

COAST STRIKE TENSION LESSENS

Weather

FORECAST: Clear tonight and Friday with slowly rising daytime temperatures.
Highest Yesterday Temp. 78
Lowest this Morning 40
To 5 a.m. Today Prec. 1.

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DRIVERS AGREE TO LAST MINUTE PEACE MEETING

Hope To Avert Bus Tie-Up At Midnight—Shell Refinery Men Delay Walkouts

By United Press
Strike tension lessened slightly on the Pacific coast today as oil workers delayed their walkouts at Shell refineries in Martinez and Pittsburg, Calif., and Greyhound officials and union representatives agreed to meet in an attempt to avert the seven-state bus strike scheduled for midnight.

However, approximately 3,000 members of the CIO Utility Workers Union of America demanded a 30 per cent wage increase from the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. James Daugherty, regional director of the union, said the demand followed a decision made at a conference in Fresno Sunday.

Last Minute Effort
The Greyhound officials and representatives of the AFL amalgamated association of street, electric railway and motor coach employees will meet with a federal conciliator in a last minute attempt to negotiate wage disputes.

The government had made ready to seize strike-idled oil plants today with prospects of open defiance from some, or all, of the striking refinery workers.

As the petroleum industry and jittery motorists awaited President Truman's formal order for seizure of the refineries, one union strike leader said some of the union members would not go back to work—not even for the government.

Meanwhile, strikes gathered momentum across the nation, making 498,000 workers idle.

Phone Strike Threat
Oil, coal, lumber, steel, automobile, and shipping industries were hard hit. Communications were threatened with a walkout of telephone operators.

The plan to seize the oil companies for government operation was announced last night after all but one of 11 oil companies rejected a proposal for arbitration.

Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach abruptly terminated conferences between union and industry representatives yesterday after 10 companies rejected his compromise proposal to restore production in the nation's oil refineries. Previously, it had appeared management would enter negotiations in the union's demand for a 30 per cent wage increase.

Auto Firm Balks
Tension mounted in the explosive automobile situation today following General Motors Corporation's blunt refusal to accede to a union wage demand.

In a letter to CIO United Auto workers Vice President Walter E. Reuther, the nation's richest producers of automobiles, announced flatly that "we shall resist the monopolistic power of your union to force this increase in basic wages."

General Motors President C.E. Wilson charged that the UAW's demand for "excess wages" on the assumption that they could be paid from past profits or from assumed future excess profits was not sound.

"General Motors can not and will not use money saved up for years for the purpose of modernizing and expanding its plants, and for providing more good jobs, to pay excess wages for work not performed," Wilson said.

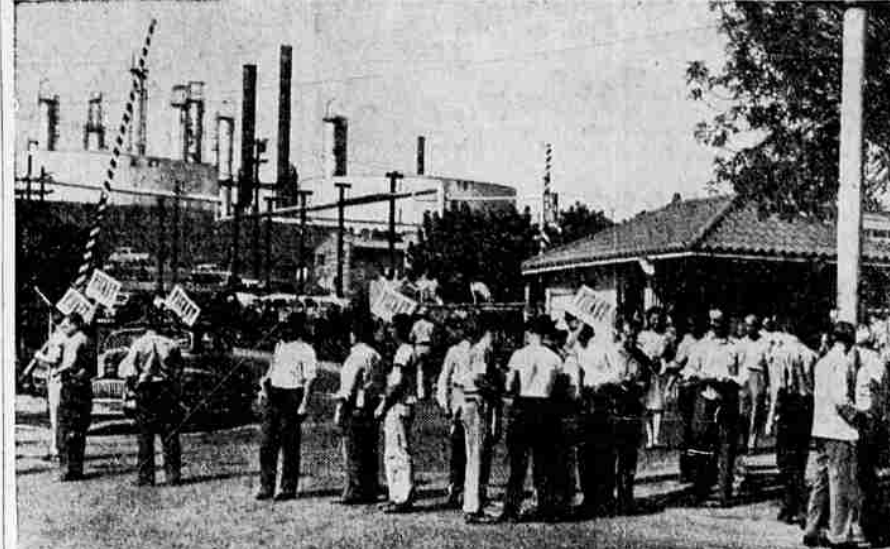
The sternly-worded pronouncement came during the first day of negotiations on the union's demand for a 30 per cent blanket wage increase, the equivalent of a sixth day's work at time and a half.

FIRE DAMAGES ROOF AT 122 MISTLETOE ST.
A roof fire caused considerable damage to the home of Mrs. May C. Johnson and Mrs. Ena Singler, 122 Mistletoe, shortly after 12:30 p.m. today. Firemen report that the blaze started from a blue fire.

