

Major Construction Tieup Predicted In Lumber Strike

CARPENTERS AND SAILORS PROMISE TO HELP AFL MEN

"Hot" Lumber Won't Be Loaded; 'Strikers Ready to Go to Town' Says Leader.

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Portland, Ore., Oct. 9—(U.P.)—A national tieup on major construction projects was predicted today by AFL lumber union strikers in the Pacific northwest unless the two-week-old work stoppage is settled.

John Christensen, chairman of the lumber and sawmill workers, pointed out that lumber inventories were at a critical low point when the war ended and the strike is further draining available supplies.

Sailors To Help

Even though some operations are continuing with CIO labor, Christensen said the AFL had assurances from the Sailors Union of the Pacific that no "hot" lumber would be loaded on ship, and a pledge of cooperation from the 130,000 AFL building craftsmen in the state of Washington. He said construction throughout the nation would be crippled without lumber supplies.

After yesterday's clashes in Portland between AFL pickets and CIO non-strikers, there was quiet today and CIO mills resumed operations. Christensen warned that "we have been very tame and have been trying to carry on this strike in a peaceful fashion but we're ready to go to town if we have to do so."

Strength Shown

The AFL struck for a minimum of \$1.10 throughout the industry while the CIO is negotiating separately for a 25 cent an hour increase for all crafts.

Christensen declared the closing of CIO mills, including the clash at the Multnomah Box and Lumber Company sawmill in Portland and mauling of 200 AFL pickets, "demonstrated to the operators what we can do, and are going to keep on doing so long as they conduct 'lockout' against us and refuse to negotiate."

"It is strange," Christensen added, "that the operators who always talk of the importance of the post war world, now sit tight while lumber supplies dwindle, refuse to negotiate with us, and allow the entire reconversion program of the nation to be threatened."

"... Our fight is not with the rank and file CIO and we do not want violence. Instead the CIO should be out on the picket line with us... what happened in Portland is going to occur in other parts of Oregon..."

SURPLUS BUTTER FREED BY ARMY

Washington, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—Eighty million pounds of butter, declared surplus by the Army, are being turned over to the Department of Agriculture for disposal to civilian agencies, the War department announced today.

The butter will greatly increase civilian supplies during the next few months during the normal short season in production. The butter will be released as soon as possible. The sudden cessation of hostilities radically reduced requirements.

BUS SETTLEMENT WILL BE SOUGHT

San Francisco, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—Pacific Greyhound officials and representatives of striking drivers who have tied up bus operations in seven western states for five days agreed to resume negotiations at 10 a. m. tomorrow in an attempt to settle the strike.

TROOPS WILL UNLOAD BRITAIN FOOD SHIPS

London, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—The government announced tonight that troops will be called out to unload Britain's strike-bound food ships.

The announcement was made after 2,000 London dock workers walked out in support of northern dock strike which had spread to more than 30,000 longshoremen in 11 ports.

The strikers had ignored appeals of the government to return to work.

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Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with scattered showers. Little change in temperature.

Highest yesterday 57
Lowest this morning 45
Precipitation .1

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VAST JAP HOARD OF STOLEN GOLD SEIZED BY YANKS

\$251,000,000 Worth of Precious Metals Found in Past 36 Hours; Hunt More.

Tokyo, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—American occupation forces have seized \$251,000,000 worth of Japanese gold, silver and platinum—some of it probably stolen from other lands—in the past 36 hours, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

More than \$12,000,000 in gold and silver reserves alone were confiscated by the sixth and eighth armies in one hour today at Japanese army headquarters and the navy ministry. Other rich hoards were found in military arsenals in Tokyo and Osaka, the precious metal companies and in scattered warehouses.

Cabinet Sworn
The American occupation forces struck swiftly while Premier Baron Kijuro Shidehara and his new government were being sworn in and were announcing their program for restoration of Japan.

The government promised to combat food clothing and housing shortages, reform the imperial diet system, purge inefficient officials, seek speedy repatriation of Japanese troops and civilians abroad, and restore free speech and assembly.

A spokesman for MacArthur said American authorities were "astounded" to learn that the Japanese army and navy had not reported any expenditures to the government since 1937.

"The finance ministry told us they had no reports of army and navy funds," the spokesman said. "The finance ministry didn't know either whether the army or navy had a single ounce of the precious metals. The two services drew their money from a master account with the Bank of Japan and only they knew what became of it."

SOLICITORS FOR CHEST ANNOUNCED

Names of volunteers aiding with the down-town solicitation for the current Community Chest drive were announced today by A. R. (Tony) Manno, chairman for that division of the campaign. Ralph Cook and other members of the Y.M.C.A. board will have charge of that section west of the railroad tracks, it was stated, while east of the tracks Junior Chamber of Commerce members, headed by George Davis, will have charge of solicitations.

