

STRIKE HALTS LUMBER OUTPUT

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500 In Jackson County Join In A.F.L. Walkout For Higher Wage Scale

Nearly 500 sawmill workers were idle today in Jackson county as the big west coast sawmill strike went into effect at 12:01 a. m. All mill work has ceased at the Medford Corporation mill here as pickets turned out in full force to prevent the day shift from reporting for work.

Plant protection men, such as night watchmen, powerhouse and sprinkler workmen were on the job at Medco today, not affected by the walkout, which is expected to be general throughout the west coast by nightfall. All office personnel and superintendents were on the job at Medco. About 325 men were idle at the big plant. B. L. Nutting, manager, said he did not know how the strike would affect logging operations.

A spokesman at Timber Products company said operations there are going on as usual today. The mill is non-union and no trouble was anticipated.

Wage Hike Asked

A. F. of L. union demands call for a minimum wage increase to \$1.10 per hour with a corresponding increase in all wage brackets, Nutting said. This would call for an increase of 22½% in all wage levels, Nutting explained.

Operations at the Southern Oregon Sugar Pine mill at Central Point were continuing this morning but it was expected the mill will be shut down before nightfall. About 75 men will be affected there, it was stated.

The Southern Oregon planing mill at Central Point was closed this morning when the day shift failed to report for work. No pickets were reported and about 45 men were idle.

Tiller Mill Closed

The Tiller Mill and Lumber company mill south of Medford was also shut down, with about 25 men out of work. The mill is operated by McMurray and Martin. A. A. LaMurray said his mill had been shut down for the past 10 days but he did not know what affect the strike would have on logging operations.

Jensen and Herrin mills at Ashland are non-union and were operating today, it was learned. Workers at the large Sugar Pine mill, also at Ashland, are under the CIO. However, Ray Spalding, manager, said a meeting has been called for Wednesday of this week when, he said he supposed, a walkout will be called.

The Alley Brothers mill, on the south Pacific highway, has been closed because of rebuilding but is not expected to be affected because the mill is non-union.

LIFT OPERATORS STAGE WALKOUT

New York, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—Business activity in the nation's largest city was crippled today by a strike of elevator operators and building services employees which spread swiftly through most Manhattan districts.

Scores of thousands of workers were forced to walk up to their skyscraper offices or return to their homes. By noon 1,575 buildings in three districts of the city were affected by the strike. A union spokesman said that 15,000 of the union's 29,000 members and affiliated members had struck.

The first walkout of the strikers who were protesting a war labor board wage and hour decision began at the height of the morning rush hour at 8:15 a. m. when 11,000 left their jobs.

\$25,000 Damages Allowed Family Of David Davis

Damages of \$25,000 were awarded Ruth Davis, administratrix of the estate of her late husband, David A. Davis, and her two children, Margaret and David, by Federal Judge James Alger Fee in her suit against the Medford Corporation, according to an opinion handed down by the judge and received in Medford by Don Newbury, attorney for the plaintiff. This is said to be the largest sum ever allowed in a damage suit in this county.

The suit was tried before Judge Fee here last spring, without jury. Davis was killed at the Medford Corporation plant here when he was run over by a freight car.

QUISLING FILES APPEAL FROM DEATH SENTENCE

Oslo, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—Vidkun Quisling, Nazi puppet premier of Norway who recently was found guilty of treason, filed an appeal today with the supreme court. It was expected the appeal will be acted upon within two weeks.

NEGOTIATION END BRINGS PARALYSIS IN FOUR STATES

Portland, Ore., Sept. 24—(U.P.)—An estimated 60,000 A. F. L. northwest lumber and sawmill workers laid down their tools today in the first industry-wide strike in pine and fir areas of the Pacific northwest.

The strike was called by union leaders after the breakdown of negotiations over whether or not settlement should be made on an industry-wide basis.

