

No accord yet, sawmill workers in strike talks

PORTLAND (UPI)—The executive committee of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union (LSW) met here today with the subject of further strikes against Northwest lumber producers the major subject.

The meeting came on the heels of failure in talks between the LSW and Georgia-Pacific Corp. Wednesday. Executive Secretary Earl Hartley said the union rejected an offer of a 2 1/2-cent hourly wage increase spread over a three-year period. The union has asked 60 cents.

Hartley said no more meetings were scheduled.

Simpson Talks Tuesday

Officials of Simpson Timber Co. announced Wednesday they will meet here with representatives of both the LSW and International Woodworkers of America (IWA) next Tuesday. It will be the fourth meeting between the two dies in the five-week-long lumber dispute, but the first in which representatives of both unions have negotiated jointly with an employer.

Before, one of the unions negotiated while representatives of the other sat in as observers.

Federal Mediator George Walker also announced a meeting between the IWA and Yamhill Plywood Co. of McMinnville has been scheduled Friday.

That firm Monday rejected a union offer to withdraw its pickets and put its members back to work if negotiations were resumed. The mill resumed operation with non-union labor after a strike June 6.

About 21,000 Idle

Strikes and lockouts in the Northwest lumber industry have idled about 21,000 workers since contracts with the two unions expired June 1.

Meanwhile, contract discussions continued here Wednesday between negotiators for 48 Pacific Coast pulp and paper mill employers and the United Paperworkers and Papermakers and the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers unions.

Contracts in that industry also have expired, but no strike vote has been taken. Both sides refused to discuss the progress of the talks.

All 411 saved as Argentine ferry sinks

BUENOS AIRES (UPI)—The triple-deck ferry Ciudad Asuncion, jammed with 411 persons, caught fire and sank early today in the river Plate Estuary. Rescue ships were reported to have saved all aboard.

The naval ministry ordered hospitals in La Plata, Berisso, Ensenada, and at Rio Santiago naval base to clear all possible beds, indicating many survivors were injured, presumably from burns.

The disaster began with an explosion in the engine room followed by a flash fire, it was reported.

Ships plying the heavily traveled waterway were diverted to help in the rescue efforts. They were guided through dense fog by the flame from the burning ship.

The Argentine navy minesweepers King and Muratore picked up 350 of the survivors, and were taking them to the port of La Plata. The other 61 persons aboard were believed saved by the tugboat Sanaviron, the Uruguayan warship Maldonado, the freighters Albatros and Manduvi, and the sister ferry of the sunken ship, Hydrofoil.

The 3500 gross ton ferry went down about 18 miles from La Plata in the dredged access channel to Buenos Aires.

Gervais girl gets 12 posts

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—Miss Glenda Zielinski, a senior at Gervais, Ore., Union High School this fall, was elected to one of 12 national offices of the Future Homemakers of America at its convention here Wednesday.

She was named national vice president of recreation for the FHA.

Glenda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zielinski of Brooks, Ore., will meet with representatives from the four geographical regions of the organization and guide the committee in developing wholesale recreational activities which would be applicable in local FHA chapters.

Glenda was one of ten Oregon high school girls and two adult advisors attending the national conference which ended today.

AWARD FOR CHEVALIER

PARIS (UPI)—Maurice Chevalier was presented with a "Gold Record" award Wednesday by a representative of the U.N. High Commission for Refugees in recognition of the sale of one million "All Star Festival" records. Artists from all over the world joined in making the records, proceeds of which go to help refugees.

Invasion threat to wilderness areas, Neuberger

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen. Maurine B. Neuberger, D-Ore., said today the nation's wilderness areas are threatened by an "invasion" of mining interests.

Mrs. Neuberger, in a Senate speech, said 537 mining claims have been filed in wilderness, wild and primitive areas since the Senate first passed the Wilderness Bill in 1961. That is a rate of 23 a month.

The Senate has passed the bill to set aside the lands for preservation in the natural state again this year, but a similar House bill is still pending in its Interior Committee.

