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NORTHWEST MILL STRIKE LOOMS

CRIPPLING TIEUP WALKOUT SET FOR SUNDAY MIDNITE

AFL Demands \$1.10 Minimum Per Hour Wage—Four States Affected

Portland, Ore., Sept. 22—(U.P.)—A crippling tieup of pine and fir operations in the Pacific northwest was predicted tonight as AFL union leaders called a wage dispute strike for one minute after midnight Sunday.

The industry-wide strike would be the first in the history of the northwest states. The AFL northwest council of lumber and sawmill workers ordered the walkout after negotiations with operators and federal conciliators broke down. The union demands a minimum wage of \$1.10 an hour.

The number of men to be affected ranged from 30,000 to 60,000. Executive Secretary Kenneth Davis of the council said all 494 lumber operations in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will be closed down within a week and all but 15 per cent unproductive from the start.

It was estimated the strike would shut down as much as 85 per cent of the northwest's sawmill production, having a serious effect on national reconstruction and home building programs.

Independent of the AFL action, the CIO-International woodworkers of America also plan strike action with more than 30,000 members having voted for a strike to gain a 25 cents an hour wage increase for all employees.

The international negotiating committee of the IWA meets in Portland next Wednesday to determine whether a strike shall be called. This group also included northern California locals.

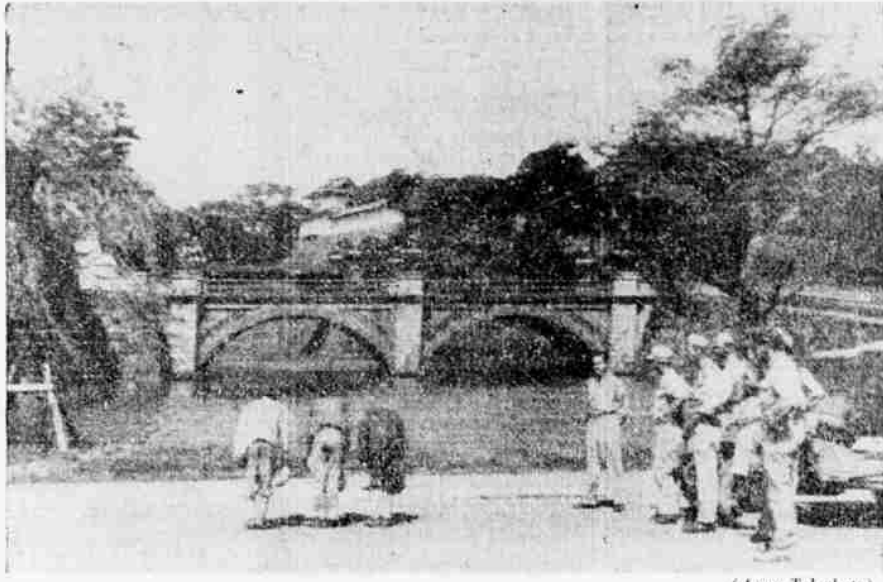
Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach called the conciliation conference in an effort to head off the AFL strike threat, but negotiations collapsed last night. The union's policy committee contended operators had refused to meet with them while the employers said there was no refusal to negotiate and no denial of wage demands of the union.

The AFL demand hinged on an industry-wide raise, objected to by operators on grounds of differing industries, allied plants not directly connected, and lack of common problems. The \$1.10 demand would mean an increase of from 20 to 30 cents in the basic industry and 40 cents in allied industries.

Local mill operators last night declined comment on what effects the strike would have locally.

TOURNEY FEATURES Portland, Ore., Sept. 22—(U.P.)—The Portland open golf tournament scheduled to begin next week will feature walkie-talkies and a periscope.

Curious Yanks Watch Japanese Ritual of Humility



American soldiers of occupation in Tokyo watch traditional Japanese ceremony curiously outside Imperial Palace grounds as three natives bow humbly to the Imperial presence of Hirohito within, action symbolic of the Japanese attitude.

BRITISH REPORT ANTI ATOM BOMB DEVICE INVENTED

London, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—The London Daily Express said today an effective defense against the atomic bomb had been perfected.

The device, based on the principles of British radar, German rockets and American fuses, is capable of destroying planes or rockets, carrying atomic explosives, at any height.

The key to the new defense weapon is the "radio proximity fuse," the American invention that beat the V-1 weapons and brought down hundreds of Japanese suicide planes. It will make ack-ack of the future 100 per cent effective, the Daily Express said.