The department chemical truck first went to the scene of the fire and after its arrival firemen sent for a pumper with which the blaze was extinguished.

SENATOR SUE
Los Angeles, Oct. 4—(U.P.)—Idaho's guitar-playing senator, Glenn H. Taylor, today faced a \$20,000 non-support suit filed by his former wife, Mrs. Pearl D. Nitzkowski, in behalf of the 20-year-old daughter he hadn't seen since she was nine months old.

Oil Strike Spread to West Coast



As the petroleum walkouts spread to the Pacific Coast, strikers picket the entrance to the Union Oil Company refinery, Wilmington, Calif. Workers went out on strike after company refused their demands for 52 hours pay for 40 hours work.

Laval Treason Trial Breaks Up In Tumult As Vichy Collaborationist Yells Defiance

Paris, Oct. 4—(U.P.)—The first session of Pierre Laval's treason trial broke up in tumultuous confusion, with the Vichy collaborationist ordered out of court and shrieking "condemn me right away—it will be clearer that way."

Judge Pierre Mongibeaux, heckled endlessly by Laval throughout the clamorous opening day of the trial, finally ordered a recess at 6 p.m. He announced that the trial will go on tomorrow without Laval.

Lawyers Balk
The order blocking Laval at least temporarily from his own trial apparently left him without any form of defense whatever. The appointed lawyers had refused earlier to defend him, and that left the case in his own hands.

The stormy scene which broke up the first trial session in the French high court of justice climaxed a full day of bickering and recriminations among Laval, the judge, and other participants.

Laval was wending a crafty way through a bid for sympathy when Mongibeaux began shouting an accusation that the defendant was trying to confuse the issue. Laval's always sharp temper snapped.

His face crimson, his arms flailing the air, he howled his sarcastic proposal that he be condemned summarily.

Removal Ordered
"Remove the accused," Mongibeaux shouted.

A young man in the courtroom, son of Pierre Cathala, former Vichy finance minister, clapped loudly and the judge shouted:

"Arrest the demonstrator and take him off to the police station immediately."

After a brief recess Laval, standing with hands folded and a picture of ostensible humility, pleaded:

"Mr. President, I am without defenders. I have not had time to look through my papers to answer the questions you now are going to ask me. In the face of grave accusations I need time to weigh my words."

Subject Plea
"Please, why not give me

ASHLAND WATER SUPPLY STUDIED BY CITY COUNCIL
Ashland, Oct. 4—The city of Ashland would be justified in making surveys for additional water supply in the Mt. Ashland area, City Supt. Elmer Biegel told members of the city council Tuesday night. Toll Gate Pass, at an elevation of 4,350 feet, was recommended as the place to conduct the search. Considerable study would be required to determine prior water rights on streams in the Mt. Ashland area, Biegel said.

Biegel also recommended several immediate changes in the present water set-up. Connection between the upper and lower systems should be changed at once and the study of a treatment plant should be undertaken to improve taste of the water, Biegel reported.

No allowance appears necessary for possible inability of the Talent Irrigation District to deliver all water needed to irrigate the approximately 200 acres that come under the TID ditch as the city has its prorated share of 765 acre feet in the dam on demand.

Use of meters would probably make a saving of from 20 to 25 per cent, Biegel said, but their use would have to be studied further.

NEW AGENCY TO SUPPLANT WPB
Washington, Oct. 4—(U.P.)—President Truman today ordered the abolition of the war production board effective Nov. 3. It will be replaced by a new agency, the civilian production administration.

J. D. Small, who has served as chief of staff of WPB, will be head of the new agency. Chairman J. A. Krug's resignation will become effective on Nov. 3, the termination date for WPB.

The changes were made in an executive order signed today by the president.

To Aid Transition
The functions of the new agency laid down in the order will be for the primary purpose of facilitating "swift and orderly transition from wartime production to a maximum peacetime production in industry free from wartime government controls, with due regard for the stability of prices and cost."

The new agency was directed to assist in expanding production of scarce materials and limiting the manufacture of products for which materials or facilities are insufficient.

BARREL EXPLOSION INJURES J. L. COOK
J. L. Cook, Medford beauty salon owner, suffered a compound fracture of the right arm, burns and shock this morning when a barrel from which he was melting tar exploded. Cook was taken to the Community Hospital in the Conger-Morris ambulance and this afternoon was said to be resting.

