

# Auto Workers Vote Authority For General Strike Call

**Weather**  
FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness, warmer tonight, Friday partly cloudy and cooler, with showers.  
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# MEDFORD TRIBUNE

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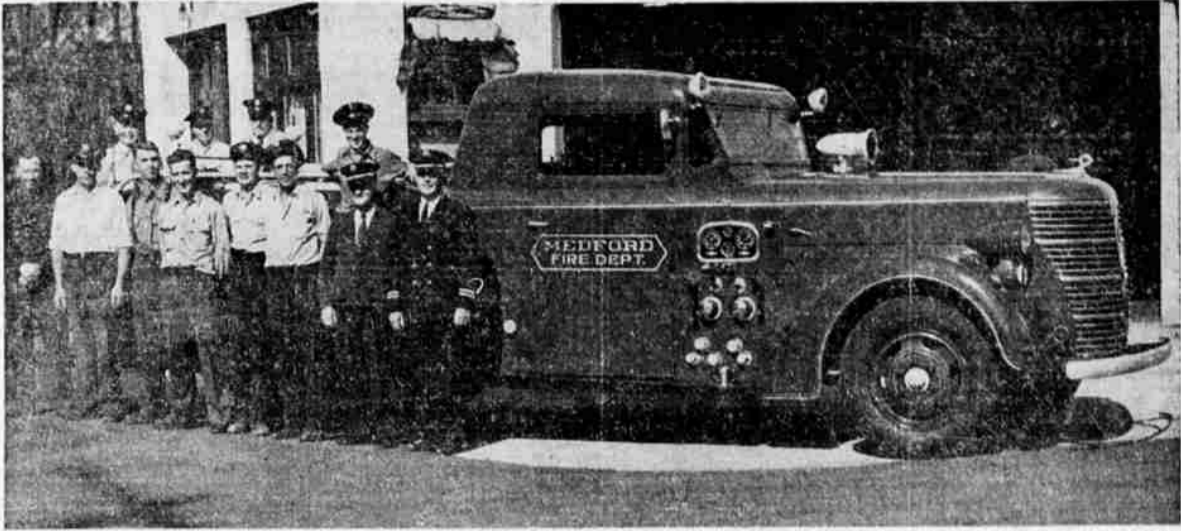
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## Medford Fire Department Adds New Pumper



City firemen are shown above in front of the Medford Fire department with the newly arrived American LaFrance fire engine. The truck in recent tests showed that it is capable of pumping 1,000 gallons of water per minute. Shown from left to right, front row, are Wesley Coleman, Charles Hobbs, Kenneth Stockhoff, George Shreeve, Richard Knight, Fred Stevens, Ed Canoose, assistant chief, and Roy Elliott, chief. Back row, left to right, are Carol Parker, Earl Harrison, LeRoy Williams and Robert Pyle. —(Photo by Shangle).

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## Kaiser Recognizes Wage Hike Demands

Portland, Ore., Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Edgar F. Kaiser, general manager of the three Kaiser company shipyards in the Portland-Vancouver area, today was on record recognizing the justification of labor's demands for higher wages.

Speaking at the launching by the Oregon Shipbuilding Corp. here yesterday of the yard's 455th hull, the S. S. Brainerd Victory, Kaiser said: "Demands for higher wages to keep abreast of higher costs of living can be expected, and are just."

## LUMBER UNIONS OF COAST AREA IN VERBAL WAR

### CIO Denies AFL Claims That AFL Strike Has Stopped Delivery of Logs to Mills

Portland, Ore., Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Rival AFL and CIO lumber unions resorted to verbal brickbats today as the five-state AFL Pacific northwest lumber strike went into its second month with little prospect of settlement.

## GREYHOUND MEN EAST OF ROCKIES THREATEN STRIKE

### Walkout Set For October 31 Unless Progress Made in Contract Negotiations

(By United Press) The number of strike-idle workers across the nation dropped below 200,000 today for the first time in more than a month, but early returns from the General Motors strike poll indicated overwhelming sentiment for a walkout.

The first unofficial results from yesterday's election gave margins of from 5-1 to 10-1 in favor of a strike which would halt General Motors production lines.

Chrysler Motor Co. employees were taking a similar vote today. The strike votes were ordered after the companies had rejected the CIO United Auto Workers' demand for a 30 per cent wage increase.

Another strike threat appeared as 12,000 Greyhound bus drivers, maintenance men and terminal employees east of the Rockies voted to walk out Oct. 31, unless progress is made in their contract negotiations.

American Airlines' transcontinental and transatlantic service was threatened as ground crew members began walking out in sympathy with workers in the company's export branch.