According to the Express here's how the device works: Defense crews send up a high-speed rocket on a radar beam which already has picked up an incoming target. The beam enables the defense rocket to encounter the attacking plane or rocket. Impulses from a tiny transmitting set carried in the fuse will explode the defense rocket when it gets close enough to its objective, thereby exploding the atomic bomb. Even if the atomic substance is not exploded, the mechanism for setting it off would be ruined by the blast, the Express said.

MYSTERY PLANES BLAMED BY NAVY FOR MIAMI CRASH

Miami, Fla., Sept. 22—(U.P.)—An unidentified formation of planes, which swung into the path of a five-plane flight from Melbourne, today was blamed for the crash of two navy fighters into downtown Miami.

Capt. D. L. Day, commanding officer of the Melbourne, Fla., naval air base, questioned the flight leader of the group which was forced to scatter and then issued a statement laying the blame on the other formation.

The two planes collided, locked, and crashed into the business section of Miami last night, killing the two pilots. They were on a routine flight from Melbourne to Miami. Their names have not been revealed by the navy.

City officials estimated the loss of a civilian business and a navy-operated warehouse at approximately \$75,000.

BULLETIN Night Game

The St. Louis Cardinals tightened up the National league race by trouncing Cincinnati, 9 to 4, to advance within a game and a half of the Cubs. St. Louis pounded out 17 hits to give Charley Barrett his 23rd pitching victory. The Reds took an early one-run lead and, after St. Louis made two, rallied again for another one-run margin but succumbed to the heavy hitting of the world champions, who scored four times in the sixth and twice in the seventh.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Includes San Diego, Seattle, Knowles and Grigg, C. Johnson, Palica and Castro, Niemi, Oakland, Hollywood, Zidich, Chetkovich and Kearse, Mishasek and Hill, Sacramento at Portland postponed, rain.

LT. JACK COOGAN OF 'THE KID' FILM FAME, HELD DRUNK

Hollywood, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—Lt. Jackie Coogan, 30, famed as "The Kid" in the silent film days, will tell a judge Monday about his being arrested on a "drunk in auto" charge when he was snatching a nap after a reunion with overseas comrades.

Found asleep in a parked station wagon, the actor was taken to the West Los Angeles police station early today and booked on the drunk charge. He furnished \$100 bail for his appearance Monday afternoon in West Los Angeles police court.

Coogan, who will be discharged from the army on expiration of his terminal leave next Saturday, said he had a little get-together with six overseas pals last night. He drove one of them home after the party, then he felt sleepy.

"I pulled off to the side of the road, turned off the lights and fell asleep," Coogan explained. Police reported the motor of the station wagon was running when they found Coogan.

Coogan, a glider pilot in the airborne invasion of Burma, hopes to get back in the movies when he is out of the army.

MINISTERS MEET ON PEACE PLANS 'DISMAL FAILURE'

London, Sunday, Sept. 23—(U.P.)—The Council of Foreign Ministers early today was reported making preparations to take up "discussions of items on the agenda," interpreted by all informed sources as an admission that the foreign ministers meeting had deteriorated into a discussion of minor problems.

London newspapers said the conferences would close on a note of "dismal failure" and "little progress."

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It appeared that differences of opinion, particularly between Russia on one hand and the United States and Great Britain on the other, had led to an impasse.

The Sunday newspaper, The Observer said a "major crisis" had developed at the meetings with the heads of the delegations making desperate efforts to overcome it.

The Sunday Dispatch said the meeting had been "a dismal failure as an interim peace conference."

SEVEN DIVISIONS TO OCCUPY REICH

Wiesbaden, Germany, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower announced today that seven U. S. divisions, five infantry and two armored, will be the occupation forces in the American zone of Germany.

Eisenhower's announcement listed the 1st, 3rd, 9th, 42nd and 78th infantry and the 1st and 4th armored divisions.

EAST'S SUPPLY OF GASOLINE HIT BY OILMEN WALKOUT

Third of Nation's Supply Shut Off—Texas Fields At Standstill

Chicago, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—Millions of gallons of gasoline, destined for eastern motorists, were choked off at the source today as the Oil Workers International union crippled petroleum refineries in three great production areas.

Petroleum industry officials said that at least a third of the nation's gasoline production had been shut off. Almost hourly new labor flareups were closing off other production plants.

Seriousness of the oil and gasoline situation was reflected in Washington where labor department officials were watching closely the effect of the nation's life. As the wave of oil strikes left more than 25,000 petroleum industry employees idle, Edgar L. Warren, director of the federal conciliation service, mapped plans for his conciliation conference he ordered held here next Tuesday.