Mrs. Cook reported that her husband had purchased the barrel from a Medford firm and under instructions from a firm employee removed the two plugs and then placed the barrel on the yard fireplace to melt out the remaining tar. When the barrel exploded Cook was thrown several feet and knocked to the ground.

The Cooks, who operate Cook's Beauty salon, reside at 1205 East Main street.

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JAPAN ORDERED THROW OUT ALL POLICE CHIEFS

Freeing of 3,000 Political Prisoners, Restoration of Civil Liberties Decreed

Tokyo, Oct. 4—(U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today ordered the Japanese government to oust its home minister, remove every police chief in the country, free more than 3,000 political prisoners and restore civil liberties to Japan.

In one of his most sweeping directives since Japan's surrender, MacArthur also demanded that the government abolish its notorious "thought police" and all other secret police, including those in the home and justice ministries.

Release By Wednesday
He ordered the removal of all restrictions on political, civil and religious liberties and an end to all discrimination on grounds of race, nationality, creed or political opinion.

All persons jailed under those laws or held on technical minor charges because of their thoughts, or religious and political beliefs must be released by next Wednesday, MacArthur said.

Among those ordered freed were three communist leaders who told the United Press in an interview that Emperor Hirohito must go "by execution, exile or retirement," before Japan can fulfill the Allied peace terms.

Would Out Emperor
Earlier they had told a Chinese correspondent that they wished to get out of jail to lead a revolution against Emperor Hirohito and Japan's feudal system. President Truman already has directed MacArthur to remain aloof, if possible, from any Japanese civil war.

MacArthur's directive also banned physical punishment of all prisoners and ordered that ample food be provided for them. All prison records must be preserved and a full report on the governments progress toward complying with the directive must be furnished by next Wednesday, MacArthur said.

ATOMIC BOMB REQUEST GIVEN TOP PRIORITY
Washington, Oct. 4—(U.P.)—Congressional leaders urged a "top priority" sign today on President Truman's request for creation of a special commission on use and development of atomic power.

Bills setting up an "atomic energy commission" were started through both the house and senate amid general expressions of approval for the recommendations made by the president yesterday in his long-awaited message on atomic power and the atomic bomb.

MISSIONARY MEETING
A special missionary service will be held at the Church of God, Haven and Holly streets, tonight with motion pictures of far missions. The public is invited.

GLOBE GIRDERS FLYING LAST LAP
Hamilton Field, Cal., Oct. 4—(U.P.)—The army transport command Globester today was en route to Washington, D. C., on the last leg of a round the world flight which it was expected to complete in less than 150 hours.

The world circling plane arrived at Hamilton Field from Honolulu at 2:13 a.m. It took off for Washington at 5:35 a.m. Weary and hungry passengers were taken to the casual officers mess for drinks and a steak dinner. United Press Staff Correspondent Frederick C. Othman said he had been out of his clothes, less than three times in the epochal trip, now going into its fifth day.

Maj. J. A. Worrell, ATC, pilot of the Globester, estimated the hop to Washington would take 12 hours and 45 minutes, arriving in Washington at about 9:20 p.m. EST, 149 hours and 22 minutes after its initial takeoff.

Since its takeoff in Washington at 3:58 p.m. EST last Friday, the Globester has so far flown a total distance of 20,842 miles in 103 hours and 27 minutes. Total elapsed time at the hour of its takeoff this morning was 136 hours and 37 minutes.

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New Chevrolet Off Assembly Line; To New Heavier Front

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 4—(U.P.)—The first 1946 Chevrolet, first car of that line produced since 1942, rolled off the Leeds plant assembly line here late yesterday, three months after shell production was halted in that building, it was learned today.

The first car due off the line, it was reported, was a two-tone green one, of the standard model. Outside of a heavier and broader front assembly, three was little change from the pre-war models.

The new Chevrolet front assembly was said to look like that of the last Oldsmobiles produced before war production occupied the motor industry plants.

WAR CHEST QUOTA WILL BE \$40,000 IN ANNUAL DRIVE

A quota of \$40,000 has been set for the annual Community Chest and War Fund drive which will be started here Oct. 8, according to William Barker, publicity chairman for the drive.

Of this amount, 30 per cent will go to the national war fund and the remainder will be divided among six participating agencies, the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Community club, Salvation Army, Jackson County Public Health association and the Y.M.C.A.

One agency listed as a beneficiary last year, the Jackson County Recreation committee, has withdrawn from the chest, reducing the number to six, Barker announced. A spokesman for the recreation committee stated this morning that the committee had withdrawn from the Community Chest because board members "believed the chest will be better able to reach its goal without the burden of another agency."

