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(By United Press) The nation's oil strikes spread to the Pacific coast today as 2,000 workers of the Wilmington and Oleum, Cal., plants of the Union Oil Co. walked out after failure of a last-minute union management conference on demands for 52 hours pay for 40 hours work.

C. R. Frederick, secretary-treasurer of local 128 said the walkout was called because the company refused to cooperate. Picket lines formed immediately.

Plant Picketed Workers at the Oleum refinery immediately began picketing the plant.

At Wilmington, company officials said a walkout would halt all operations within a few days and affect 8,000 employees eventually. It also would cut off 24,000 barrels of civilian and military oil in five western states, they asserted.

A double blow curtailed the nation's fuel supply today as strikes in coal mines and oil refineries grew more serious hourly.

Nearly 90,000 soft coal miners were away from the pits in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky as mine foremen struck to gain recognition for their United Mine Workers-affiliated union.

Estimates on the daily production loss ranged up to 500,000 tons.

The shutdown hit nearly every major field in West Virginia, where 100 mines were down and about 25,000 miners idle. Pennsylvania had 104 mines closed. Five Ohio pits already were down and a statewide shutdown was threatened.

Production stopped in seven Kentucky counties.

Wait CIO Reply Meanwhile Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach awaited a reply from the CIO International Oil Workers on his proposal for ending their nationwide strike. He asked them to accept a 15 per cent wage boost for a 40-hour week, pending arbitration of their demand for a 30 per cent pay hike.

CIO officials and representatives of 11 major oil companies were given until 4 p. m. (EST) today to file formal replies.

Meanwhile, California plants of the Shell Oil Co. faced a strike ultimatum, expiring at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

A minor back-to-work movement was underway at the strike-bound Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co., Detroit, which might clear the way for resumption of supplies to the Ford Motor Co., where 50,000 have been laid off. About 100 of a normal shift of 2,500 reported yesterday in the first break in the 39-day-old Kelsey-Hayes walkout.

Power Cut Off A strike of 100 lower Colorado River Authority employees, seeking recognition of their AFL-affiliated union, yesterday cut off electric power to 23 central Texas towns, 50 smaller communities and some 25,000 rural users.

In New York, Joseph Biernie, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, said the union's executive board was withholding action on a threatened nationwide strike of 200,000 telephone employees. Biernie added, however, that the possibility of spontaneous work stoppages was "very much in the picture."

New Jersey bread supplies were seriously curtailed by a strike of 85 deliverymen.

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MEDFORD MALL TRIBUNE

Fortieth Year Medford, Oregon, Tuesday, October 2, 1945. United Press—Full Leased Wire

Weather
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight with increasing cloudiness Wednesday afternoon. Little change in temperature.
Temp. _____
Highest yesterday _____ 93
Lowest this morning _____ 44

Takes Oath



(Acme Telephoto) Senator Harold H. Burton, Ohio, poses briefly in judicial robes shortly before he was sworn in as associate justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, beside statue of John Jay, first justice sworn into Supreme Court, who held office 1790 to 1795.

DRIVERS THREATEN COASTWIDE TIEUP OF BUS TRAVEL

Portland, Ore., Oct. 2—(U.P.)—A coastwide bus strike, threatening transportation in California, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, loomed today.

A joint council of Pacific Greyhound union employees announced in San Francisco that it had been authorized to call a walkout to back up demands for wage adjustments.

Bus service to eastern Oregon points and Idaho from Portland already was paralyzed by a walkout Sunday.

Both the Pacific Trailways and Overland Greyhound employees refused to work at pay rates in effect early in the war, pending negotiation for new wage schedules.

Wages were paid on a mileage basis. When in October, 1942, the office of defense transportation slowed busses to 35 miles an hour, the bus drivers were compensated for the extra running time under a war labor board order.

The drivers got 4.74 cents a mile before the war and 5.5 cents under the WLB order. Present union demands would raise mileage rates to 6.5 cents a mile.

NORMAL TAX CUT IS GOP PROPOSAL

Washington, Oct. 2—(U.P.)—The House Ways and Means committee today rejected two republican proposals to reduce, rather than eliminate, the three per cent "normal" tax on individual income.

The republican proposals were preliminary to a demand for a horizontal cut in all tax rates, surtaxes as well as normal taxes.

Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson recommended yesterday a three point reconversion tax program calling for elimination of the three per cent normal tax on individuals and repeal of the excess profits tax on industry starting Jan. 1 and reduction of luxury taxes starting July 1. He opposed a horizontal cut in all individual tax rates.

Drunken Driver Sets Cot Afire Orlin G. Park, Grants Pass, was fined \$100 and costs in Justice court this morning following conviction of driving while intoxicated and paid \$12 for a mattress destroyed in county jail last night when he fell asleep while smoking, state police reported today. Park reportedly suffered slight burns.

Also taken to the county jail this week were Preston H. Kimbol, William M. MacCarty and James N. Clark who were taken into custody by state police Sunday night for hitch-hiking and were to appear in Justice court at 2 p. m. today.

PATTON SPANKED BY IKE

ORDNANCE SHOP AT FAIRGROUND CLOSING NOV. 1

Employees Notified of End of Local Facility; About 60 Civilians Now Employed.

The ordnance service command shop and storage facilities of the United States army, located on and adjacent to the fairgrounds on the South Pacific highway, will be closed out by Nov. 1, according to Capt. Leonard R. Appleton, officer in charge of the facility. Appleton stated that the employees had been notified some time past that the shop would be closed in the near future.

In operation since April 12, 1942, the shop has repaired automotive vehicles for the army and furnished automotive parts and supplies to other army stations. Capt. Appleton stated, "Vehicles repaired were for both overseas shipment and use in this country, he said.

Civilians Employed The shop has been staffed entirely with civilians with the exception of four or five officers in charge, and at one time employed 230 persons, the officer stated. At present about 60 civilians are working at the shop.

It was pointed out that the shop, originally used by the Civilian Conservation corps, is now handled by the United States Forest service and at the office of the Rogue River forest here it was stated that future use of the shop would be determined by the regional forester in Portland. Judge J. B. Coleman stated that the lease for use of the fairground land, owned by the county, had not yet been terminated and the matter of its future use had not been discussed as yet by county officials.

Nimitz Greeted At Alameda Port

Alameda, Cal., Oct. 2—(U.P.)—Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the victorious Pacific navy, stepped from a navy transport plane at the Alameda naval air station into the arms of his wife.

High-ranking naval officials and civil authorities greeted the admiral at the airport.

JAVANESE STARVE

Batavia, Java, Oct. 1—(U.P.)—Dr. Charles O. Van Der Plas, lieutenant governor-general of the Netherlands Indies said today that between 7,000,000 and 10,000,000 people had died of starvation in Java during the Japanese occupation.

Beetle-Browed 'Belsen Beast' Denies All Atrocity Charges

Lüneburg, Oct. 2—(U.P.)—Josef Kramer, beetle-browed "beast of Belsen," denied every atrocity charge against him in a statement read today before a British military court hearing the trial of Kramer and 45 other Nazis.

Kramer sat with downcast eyes as the statement denying his guilt in the wholesale atrocities at Belsen, where he was commandant, was read into the record.

The statement signed by Kramer was produced by Capt. Stephen Malcolm Stewart, British army legal staff officer, who took it from the Nazi concentration camp boss.

5-POWER COUNCIL ENDS ON NOTE OF STRIFE, FUTILITY

3 Weeks Meeting Breaks Down Without Reaching Decision On Protocols.

London, Oct. 2—(U.P.)—The five-power council of foreign ministers ended a 22-day conference tonight, and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes said its work must be delayed until an agreement is reached on the procedure to be followed in drafting peace treaties.

The conference broke down without reaching a decision on protocols for the guidance of the deputies and the future sessions of the council.

Unable To Agree The ministers of the United States, Great Britain, Russia, France, and China were not able even to agree on a communique sketching the proceedings of their first meeting as provided for at Potsdam.

Soon after the ministers went their separate ways from the council chamber at Lancaster House, Byrnes issued a statement through the American embassy sketching the proceedings.

"There emerged differences of views which had not appeared so long as the first imperative was to preserve the fighting unity of the allies," Byrnes said.

15 GAR MEMBERS SET FOR REUNION

Columbus, O., Oct. 2—(U.P.)—Fifteen survivors of the once great Grand Army of the Republic brushed up their blue uniforms and adjusted medals today in preparation for a reception tonight for delegates to the 70th annual GAR encampment.

A handful insisted they were ready to march tomorrow in the parade climaxing the meeting, but it was expected that less than a half dozen would attempt it. Only eight were feeling fit enough last night to attend the inaugural banquet.