The Northwestern Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers demanded a minimum wage of \$1.10 an hour for all AFL workers in the four states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Employers insisted settlement should be made in each area because present minimum wages vary from 80 to 90 cents an hour. At 12:01 a. m. today pickets took their places in front of 348 mills and plants. Union leaders predicted the number would rise to 494 by the end of this week.

Only watchmen and maintenance men were admitted to the struck plants, with one each permitted on each shift. Union officials said they did not anticipate trouble at any of the closed operations.

Kenneth Davis, secretary of the northwest council, hinted the strike might spread to three other western lumber producing states, but he would not elaborate or identify the states. California was believed the most likely, since many of the northwest operators have holdings in the state to the south.

Arthur A. Goldsmith, Portland agent for the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations committee, said some operators have indicated a willingness to negotiate the wage demand on separate contracts and some negotiations started on that basis. Such proceedings generally halted with the actual strike, however.

The federal conciliation service withdrew from the dispute after failing to get the factions together last week.

CIO Ponders Move
Meanwhile, the CIO International Woodworkers of America negotiating committee prepared to meet Wednesday to decide upon strategy in connection with the union's demand for a 25-cent-an-hour increase.

Members of the union already have empowered the committee to call a strike which would involve some 40,000 more lumber workers.

At Klamath Falls a six-week-old CIO strike in the Weyerhaeuser Timber company plant went into the negotiation stage under the auspices of federal conciliators. No result was announced.

State troopers, called in to keep order when AFL men went through the picket lines to return to work, have been ordered from the scene by Gov. Earl Snell.

PROPHET FOLLOWERS CONTINUE FAITHFUL

Pasadena, Calif., Sept. 24—(U.P.)—Members of the Rev. Charles G. Long's congregation today reavowed their faith in the vision of the 72-year-old prophet, who said the world would end last Friday.

"You will hear from us again after Sept. 29," a woman disciple of the Rev. Long said.

Rev. Long said the end might not be until nine days later," she explained.

JUDGE NAMED

Washington, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—President Truman today nominated William G. Mathes of California to be United States district judge for the southern district of California, succeeding the late Ralph E. Jentney.

The Kid Faces Drunk Charge



(Acme Telephoto)
Lt. Jackie Coogan, 30, on terminal leave from the U. S. Army Air Forces, is booked by police in West Los Angeles, Calif., on "drunk in auto" charge. Coogan was found by officer who said the former child movie star was sleeping in a station wagon with motor running.

More Thousands Idle In Walkout; Oil Strike Stalls Transportation

Labor troubles of the reconversion period sent new thousands of workers out on strike from coast to coast today and brought the number of strike idle employees to a 1945 high of 323,000.

Between the seaboard's mostly workers of strikes—mostly called in an effort to keep the workers' total pay up to the wartime level. The most serious work stoppages were in Detroit where the automobile companies were hampered in their efforts to turn out the first new models in four years, and in three big oil refining areas, where gasoline supplies were cut sharply.

At Detroit Chrysler Corporation officials asked for a wage conference with representatives of the United Automobile Workers union (CIO) tomorrow. UAW Chrysler locals have authorized a petition for a strike vote. About 150,000 employees would be affected by a Chrysler strike.

The oil workers strike stalled public transportation at Pontiac, Mich., a factory center of 66,000 persons 28 miles from Detroit. The bus company said its gasoline supply was exhausted and that no more was available.

Hundreds of Detroit filling stations were closed by the gasoline shortage. The union listed 17 gasoline stations which were to supply emergency gasoline to physicians, ambulances, and other necessary services. The retail gasoline dealers association of Michigan said, however, that even this supply would be exhausted by nightfall.

The oil strike spread today when 500 members of the international oil workers union (CIO) walked out at the Texas Oil Company refinery at Lawrenceville, Ill.

300,000 SOLDIERS WILL STAY HOME

Washington, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—An additional 300,000 army officers and men were exempted from future service outside the United States today when the army lowered its overseas "screening" scores.