Warren said he would bring together representatives of industry and labor to discuss the 30 per cent wage boosts demanded by OWIU.

A wave of strikes in other industries from coast to coast had made more than 253,000 workers idle while union officials sought to continue the employees' take-home pay, or were seeking other disputed demands.

The world's most concentrated and biggest oil production area along the rich Texas Gulf coast, was almost at a standstill. It was here that the biggest threat was offered to eastern motorists, for approximately 1,500,000 gallons of gasoline normally are shipped daily to the Atlantic seaboard by tankers.

GEISHA GIRLS OF TOKYO NO WORRY, OLD AND HOMELY

Tokyo, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—The G. I. wolf whistle is still in Tokyo—the women wear droopy slacks on the streets and even the Geisha girls are a weary, middle-aged bunch whose dances would never land them a spot in the floor show of a second-rate American night club.

Fraternization is one of the least of the worries of American occupation authorities. The veteran U. S. troops weren't in a fraternal mood when they entered Japan and a few glances at the women have sent them back to the barracks to write letters and talk about the girls at home.

Some of the Americans had imagined dark Japanese girls walking beneath the cherry blossoms under dainty umbrellas and looking discreetly from behind their fans. It was a shock when they saw the girls shuffling along the streets in slacks and stepping obsequiously into the gutters for the American soldiers and Japanese males alike.

The Japanese women abandoned kimonos for street dress during the war and substituted trousers and full-sleeved blouses. They were much better for diving into air raid shelters.

Tax Board Plans Simplified Forms

Salem, Ore., Sept. 22—(U.P.)—The Oregon state tax commission will take immediate steps to prepare simplified forms for reporting 1945 incomes, the commission announced today.

The simplified form was authorized at the last legislative session but legal errors had delayed printing of the state income tax forms. The commission said it was acting on advice of Attorney General George Neuner who ruled the law was valid unless repealed by the legislature or declared invalid by court action.

YANK OCCUPATION OF KYUSHU, GEN. ABE'S ARREST DUE

Complete Control of Japan's Political and Financial Life Underway

Tokyo, Sunday, Sept. 23—(U.P.)—The U. S. 6th army prepared to go ashore in force on Kyushu island today as Gen. Douglas MacArthur ordered the arrest of Gen. Nobuyuki Abe, former governor general of Korea and the second high Japanese Asiatic military commander placed on his war criminal list.

Complete controls over Japanese finances and politics were forecast as MacArthur ordered from the Japanese government and President Truman's special political adviser to allied headquarters, George Acheson, Jr., arrived in Tokyo.

MacArthur's inquiry into Japanese finances included the imperial household itself and the vast fortune of Emperor Hirohito which has ramifications through Japanese commerce and industry.

Meanwhile, a semblance of democratic political life in prostrate Japan began to stir with 150 leaders of former political parties meeting to organize a united so-called "proletarian" front.

Prince Fumimaro Konoye, however, declared in a press conference that Japan was politically unready for free elections in January as planned. Konoye is a former premier and minister without portfolio in the present government.

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THIRD FLEET AT OKINAWA, ON WAY TO PEARL HARBOR

Aboard The U. S. S. Iowa, Sunday, Sept. 23—(U.P.)—Powerful units of the homeward bound U. S. Third fleet dropped anchor in Buckner Bay, Okinawa, at 6 a. m. today (7 p. m. Saturday EWT) after an uneventful voyage from Tokyo Bay.

The fleet was scheduled to pick up additional ships here, including the battleships, Texas, Arkansas and Nevada and also take aboard additional personnel on the already overcrowded vessels.

It was expected to sail tonight or tomorrow for Pearl Harbor where still more units will join up for the triumphal homecoming to the west coast, expected around Oct. 15.

As an indication how the ships are being crowded in an effort to return home the largest number of men, the Iowa, after it picked up about 650 men here, will have aboard 232 officers and 3,513 enlisted men against a normal complement of 117 officers and 2,500 men.

The "hot bunk" system will be used, with two men assigned to the same bunk and sleeping in shifts. Buckner Bay was jammed with shipping when the fleet arrived, including several aircraft carriers and many merchant vessels.

DUKE IN PARIS Paris, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor arrived tonight by automobile from Le Havre and went immediately to their home.

No Cover Kicker

San Francisco, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—August Ruhoff, 26-year-old sailor attached to the USS Catlin, is alive today because he is an immobile sleeper.