G. W. Kellington will handle the campaign in the courthouse, Manno states.

Blind War Veteran Is Short-Changed

Miami, Fla., Oct. 9—(U.P.)—A blind war veteran from Tennessee who went out to celebrate his army discharge "like all the other fellows" was \$320 poorer today.

Former Sgt. Charles W. Yates, of Ripley, told police that he had about \$400 when he went out last night.

But somewhere along the line someone shortchanged the ribboned veteran who lost his sight at Dusseldorf, Germany, leaving him only \$80.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Ether Hammond refusing to believe the total which the adding machine gave on a list of figures and deciding to add them by hand after all.

Francis Jacquemin and Floyd Scott struggling along without the help of a stenographer and hoping that the "veteran" which they want to hire would be a good looking blonde.

Rollie Beach sniffing the morning air and wishing he was back vacationing on the coast.

Dick McElhose telling how good the fishing is in Canada and exhibiting pictures to prove it.

Murders Japs



(NEA Telephoto)
Sgt. Ray L. O'Rourke, Los Angeles, Calif., one of three GIs sentenced to 10 years hard labor and dishonorable discharge from Army after courtmartial found them guilty of slaying two Japanese civilians in Tokyo.

BEAST OF BELSEN ADMITS KILLING OF CAMP INMATES

Lueneburg, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—Joseph Kramer, burly overseer of the Nazi death camp at Belsen, broke down under cross-examination today and confessed to the atrocious murder of countless concentration camp inmates.

Kramer went on the witness stand for the second straight day to testify in defense of himself and 44 other accused Nazi prison guards and he practically sealed his own death warrant.

In a voice so excited that he slurred over entire sentences, the star defendant confessed he had forced helpless prisoners into the gas chambers at Belsen and personally turned on the lethal gas jets.

On Berlin Orders
They aware that he was talking his life away the fat-faced Nazi prison boss tried to cover his damning admissions by shouting he had acted only on orders from Berlin.

Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler ordered the executions and they had to be carried out without question, Kramer told the court.

"So your preferred mass murder to arrest," the British military prosecutor snapped.

"No," Kramer yelled. "Twisting uncertainly under the prosecutor's relentless cross-examination Kramer denied he had watched the death agonies of the condemned prisoners through special peepholes in the gas chambers."

Dirty Jobs Denied
He denied that he personally had handled the "dirtiest" jobs at Belsen, but a moment later admitted turning over corpses to Nazi dissectionists and presiding at the building of a special lethal gas chamber.

Kramer began his testimony calmly enough and seemed almost to enjoy his early exchanges with the prosecutor. But he became highly excited by mid-afternoon and returned constantly to his theme that he was only a captain in the SS and had to obey orders from Berlin.

They came his damning confession to the gas murders at Belsen.

JEFFERS RECOVERING
Los Angeles, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—William M. Jeffers, president of the Union Pacific Railroad and former national rubber director who is recovering from a major operation, was expected to be well enough today to leave Good Samaritan hospital.

BEVIN JOINS U. S. IN BLAMING REDS FOR BREAKDOWN

Failure of Foreign Ministers Council Due to Russian Stand on Balkan Treaties.

London, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin joined American spokesmen today in blaming Russia for the failure of the foreign ministers council and revealed that the conference was called off only after a vain attempt to reach agreement through the big five government heads.

London, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—The British labor government was challenged to a general debate on the Foreign Ministers' council today after Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin disclosed that the conference floundered on a sudden reversal of Russia's stand on the Balkan peace treaties.

Bevin told a packed house of commons what U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes already had informed the American people—that the conference split over Russia's insistence that discussion of the Balkan peace treaties be limited to the big three powers.

Orders From Moscow
Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov told the council, Bevin added, that his adamant stand against French and Chinese participation in the Balkan treaties was taken on direct orders from Moscow.

When Molotov refused to accept any compromise on that position, Bevin said, the foreign ministers referred the issue to their government heads in London, Washington, Moscow, Paris and Chungking.

The big five leaders also "failed to agree," he said. "The dynamic laborite minister, who was reported to have had several sharp verbal clashes with Molotov during the conference, expressed regret at the wide divergence of views demonstrated at that meeting."

Resumption Hoped
But he said he was hopeful the discussions could be resumed and that a satisfactory solution could be worked out.

"Perhaps it is a little too close to the two great victories to be able to reach immediate agreement," he said.

365-Page Letter Posts Lawmaker

Washington, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—Rep. John E. Rankin, D. Miss., had his work cut out for him today. He has just received a 365-page, 350,000-word letter on "The State of the Union" from a man in Hot Springs, Ark.