Effective immediately, no enlisted man will be sent overseas if on last Sept 2 their critical point score was 36 or more, or more, or if they were 37 years old or if they were 34 years old with more than a year of service.

Officers will not be shipped overseas if their point score or age as of Sept. 2 was equal to or exceeded:

Male officers except medical department—48 points.

Male officers, medical corps and dental corps—45 points or 40 years of age.

Male officers, veterinary corps and medical administrative corps—39 points or 35 years of age.

Nurses—12 points or 30 years of age.

Medical department dietitians and physical therapy aides—18 points or 30 years of age.

WAG personnel, as previously announced, will not be sent overseas.

STANDARD OIL PLANNING \$20 MILLION EXPANSION

Los Angeles, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—Standard Oil Co. of California's Richmond and El Segundo, Cal., refineries will be expanded as part of a \$20,000,000 construction program, President H. D. Collier said yesterday.

The company's tanker fleet will also be expanded at a cost of \$13,000,000 by the middle of 1946, he said.

MacArthur Freezes Jap Funds; Freedom of News Is Directed

ATOM RESEARCH IS FORBIDDEN IN NEW DIRECTIVE

Control of Entire Japanese Economy Is Aim to Bar Profit From Stolen Empire

JAP EVACUATION LAST TASK FOR YANKS IN CHINA

Tokyo, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today froze Japanese funds at home and abroad, stripped newspapers and news agencies of government control and banned research into atomic power.

The freeze order was another in a series of steps which eventually will enable the allied supreme command to control the entire Japanese economy and prevent the imperial government from realizing anything from its stolen empire.

In an eight-point directive blueprinting Japan's post-war domestic control, he also ordered strict economy of wages, prices and rationed goods, halted all aircraft, naval and other war production, and urged maximum output of civilian necessities of food, clothing and shelter.

The orders put into effect some of the major policies outlined for Japan by President Truman in his directive to MacArthur.

The general's sweeping financial order was seen as a step toward securing reparations from Japan and toward thwarting attempts of Japanese war profiteers to unload their wealth in an effort to escape war guilt trials.

President Truman directed that reparations would be secured in part through the seizure of Japanese property outside the home islands.

MacArthur's financial order specifically directed the government to amend its laws to prohibit:

Export to or import from any foreign country of gold or silver coin; gold, silver or platinum bullion; currency, securities, checks, bank drafts, bills of exchange, powers of attorneys, proxies, or any other evidence of indebtedness or of property ownership.

Transfer of assets abroad owned or controlled directly or indirectly in whole or part by any person within Japan.

Transfer of property which now or which has been since Dec. 7, 1941, owned or controlled by any person outside Japan.

Transactions in foreign exchange.

MacArthur said the orders were aimed "at freezing traffic in currencies and all negotiable assets within the country which

555 War Brides Reach San Fran

San Francisco, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—Five hundred and fifty-five Australian war brides, with 201 children, arrived at San Francisco today on the former luxury liner, Lurline, which led a fleet of ships carrying approximately 17,000 servicemen and 900 civilians through the Golden Gate.

The group of war brides, all on route to the homes of their American servicemen husbands, was the largest to reach the United States.

ACHESON'S REPLY UNSATISFACTORY SAYS SEN. WHERRY

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REDS DEADLOCK CONFERENCE BY WATERWAY STAND

Internationalization of Europe's Rivers Opposed — May Cripple Relief Flow

London, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—Strong Russian opposition to the proposed internationalization of Europe's inland waterways deadlocked the foreign ministers' conference today. American observers feared the new hitch might hamper the flow of relief supplies to the continent of Europe this winter.

American sources close to the council admitted the outlook was "gloomy" for any early agreement on the waterways project, which the United States considers vital for getting food and other relief supplies into the ravaged continent.

The soviet delegates were understood to be particularly opposed to the Anglo-American proposal that all river craft in and out of the Russian "sphere of occupation" be made available to all allied powers for relief work.

