to shut down the Long Beach naval shipyard on the island as part of an economy drive.

Under Secretary of Navy Kimball explained the action to congressmen meeting at the Pentagon to hear details of the cut-back. He said the island has been sinking from 10 to 15 inches a year.

Senator Knowland (R., Calif.) and Rep. Boyle (D., Calif.) protested the closing. Doyle said the navy's own report showed the situation is not as grave as pictured by Kimball. Other less important steps could be taken, Doyle argued.

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Trying to Force DP Bill Out

Washington, Aug. 24 (AP)—An effort to force a house-passed bill liberalizing the displaced persons act out of the senate judiciary committee was initiated today by top senate leaders of both parties.

Democratic Leader Lucas of Illinois, Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the senate republican policy committee, and others introduced a resolution to discharge the committee from further consideration of the measure.

The resolution, if approved by a majority of the senate, would have the effect of taking the legislation away from the judiciary committee and putting it before the senate.

Lucas said the bill passed by the house would permit the entry of "many more persons with Catholic and Jewish backgrounds. It also would increase the number of displaced persons who could be admitted to this country from 205,000 in two years to 339,000 in three years.

Besides Lucas, and Taft, senators who joined in introducing the discharge resolution included Magnuson (D., Wash.) and Morse (R., Ore.).

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