Rankin claims with confidence that the letter is the longest ever received by a congressman. It was written, in long-hand and by pencil. The author started it on June 12 and finally signed his name with a flourish on Sept. 26.

Adm. Nimitz, Hero of Pacific, Given Big New York Welcome

New York, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz arrived in New York today to receive a thunderous greeting—the first official reception given a naval hero here since 1899.

Cloudy and rain-filled skies cleared and the sun shone as Nimitz' plane landed at LaGuardia airport.

The white-haired admiral, whose warships swept the Japanese from the Pacific, was "piped over the side" of the navy plane by a chief boatswain's mate.

Strike Picture

(By United Press)
About 475,000 American workers were away from their jobs in strikes and shutdowns today. The major disputes:
Coal—United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis and representatives of bituminous coal operators met again with government officials in an effort to send 162,000 miners back to the pits.

Lumber—\$1,000 AFL lumber and sawmill workers renewed their efforts to "completely strangle" the north-west lumber industry.

Autos—Production was resumed at the Ford Motor Co. and Hudson Motor Car Co., as the Detroit industrial area was without its first major strike in months. Strike votes were pending, however, in the nationwide plants of Ford, General Motors and Chrysler.

Steel—An estimated 17,000 CIO steelworkers were idle in scattered eastern mills in various disputes.

Transportation—A strike of 2,700 Greyhound employees continued to upset bus service in seven western states.

HOG CEILINGS UP EFFECTIVE TODAY

Washington, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—The office of price administration today revised ceiling prices on hogs at numerous terminals, interior markets and country buying stations to halt a diversion of live animals from customary trade channels.

The OPA order, effective today, will have no effect on retail pork prices.

OPA said "widespread and growing practices of country buying" had by-passed terminal markets and brought hardships on both stockyard companies and slaughterers using these facilities.

At the following terminal markets, ceiling prices were increased five cents per 100 pounds: North Portland, Ore.; South San Francisco.

Midget \$500 Auto Is Promised Soon

San Diego, Calif. Oct. 9—(U.P.)—A midget-size auto retailing for about \$500 will be on the market within a few months, Maurice Howard, secretary-treasurer of the newly-formed Bobbi Motor Car Co., revealed today.

"Motorists can expect to get 50 miles per gallon from this light weight metal car, which will travel as fast as any car on the market," Howard said.

HOME NOT SO SAFE
Canon City, Colo., Oct. 9—(U.P.)—Pvt. Martin J. Pendergast of Butte, Mont., fought through 39 months of the European war but his closest brush with death came last night when he was thrown under the wheels of a train taking him to Salt Lake City for discharge.

Carried most of the 14 navy and marine corps heroes who received medals of honor from President Truman Friday.

LAVAL CONVICTED, SENTENCED TO DIE PLANS NO APPEAL

Jury Returns Verdict After Hour's Deliberation; Accused Sulks in Jail Cell.

Paris, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—Pierre Laval, France's arch-collaborator with the Nazis in World War II, was convicted of treason in the high court of justice today and sentenced to death.

The jury which heard Laval's five-day trial received the case at 4:05 p. m. (10:05 a. m. EST) and deliberated exactly an hour before returning its verdict.

Laval, who refused to attend the last two sessions of his trial, was found guilty on both counts of the indictment—plotting against the security of the state and intelligence with the enemy.

Plans No Appeal
Laval took the news stolidly in his jail cell and announced that he would not ask Gen. Charles De Gaulle for clemency.

The conviction had not been left in doubt since the early sessions of his trial in the paneled courtroom of the Palace of Justice. There two months ago Marshal Henri Philippe Petain was convicted and sentenced to death, only to receive a commutation to life imprisonment.

When the jury trooped back to the courtroom after an hour's absence, Judge Pierre Mongibeaux read the verdict and the sentence in brusque formalities lasting only four minutes. The courtroom was deathly still, in contrast with its earlier clamor.

Confiscate Property
Laval also was sentenced to national indignity and confiscation of all his property.

Now Laval's only hope lay in an appeal to Gen. Charles De Gaulle. If that fails—and by all signs it will—Laval will be executed by a firing squad, probably at the Montrouge fortress just outside Paris and possibly by the end of this week.

"ONE-MAN ARMY" TO BE DECORATED

Santa Ana, Cal., Oct. 9—(U.P.)—Pfc Clarence "Whit" Craft, 23, received a cheering hometown sendoff today as he boarded an American Airlines plane for Washington to receive the congressional medal of honor from President Truman.

Craft is a "once-in-a-war performance" wiped out an entire pocket of Japanese resistance along the Shuri line on Okinawa and was instrumental in snapping the line which held for 10 days.