The situation was complicated further by the Soviet Union's unilateral pact with Hungary which would, in effect, give the Russians complete control of the Hungarian reaches of the Danube.

French Foreign Minister George Bidault emerged from the morning session of the council today with word that it had been a "lively meeting."

Bidault expressed concern over proposals to strip Italy of all her colonies.

He also disclosed that France is backing Greece in Greece's demand for restoration of the Dodecanese islands.

At the same time, Bidault disclaimed any intention of demanding the German Rhineland for France. He said France wants only to be assured that the industries of the Ruhr and Rhineland will not be used again as an arsenal for German aggression.

Kaiser Will Head Drive For Clothes

Washington, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—Industrialist Henry J. Kaiser, accepting a request by President Truman, agreed today to head another nationwide drive to collect clothing for war victims throughout the world.

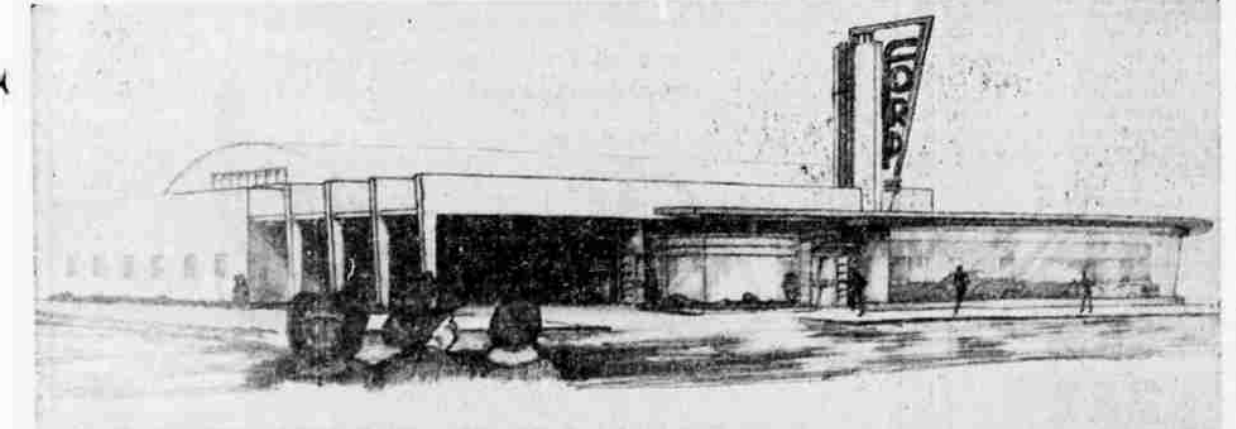
Mr. Truman had written Kaiser that "there can be no peace" without adequate clothing and other necessities of life for the victims of war during the trying rehabilitation period.

82nd AIRBORNE SLATED FOR REPLACEMENT SOON

Berlin, Sept. 24—(U.P.)—The U. S. 82nd airborne division, which has occupied Berlin since early in August, is scheduled to be withdrawn on Oct. 15 and replaced by the 78th (Lightning) division, it was learned today.

The 78th figured prominently in the battle for the Roer river early this year.

Crater Lake Motors Starts Construction On New Plant



Shown above is an artist's drawing of the new Crater Lake Motors building, construction of which started at the corner of West Main and Fir streets today. The building, which will measure 170 by 150 feet, will house a showroom for Ford, Mercury and Lincoln automobile display, a covered used car lot, larger parts department and a shop which will be 90 by 170 feet. The repair shop will include all latest equipment and be capable of handling increased business, according to Art Winetroutr, manager.

Latest designs will be used in construction, Winetroutr said, with the building to be constructed of cement blocks and a slanting glass front. A 40-foot sign will adorn the front of the building.

Howard Perrin, Klamath Falls and Medford architect, designed the building which will be constructed by C. E. Borg of Medford. Plans call for completion in 120 days, Winetroutr said.