The recreation committee would raise money from a list of specially interested subscribers to carry on the operation of the Officers Outpost, it was stated, a poll of business men and officers showing that it was generally believed the center should be continued.

Consensus among leading business men was that "everything should be done for the officers stationed at Camp White since their influence in keeping the hospital here is far reaching," the recreation committee reports, while Capt. H. B. LaFavre, officer in command of the hospital, stated that "for the benefit of the officers at Camp White, I feel the need for such a club and the officers with whom I have spoken seem to be in agreement."

DR. SIEG TO REST
Seattle, Oct. 4—(U.P.)—Dr. Lee Paul Sieg, 66-year-old educator and president of the University of Washington the past 11 years, will resign his position next June, he said today. Dr. Sieg came to the University of Washington August 1, 1934, from the University of Pittsburgh and has spent 45 years as an educator.

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Tigers Square Series With 4-1 Win

TRUCKS' HURLING, GREENBERG'S BAT TURN CUBS BACK

Ex-Sailor Holds Chicagoans To Seven Hits — Hank Homes in 5th to Ice Game

Briggs Stadium, Detroit, Oct. 4—(U.P.)—Virgil Trucks, an ex-sailor just home from the wars, put the Detroit Tigers on an even footing with the Chicago Cubs in the 1945 world series today when he hurled his mates to a 4 to 1 victory.

His pitching and the hitting of another ex-service man, Big Hank Greenberg, spelled disaster for the Cubs in the second game of the series after the National league champions had taken the opener 9 to 0.

Shutout Near
Trucks, who had not pitched a complete game in the majors this year, having only joined the team last Friday in St. Louis, turned back Chicago on seven hits, and except for a bit of slow fielding by Centerfielder Doc Cramer, would have shut out the Cubs.

And while he took care of the throwing, Big Hank took care of the hitting. With the score tied at 1-all in the fifth, Greenberg, discharged from the army in August, came through with his specialty, a home run, and that was all Trucks and the Tigers needed.

It was fitting that Trucks and Greenberg came through, for they were the central figures in the victory which gave the Tigers the American league pennant by beating the Browns at St. Louis last Sunday. Trucks, three days out of the service, started the game and while he was not around at the finish, he played a big part in the triumph. And all Greenberg did was to hit a home run with the bases loaded in the ninth inning to win the game.

Second game box score:
Chicago (N) AB R H O A E
Hack, 3b 3 0 3 0 2 0
Johnson, 2b 3 0 0 2 4 0
Lawrey, lf 4 0 2 3 0 0
Cavarretta, 1b 4 1 1 8 0 0
Paffko, cf 4 0 0 4 0 0
Nicholson, rf 3 0 1 2 0 0
Gillispie, c 4 0 0 3 0 0
Hughes, ss 3 0 0 2 2 0
Wyse, p 2 0 0 0 0 0
A-SECURY 1 0 0 0 0 0
Erickson, p 0 0 0 0 0 0
B-Becker 1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 32 1 7 24 8 0
A-Batted for Wyse in 7th
B-Batted for Erickson in 9th
Detroit (A) AB R H O A E
Webb, ss 4 1 2 0 4 0
Mayo, 2b 3 1 0 3 3 0
Cramer, cf 4 1 3 2 0 0
Greenberg, lf 3 1 2 1 0
Cullenbine, rf 2 0 0 2 0 0
York, 1b 4 0 0 11 1 0
Outlaw, 3b 4 0 0 1 0 0
Richards, c 4 0 1 5 0 0
Trucks, p 3 0 0 1 1 0
Totals 31 4 7 27 10 0
Chicago.....000-100-000-1
Detroit.....000-040-000-4
Runs batted in — Nicholson, Cramer, Greenberg 3.
Two base hits — Cavarretta, Hack.
Home run—Greenberg.
Sacrifice—Johnson.
Left on bases—Chicago 8, Detroit 7.
Bases on balls off—Wyse 3, Trucks 3, Erickson 1.
Struck out by — Wyse 1, Trucks 4, Erickson 1.
Hit off—Wyse 5 in 6, Erickson 2 in 2.
Winning pitcher—Trucks. Losing pitcher—Wyse.
Umpires — (Jorda) (N) plate, Passarella (A) first, Conlan (N) second, Summers (A) third.
Time 1:47.

SOLICITOR CONFIRMED
Washington, Oct. 4—(U.P.)—The senate has confirmed without debate the appointment of Gov. J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island to be solicitor general of the United States. The senate also confirmed Harrington Wimbler of Oklahoma and Richard Sachsel of California to be members of the federal power commission.

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