The strike spread to a third city when mechanics quit work at the Detroit terminal. Service there was cancelled by the company.

The strike previously had halted flights between New York and Chicago, New York and Detroit, Chicago and St. Louis and Buffalo, N. Y., and Chicago.

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The Southern Oregon chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution have taken preliminary steps for placing on the primary election next May a proposal to vote a tax levy for the maintenance and establishment of an historical museum in the pioneer courthouse at Jacksonville. Attorneys are now preparing the ballot title.

County Judge J. B. (Blin) Coleman reports the county court has no authority to appropriate funds for the museum and that the people voting a tax levy was the proper method. He thought one mill would be sufficient millage for the first year, and one-tenth of a mill for later years.

The historical museum project is sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution and the organization has committees at work.

Some repairs will have to be made to the old courthouse, and glass cases and shelves will have to be installed for the relics and heirlooms. A curator, probably a Jacksonville resident versed in the town's and Jackson county history will also be needed.

## TRACTOR MAKERS STAGE WALKOUT

AFL machinists went on strike Thursday at the San Leandro, Cal., plant of the Caterpillar Tractor company while a one-day "quickie" walkout ended at the Moore drydocks in Oakland.

Seven hundred and fifty members of Machinists Lodge 284 walked off their jobs at the San Leandro factory, forcing the plant to close. A picket line was organized to back demands for a 30 per cent pay increase and closed shop contract, officials said. A strike vote had been taken yesterday.

As unions and producers completed arrangements to get 8,000 workers back on the job, 1,000 pickets were ordered to patrol Warner Brothers studios.

## Harmonica Removed From Tot's Stomach

Chicago, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Karen Liberty 3, underwent an operation today for the removal of a harmonica from her stomach.

## Truman Studies Claim Wages Can Go Up Without Price Hike

Washington, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—President Truman announced today that he will present the government's reconversion wage-price program directly to the people in a radio address next Tuesday night.

The chief executive told his news conference he would go before the nation at 7 p.m., PST, next Tuesday to discuss the new wage-price program. His address will be broadcast over all U. S. networks. It will take about 30 minutes.

Washington, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—President Truman today studied a finding by government economists that industry can raise basic wage rates at least 24 per cent without increasing prices.

The information was submitted by the advisory board of reconversion Director John W. Snyder. The board was so badly divided when it conferred with Mr. Truman late yesterday, however, that it could not recommend a statement on wage and price policy.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the labor-management conference opening here Nov. 5 will be asked to study the responsibility of both unions and industry "for living up to the letter and spirit of all collective bargaining agreements."

There was no indication when Mr. Truman would announce the long-awaited wage-price policy but it was believed he had completed his exploratory conferences. He has discussed the policy with the war labor board, his cabinet and a group of top economic advisers and Snyder's group. He meets the cabinet again tomorrow.

On the question of wage raises, the government economists predicted that the gross weekly pay of the average factory worker would decline from the \$47.12 he received last April to \$33.96 by next spring. Allowing for income tax deductions and the higher cost of living they said the \$33.96 will buy 10 per cent less goods than in January, 1941.

The economists believed that wages should be increased sufficiently to maintain average hourly earnings at the April, 1945, level.

## TIMBERLAND TAX URGED FOR STATE

Salem, Ore., Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Charging that a large amount of revenue is lost to Oregon on federally-owned, tax-exempt timberland being logged by private companies, State Tax Commissioner Coe A. McKenna today urged legislation to tax equitable titles of property held under tax exempt ownership.

In a letter to George R. Goodrich, tax commission attorney, McKenna suggested that a study be made to determine the feasibility of proposing such legislation at the 1947 session.

McKenna, who is head of the utilities division of the state tax department, proposes that taxes be levied on property operated for profit by companies or individuals, under a statutory right to tax equitable interest, notwithstanding the fact that legal titles may remain in the hands of the federal government.

## VERA PLYMALE HELPS CAPTURE FRAUD SUSPECT

A former Medford postal employee, Mrs. Vera Plymale, was mainly responsible for the capture and arrest recently of a Portland girl now charged with using the mails to defraud according to a story released in Portland, Mrs. Plymale, who left Medford about three years ago after having been on the postal staff here for about 15 years, has many friends and relatives in the county. Mrs. Plymale was also at one time secretary to the late Evan A. Reames.

The arrested girl, Carol Denton, is charged with having impersonated a woman who bought and lost a railroad ticket, the report states, postal inspectors declaring that Miss Denton attempted to get a refund on the ticket.

A company clerk became suspicious when the refund request was made and asked the ticket finder to write a letter repeating the request. A trap was set by postal inspectors, but when Miss Denton came for the answer to her letter, the postal inspectors were all out of the office and Mrs. Plymale took over.