Meanwhile, hundreds of delegates to the National Women's Relief corps, the Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Union Veterans and the auxiliary of the S. U. A. met in separate conventions.

Memorial services were held by all the auxiliary organizations.

By a law passed in 1934, every Turkish citizen was obliged to adopt a family name.

BLAZE DESTROYS PORTLAND PLANT

Portland, Ore., Oct. 2—(U.P.)—Fire, believed to have started in the glue department, left nothing but charred piles of lumber today at the plant of Timber Structures, Inc., Portland, manufacturer of a wide variety of prefabricated timber products. Loss was estimated at \$500,000.

Starting around 7:30 p. m. Monday the blaze lighted up the entire Portland industry district, attracting thousands of persons. Spreading rapidly to adjoining buildings, the fire ate at piles of dry lumber awaiting fabrication into ready-made building units, adding to intensity of the heat hampering firemen.

Returning Pacific Vets Watch Carrier Hornet Dock



(Acme Telephoto) Veterans of Pacific war, who just landed from aircraft carrier Saratoga (in background), watch from Alameda, Calif., Naval Air Station as another carrier, the Hornet, noses into the docks. These men are part of 9,000 men landed in San Francisco by battleship Maryland and carriers Saratoga, Hornet and Bunker Hill. The "Sara" brought in large group early in September.

UNIVERSAL CHECK SWELLS FUND OF SHERIFF'S POSSE

A check for \$750 for the building fund of the Jackson county Sheriff's Posse was presented to the posse by Universal Studios at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon yesterday noon at the Hotel Holland. The check, given in appreciation for the aid the posse has rendered during the filming of "Canyon Passage" at Diamond Lake, was presented by President Herb Grey of the chamber and accepted by Walter Leverette, captain of the posse.

In accepting the gift Leverette declared that much favorable publicity for southern Oregon would result from filming of the picture in this locality, where the story's plot is laid.

A number of posse members were guests at this luncheon. Present were Leverette and C. Lyall Fidler, especially commended for their aid to the film company, Sheriff Howard Gault, honorary president of the posse; S. M. Tuttle, first lieutenant; A. J. Bolzano, second lieutenant; C. C. Leonard and W. E. Thomas, directors; F. J. Cullen, platoon sergeant; Harry Furch, quartermaster sergeant; William Meyst, Jr. and O. H. Bengtson.

In addition to the speaker, Harvey Stowers, assistant to the president of the Aircraft Industries association of America, others introduced were H. S. Deuel and Richard Alley, chairmen respectively of the aviation committees of the Jackson county Chamber of Commerce and the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce; Capt. H. B. LaFavre and Com. Paul Weeks of the Camp White hospital.

Elks to Observe Old Timers' Night

Medford lodge of Elks will hold its annual Old Timers' night next Thursday, starting at 5:30 o'clock, followed by a dinner, a lodge session, and vaudeville entertainment. The lodge is honoring members of the order who are observing their 25th, 30th, 35th and 40th anniversaries in Elkdom. Arrangements have been made for a large attendance.

Globster Lands On Guam Airfield

Guam, Oct. 2—(U.P.)—The world-circling DS-54 transport Globester III landed here at 10:10 a. m. EST today after a five hour and 25 minute flight from Manila.

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The order came as Japanese criticism of the Higashi-Kuni surrender government mounted and one influential newspaper editorially demanded the immediate resignation of the cabinet.

MacArthur's confiscation order was directed against the Tokyo Keizai Shimpo, a Japanese-English language magazine. The September issue contained an offensive anonymous

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The number of man-caused fires is also about twice the normal number for a season, Tedrow declared, the number being 15. Of these, six were determined to have been set by smokers, three were set by campers who were hunting or fishing two were logger-caused, one was set by children one started from the burning of a building, one spread from burning debris and one was started by a forest pilot who dropped a smoke bomb to mark the location of a wrecked airplane for a searching party.

CAMP WHITE HEAD TAKES NEW POST

Camp White, Oct. 2—Camp White lost its second post commander in three weeks when Lt. Col. Lou J. Farber was assigned today to new duties placing him in command of Service Command Unit 1984 at Pomona, Cal.

Previously at the helm of the prisoner-of-war camp since August, 1944, he succeeded Col. John R. Young on Sept. 11 as commanding officer of Camp White and 1913 SCU while still retaining his position as PW camp head.