Virtually alone on an exposed hill crest while others of his group were pinned down by machine gun fire, Craft tossed grenades into trenches and foxholes, then jumped into a trench as Japs came at him.

When reinforcements arrived, they counted 58 Jap bodies, three knee mortars, three machine guns, 80 rifles and ammunition.

Craft's executive officer said "That darn fool is determined to get out of the army, either via the medal of honor or death!"



Hollywood, Calif., pickets take shelter behind overturned automobile as police resort to tear-gas and fire to break up the worst mass violence in the 29-week-old movie strike at Warner Brothers studio. Clubs, bottles and bricks were used by the battlers. Picket at right is about to toss a bottle.

Hollywood Pickets Beat Up Non-Strikers Seeking Entry

Hollywood, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—A thousand determined pickets, massed around Warner Bros. studio to prevent a recurrence of a break-through of workers, effectively repulsed with fists today a test made by three non-strikers to pierce the double line of strikers.

Three AFL International Alliance of Theatrical Stage employees replacement workers were injured slightly as they sought to enter the studio, besieged since Friday morning by pickets in the 29-week-old AFL jurisdictional movie walkout.

The flareup early this morning lasted briefly as about 200 non-strikers collected across the street from the pickets, did not follow the first three who sought entrance. About 70 were injured in rioting on other days, with 50 treated yesterday after the worst outbreak.

Some of the 600 non-strikers who stormed the pickets early yesterday remained in the studio overnight, sleeping in property department beds that were set up in makeshift dormitories.

CAPTAIN B. N. AHL ASSIGNED HERE

Capt. B. N. Ahl, of the Navy Medical corps, has arrived in Medford to assume duties of executive officer at Camp White Naval hospital, under command of Capt. H. B. LaFavre.

The new executive officer was transferred here after a long tour of duty aboard the USS Missouri which mighty ship served as the place for formal capitulation of the Japanese. One of the officer's prized possessions is a souvenir card bearing the signatures of MacArthur, Nimitz, Halsey and Murray, the American army and navy officers who accepted the Nips' surrender. Each officer and man aboard the Missouri received one of the cards.

Capt. Ahl is not a newcomer to this area, he having been a medical officer in the CCC service in northern California some years ago.

The officer was accompanied by Mrs. Ahl and their daughter, July, 10, and son John, six, and the family is searching for a residence in or near Medford.

JILTED VETERAN KILLS GIRL, SELF

Modesto, Cal., Oct. 9—(U.P.)—A discharged war veteran today walked calmly into the bedroom of the 18-year-old girl who jilted him, shot her through the temple with a .22-caliber rifle and then killed himself.

The girl, Dorothy Willis, a former Modesto Junior College student, was killed instantly, police reported. Her rejected suitor, Robert Ball, 25, McGill, Nev., died three hours later.

Mr. and Mrs. John Willis, grief-stricken parents of the dead girl, said Ball, a former army sergeant, was a house guest at their 20-acre farm in the San Joaquin Valley, despite the fact that Dorothy had broken off with him.

JUDGE AUTHORIZED
Washington, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—The senate today passed and sent to the House a bill directing the president to appoint an additional district judge for the district of Kansas.

INMATE STABBED
Morrison, Colo., Oct. 9—(U.P.)—An 18-year-old Mill Valley, Cal., youth was under questioning today in the knife-slashing last night of Wesley E. Wilson, 19, of Eugene, Ore., a fellow inmate at the Federal reformatory near Morrison.

CHINESE COMMUNIST LEADER ASSASSINATED
Chungking, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—Li Hsao-Shih, prominent Chinese leader, was assassinated last night while riding through the streets of Chungking in an automobile.

Communist sources said the assassination might have been engineered by reactionary Kuomintang elements in an attempt to sabotage Kuomintang-Communist peace talks.

WOMAN PROMISES RETURN TO SKIRTS
Los Angeles, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—Frances Orlando, whose dress and manners were so masculine they allowed her to pass as a man for 16 of her 36 years today promised Superior Judge A. A. Scott she would return to skirts and feminine mannerisms.

Judge Scott dismissed charges that Miss Orlando contributed to the delinquency of 16-year-old Robert Edwin Yarrington of Waterloo, Ia., after she promised "to dress like a woman from here out."

When told that his fellow fruit-picker and roommate was a woman, Yarrington said "Gee, what a sucker I was."

ARGENTINE STRONG MAN QUILTS FEDERAL POST
Buenos Aires, Oct. 9—(U.P.)—Col. Juan Peron, strong man of the Argentine military regime, resigned as vice-president and minister of war and labor today, presumably to clear the way for his presidential candidacy next April.