"I am disturbed and dismayed by continued erosion of our wilderness heritage and the threats against its existence," she told the Senate. "Indeed, time may be running out for our once timeless wilderness."

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Four-state, 70,000 mile search ends after 19 years

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UPI)—It was raining in the rolling Tennessee farm country that New Year's Eve 19 years ago.

Newt Lee, 64, walked out of the barn and headed across the road in front of his farm near Moss, Tenn.

A car lurched out of the night and for a brief moment its headlights rested on the figure of the elderly farmer. Then the car knocked Lee into a rain-filled ditch.

A 16-year-old girl watched frightened from the farm house porch. The car stopped. Two men got out, walked back and peered down at the dying man. They returned to the auto and drove away.

Newt Lee was dead. The four-state, 70,000-mile search for his killer started.

"Had To Be Me"

"It had to be me," said Welby Lee Tuesday at his home in Thompsonsboro, Ky. His mother was dead, his older brother was overseas with the Army, his younger brother was in another state at the time his father was killed.

Lee, 50 years old now, devoted nearly two decades of his life to tracking down the man who struck down his father.

The trail led to a slight, bald-

ish Indianapolis handyman, Grover Jones, 54. Jones appeared Tuesday in Indianapolis Municipal Court charged with second degree murder.

"I'm glad it's over," Lee said, certain he had found his man. "I felt it had to be done and I had to do it. I had the feeling I would finally find him even if I had to search forever."

He had little to go on.

Three Witnesses

There were only three witnesses to what happened—the two men in the car and Welby Lee's cousin, now Mrs. Mildred Layton. Mrs. Layton, then 16, watched the two men through the driving rain that New Year's Eve 19 years ago.

The only clues were the girl's memory of the men's faces and a bumper guard found in the

PERFORMANCE HALTED

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI)—The Rev. Dan J. Griffith called police Wednesday to complain he was awakened by the pre-dawn strains of an unscheduled organ recital in a nearby church.

Lawrence J. Banks, 19, told police he had problems and organ music helped him relax. The police offered jail as an alternate remedy. Banks was booked on suspicion of unauthorized entry.

Lee traced the bumper guard to a Thompsonsboro garage, where the owner and two employees described the man who bought it. Their description tallied with the girl's memory of one of the men.

In the years that followed, Lee checked out 18 suspects. He talked to each of them personally. His search took him through Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and Ohio.

Then, in January, 1962, he "hit the right trail."

"An in-law of the man we wanted put us on it," Lee said. "I had to spend the next 18 months away from my business."

In-Law Supplies Tip

Authorities said Lee's tip came from a California in-law of Jones who was visiting back home, recalled the incident and told him about it.

Lee waited 18 months, gathering facts and checking details. Then he walked into the office of Clay County, Tenn., authorities

with a book he said contained 153 pages of evidence.

"After 18 years a half-jot just would not do," Lee said.

The Tennessee authorities swore out a warrant and Jones was arrested. He was charged with being the driver of the car which killed Newt Lee.

Jones' neighbors were stunned by the arrest. They said he was "friendly...kind...wouldn't hurt a fly."

Indianapolis police said Jones had taken three lie tests and each showed "discrepancies."

Jones himself, described by an attorney as illiterate, kept his silence. He entered no plea to the charge against him and waived extradition to Tennessee.

But Welby Lee's long manhunt was not quite over.

"We know who the other man in the car was," he said. "He lives in Ohio and he'll be arrested shortly."

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NEW YORK (UPI)—Stocks moved lower on heavy trading today after rail unions rejected President Kennedy's plan to settle the railroad labor dispute.

Great Northern Chesapeake & Ohio, Southern Pacific and Rock Island all were off fractions to nearly a point.

Trading was halted in Chrysler because of heavy selling. The last sale was 60 off 1 1/2. There was no indication as to when the stock would reopen. Steels and other motors weakened. Some oils, cosmetics, metals and electronics moved lower. Getty Oil, U.S. Rubber, U.S. Smelting, National Cash, Polaroid and Control Data lost a point or more.

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