State highway patrolmen found early today sleeping on a three-foot ledge under the center span on the Golden Gate bridge. Police pointed out after Ruhoff had been removed to a safer place that only the slightest shift of position or turn would have sent the sailor plummeting into the San Francisco bay.

Ruhoff gave police no reason for choosing such a resting place.

L. A. BANKS DIES IN PRISON WARD; RITES SATURDAY

Salem, Ore., Sept. 22—(U.P.)—Funeral services were held here today for Llewellyn A. Banks, former Medford newspaper publisher, who died in the state prison hospital yesterday.

Banks was serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for the murder of Constable George Prescott, March 16, 1933. The murder occurred when Prescott called at Banks' home to serve a warrant charging the ex-publisher with complicity in a ballot theft.

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In the early stages of the depression the properties of Banks became involved in litigation, as well as his newspaper. A period of community stress followed, climaxed by the "ballot thefts," and the slaying of Constable Prescott, at the then Banks home on West Main street, on the morning of March 16, 1933.

Banks went on trial at Eugene, on a charge of venue, May 2, 1933, and was found guilty of murder in a second degree, and sentenced to life imprisonment. The case attracted nation-wide attention.

In prison, Banks at first made efforts to secure executive clemency, all being denied. Of late years little had been heard of him.

He was about 75 years of age and born in Ohio. At the time of his trial his wife and child and Cleveland, O., kin were present.

9,000 VETS FROM PACIFIC RETURN

San Francisco, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—Nearly 9,000 returning Pacific veterans arrived today aboard three military transports.

The navy transport Mayo arrived from Okinawa with 5,171 men, believed to be a new record for any one ship. The Warhawk, a navy transport, returned 1,799 passengers from the Philippines, including 1,500 Seabees.

M'ARTHUR TOLD TO LET JAPS END HIROHITO'S RULE

Use Force If Necessary Says White House Directive—Basic Policy Listed

Washington, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—President Truman has instructed Gen. Douglas MacArthur to let the Japanese people use force if necessary to strip their government of its feudal and authoritarian trappings.

This was one of a number of basic occupation policy instructions sent to MacArthur on Aug. 29—four days before the formal Japanese surrender signing—and made public tonight by the White House.

The policy statement reveals in detail for the first time the powers vested in MacArthur as supreme Allied commander and the steps by which Japan is to be stripped of every vestige of militarism and ultra-nationalism.

Publication of the policy statement came in the midst of a sharp controversy touched off by MacArthur's announcement from Tokyo Monday that American occupation forces probably can be reduced to 200,000 within six months and acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson's subsequent rebuke of MacArthur. Acheson said Wednesday that the government, not the military, should determine occupation policy.

Mr. Truman's directive to MacArthur made no mention of the number of troops to be used to attain the desired objectives in Japan. It referred, however, to "the desire of the United States to attain its objectives with a minimum commitment of its forces and resources."

American policy—as developed jointly by the War, State and Navy departments and approved by Mr. Truman—directs MacArthur to exercise his authority through Japanese governmental machinery and agencies, including the emperor. MacArthur also was instructed to act directly, if necessary.

"The policy," it said, "is to use the existing form of government in Japan, not to support it."

The policy statement directed that: "Changes in the form of government initiated by the Japanese people or government in the direction of modifying its feudal and authoritarian tendencies are to be permitted and favored.

"In the event that the effectuation of such changes involves the use of force by the Japanese people or government against persons opposed thereto, the supreme commander should intervene only where necessary to insure the security of his forces and the attainment of all other objectives of the occupation."

The policy is designed to satisfy all the principal Allied powers whose forces will be "welcomed and expected" in the occupation, but the White House statement made plain that in event of policy disagreements among the Allies, "the policies of the United States will govern."

Coos-Curry Timber Sold For 2 Million

Coos Bay, Ore., Sept. 22—(U.P.)—Sale of lumber and manufacturing interests in Coquille, Ore., to the Coos Bay Lumbering Company of San Francisco, Cal., for \$2,500,000 was announced today by Ralph L. Smith, president, Smith Wood Products Company.

The sale included the Smith Woods Products Company real estate and timber holdings in Coos and Curry counties, timber in Douglas county, boats, river equipment and booms on the Coquille river, as well as interests in the L. B. and L. Logging Company in Brewster Valley. The Coos Bay Company, headed by Henry F. Chaney, plans to begin operations Oct. 1.

KYSER'S BAND INVITED Hollywood, Sept. 22—(U.P.)—Kay Kyser's band has been invited to play at the 100th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Annapolis Naval Academy on Oct. 10, Kyser revealed today.