



**SCHOOL FOR DIVERS**—Students of the Sparling School of Deep Sea Diving attend a class session in Los Angeles Harbor where they dive to depths of 100 feet in training.

### 5 Day Week on Railroads Affects Million Workers

Washington, Sept. 1 (AP)—The five-day week most other American wage earners have enjoyed for years went into effect today for nearly a million railroad workers.

The reduction from a six-day week, effective last midnight, was a long time coming for the million non-union workers who service and maintain the trains.

Under terms for an agreement worked out between the rail unions and carriers—based on recommendations made by a presidential board last December—these workers will get the same pay for the shorter week than they got for working six days.

The trains are expected to keep their present schedules. The several hundred thousand operating workers, such as engineers and firemen, are not affected by the change. They are paid on a mileage basis.

The railroads, given an eight-month notice of the new work week, began in advance to cut corners to save money. For instance, they closed many freight stations and offices on Saturdays. And many jobs are being mechanized.

The carriers at one time estimated they would have to hire between 200,000 and 300,000 extra men. Now the unions estimate the number will be 100,000 or less.

As to costs, the presidential board estimated the shorter week would mean an initial \$380,000,000 annual payroll cost. William F. Faricy, president of the Association of American

### Serious Decline in Russian Grain Crop

Washington, Sept. 1 (AP)—A serious decline in Russia's grain crops was reported today by the department of agriculture.

In a report on European grain prospects this year, the department said its gloominess of news from behind the Iron Curtain shows that "in the Soviet Union heavy precipitation and other harvesting difficulties have caused considerable reduction of the grain crop which looked promising earlier in the season."

#### Schools Await Fourth R

Jersey, Challen Island, Sept. 1 (AP)—School officials decided today the three R's will have to wait this year on a fourth R—rain.

Jersey has had no rain for 30 days. Water levels are so low the island can't spare enough for the schools.

They will open when the rains come.

#### Man Shot to Death

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 1 (AP)—A man was shot to death in a busy downtown tavern here last night and police said his killer may have been wounded by a patrolman's shot.

The victim was identified as Robert Lee Autry, 34, from Virginia.

### Opening Second Dairy Queen

Formal opening of the second Dairy Queen store, handling soft ice cream, will be held Friday. It is announced by W. P. Highley, who came here a year ago last June from Ottawa, Kans. The new store is at 1412 North Capitol.

Franchises for Oregon and Washington were the last issued with the Dairy Queen near the South Commercial place the city limits the first in Oregon. There are between 30 and 40 now operating in Oregon and about the same number in Washington, Highley states.

The new place is at Capitol and Hood and is 107 by 114 feet, giving ample parking space and also has two 30-foot driveways.

Highley purchased the property from the late C. H. Canada and took possession a few days before Canada's death. For years Canada maintained a junk yard at the location and refused to clean up the property which was generally regarded as an "eyesore."

In clearing the place Highley states that the "mess was awful" and that there was sufficient lumber to stock a small yard. This, as was most of the other material, worthless and the new owner gave it away to all who called.

### Coast Ports Seek Shipments to Japan

San Francisco, Sept. 1 (AP)—California, Oregon and Washington shipping interests urged the federal government today to use west coast ports for shipment of 450,000 tons of U. S.

material to Japan and Korea.

Maitland S. Pennington, acting chairman of the Western Transportation conference, said the government plans to ship ammonium nitrate fertilizer to the far east via gulf coast ports.

He pointed out in Telegrams to federal and congressional officials that the Pacific coast offers greater rate and time advantages to the government.

### Mercy Ride Saves Idanha Boy's Life

A mercy trip from Idanha, Ore., to Portland Doernbecher hospital by Marion county sheriff's car Wednesday night was credited with saving the life of 12-year-old Donald Fears.

Hospital authorities reported today that Fears was in "fair" condition, recovering from the critical illness of dysentery which took the life of his two-year-old sister, Carol, Sunday.

Another one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fears recovered Sunday from the illness.

The mercy car was driven by Sheriff Denver Young when no other transportation was immediately available.

### Bean Harvest Continues At Alderman Farm

Unionvale—Bean picking is progressing at the U.S. Alderman farm and is expected to last until September 15. Pickers are receiving regulation wages.

Five children ranging in age from 15 years down to 11, Dorothy, Ethel, Eddie, Delphine and Bernita Syme and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Syme of the Hopewell district, in 13 days they picked 16,175 pounds of beans at the Alderman farm to earn \$404.38.

### 3 Year Enlistments Dropped by Navy

Effective September 1, 1949, the navy discontinued three-year enlistment periods and reverted to its normal peacetime program of recruiting enlisted personnel for periods of either four or six years at the option of the individual.

The three-year enlistment, along with a previous abandoned two-year enlistment program, was put into effect immediately after World War II under an accelerated navy recruitment program. Both were found to result in a too rapid turnover of enlisted personnel for efficiency and stability.

Present regulations permitting 17-year-olds to enlist for a term of minority, whereby they serve until their 21st birthday, will be continued.