Col. Farber will be the guest of honor this evening at a farewell party tendered him by officers of Camp White. He will leave for Pomona tomorrow to assume his new post.

Local Union Head Gives Version Of Samson Picketing

In regard to the union picket stationed at the F. E. Samson Co., Fourth and Front streets, Don Stansell, secretary of the Teamsters Union Local 982, today said the union holds membership application cards signed by seven of the 10 Samson employees. Stansell said union officials met with Samson two weeks ago and asked the company owner to approve a government mediation but was refused.

Samson also refused to meet with Conciliator Louis Ziman of Eugene, who is at the Jackson Hotel, Stansell said. Samson then raised the wage scale to union levels, according to Stansell. A check by officials of the National Labor Relations Board was also refused by Samson, Stansell declared.

FIERY GENERAL SENT TO LIMBO FOR DEFIANCE

Eisenhower Shifts Officer From Bavaria Command to Small, 15th Army Force

Frankfurt, Oct. 2—(U.P.)—Gen. George S. Patton has been relieved of his U. S. Third army command and the concurrent military governorship of Bavaria, where he advocated keeping nazis in some administrative posts, it was announced today.

Patton is being shifted from Bavaria to the command of the U. S. 15th army—a virtually non-existent force, consisting of little more than a headquarters detachment which is writing a report of U. S. participation in the European war.

Severe Punishment Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower late today announced his decision in the Patton case. It was a severe punishment for the hot-headed, loose-tongued Patton, who appeared before Eisenhower last Friday to explain his defiance of headquarters orders to purge Bavaria of nazis.

Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, former commander of the U. S. Fifth army in Italy, was named commander of the U. S. Third army and of the eastern military district in the American occupation zone of Germany, succeeding Patton.

The transfer of Patton meant that he had been banished from the American occupation zone and removed from any position of authority over the Germans.

Heads Handful The handful of headquarters troops which he will head as 15th army commander are stationed west of the Rhine at Bad Neuenahr, near the Remagen bridge in the middle of the French occupation zone.

The 15th army's headquarters remained there when all of its troops were discharged or redeployed in July. Until early July the 15th, formerly commanded by Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, occupied the Rhineland.

Eisenhower's punishment of Patton was regarded by headquarters observers as extremely severe—perhaps even more so than if he had been sent home.

It removed him from the command of the army which he led from the hedgerows of Normandy in the blitz-sweep across France and on beyond the Rhine into the heart of Germany.

Talked Too Much The storm clouds began gathering over Patton 10 days ago when he was quoted in interviews as saying that the political issues of Bavaria were like those of a republican-democrat contest at home, and that certain nazis had to be kept in office if death and hunger were to be kept to a minimum in Bavaria this winter.

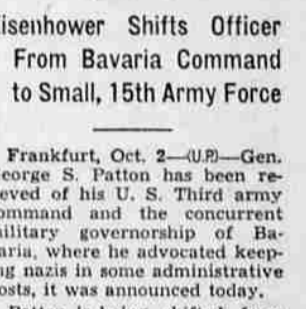
Last week Eisenhower cracked down. He issued an order for the summary dismissal of all nazis, regardless of rank or position, from administrative posts, civil or industrial, in the American occupation zone.

Then he called Patton on the carpet. Headquarters made it plain that unless Patton had a good explanation, he would be out of the military governorship of Bavaria. On the basis of Eisenhower's decision, it appeared that Patton's explanation was not good enough.

Jenkins to Speak At Kiwanis Meet In observance of National Newspaper Week, Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls editor and publisher, will address the weekly meeting of the Medford Kiwanis club tomorrow noon at the Hotel Holland. Jenkins recently returned home from a trip to European war zones and will tell of his travels.

It is stated that club members may bring guests to the luncheon.

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All employees of the Samson company come under jurisdiction of the Teamsters Union, Stansell added.

U. S. COURT HELD Federal court was opened this morning with Judge Claude McCulloch of Portland presiding and was immediately adjourned until December 3, according to Paul Hanlin, U. S. deputy marshal.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Farmers Walter Leverette and "Flash" Fidler proving themselves livestock experts and setting a mere scribble right on the matter of Herford hogs.

Gladys York deciding that she wasn't too old to learn something new.

Royal Bebb wondering if he had set his clock back a whole day after vainly trying to get information today about the world series which starts tomorrow.