Unionvale—Eight Toulouse geese hatched after June 2, this year, at the Clarence L. Fowler farm in the Unionvale district weighed more than 99 pounds August 28.

The largest one weighed more than 15 pounds and the smallest one 11 pounds.

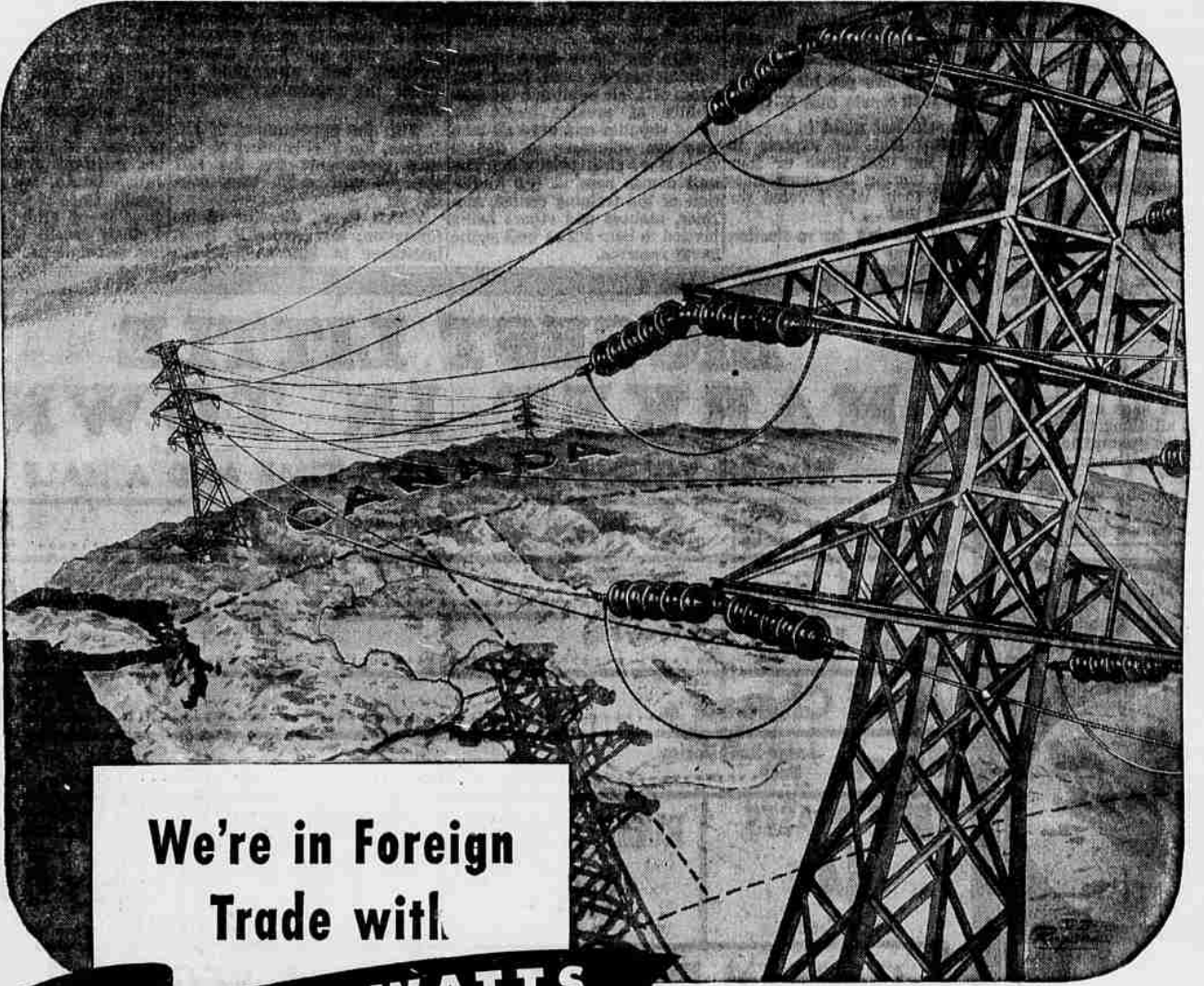
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Five companies of the Northwest Power Pool recently completed negotiations for importing 30,000 kilowatts of power from British Columbia—an excellent example of the cooperation between different areas of the Pacific Northwest in pooling their power resources at times when every kilowatt counts.

Right after the war the Northwest was exporting power to Canada. The Canadians were short

of electricity then, and we were selling to them when we had a surplus not needed here. Now the situation is reversed. Canada has developed new sources of power and we are benefitting from kilowatts now flowing in the opposite direction—from north to south.

Power also has been brought here from other distant areas—from Utah and Montana. These "imports" are among the measures taken by PGE and other Northwest Power Pool members to meet the increased power demands of this growing region, until such time as new facilities being rushed to completion can once again supply all our own needs.



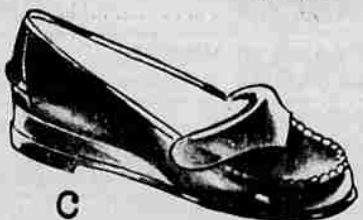
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