Mrs. Plymale followed the caller, saw the name of the letter and asked Miss Denton to return for questioning. Miss Denton returned to the federal building with Mrs. Plymale, the story relates, but broke away and ran down the street, pursued by Mrs. Plymale, who finally caught up with her and succeeded in getting her to return to the inspector's office.

Miss Denton is now being held for trial under \$1000 bail, according to the report.

## JAPANESE LOSE CONSULAR LINK

Tokyo, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today cut the Japanese government's last link with the outside world.

He ordered the government to turn over all diplomatic and consular archives and property throughout the world to the allies, to recall to Japan all diplomatic and consular employees, and to cease all but routine contact with foreign governments.

The action, taken at suggestion of the joint chiefs of staff in Washington, at one fell swoop shut the eyes and ears of Japan abroad. It will might forestall any concerted plotting by Japanese and Nazi diplomats still at large in such neutral countries as Spain and Portugal.

## Yule Tree Patrol California Plan

Sacramento, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—A "Christmas tree patrol" will be checking California highways again this year to prevent the shipment of "bootleg" trees, Dewitt Nelson, state forester, reported today.

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The strongly-worded communist communiqué was issued as reports from an American flagship off Tsingtao, nearly 400 miles to the north, indicated that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces and hundreds of thousands of communist troops were on the verge of major clashes.

"Traitorous Attack" The Kuomintang troops had "treacherously attacked" the communist army while the latter was retreating toward the north "in the interest of national peace and unity."

Meanwhile a dispatch from United Press Correspondent Richard W. Johnston aboard Adm. Daniel Barbey's flagship off Tsingtao said that peace in North China appeared to depend on outcome of further negotiations between Kuomintang and Yenan officials here and on "communist reluctance to force a situation which might turn United States military might against them."

"Anything Can Happen" "Should the negotiations fail or should communist leaders eventually decide to challenge the influx of Kuomintang troops either by air, rail or sea, anything might happen," Johnston said in a dispatch dated early today.

(Johnston reported that the communists estimated at between 500,000 and 1,000,000 were in control of most of the Shantung peninsula with the exception of the major cities. The Japanese have declined so far to surrender their arms to communist forces, and there have been some minor skirmishes between communist troops and U. S. marines, for which the former apologized formally. There have been at least two cases in which marines were wounded, Johnston said.)

## DEATH HITS MAN IN LIQUOR STORE

Apparently the victim of a heart attack, Howard L. Morrison, about 65 years of age, died suddenly about 6:30 p. m. yesterday as he was standing in line at the Medford state liquor store, waiting to be helped. County Coroner H. W. Conger said today that Morrison came to Medford only recently, and was preparing a location in the Medford center building, to be opened soon as a jewelry store.

Morrison had no known relatives living here. He had been living at the Grand hotel. Pending contact with the victim's family, the body is being held at the Conger-Morris funeral home.

## Some Australian War Brides Find States to Liking

La Grande, Ore., Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Not all the Australian and New Zealand war brides are disgusted with the United States, as related from Australia by a quartet of disgruntled girls returning to their homeland after a taste of American living.

Mrs. Adrian Rasmussen, a native of Australia and Mrs. Tommy Russell from New Zealand, married servicemen from La Grande, Ore., and like it here.

Mrs. Rasmussen said the people in Oregon "are very helpful and kindhearted and with much more opportunity and higher standards of living than in Australia." Mrs. Russell said she "found life so interesting in America she doesn't even care to return to New Zealand, except perhaps for a visit."

## DDT IS COMPARED TO ATOMIC BOMB IN BAD EFFECTS

New York, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Indiscriminate use of DDT can be just as dangerous as the atomic bomb, according to Dr. C. H. Curran of the American Museum of Natural History.

Dr. Curran was one of more than a dozen experts who spoke yesterday during a forum on the powerful, new insecticides at the opening of the 41st annual convention of the National Audubon society.

"Perfect Insecticide" "Eventually," Dr. Curran said, "we will find that we have in DDT just about the perfect insecticide. But meanwhile its indiscriminate use without proper knowledge can be just as dangerous as the atomic bomb."

"The speakers agreed that DDT used over wide areas to kill off insect pests, if not carefully applied, could do great harm in killing insects beneficial to man as well. A couple of instances were cited in which DDT was used improperly in apple orchards. It killed the insects harmful to the fruit but also killed those of which would have pollinated the trees with the result that they either failed to produce or the crops were subnormal."

As far as household pests are concerned, the experts point out that DDT is highly effective, but slow-acting. Don't expect quick death, they say. Entomologists draw the following chart of its effectiveness for the housewife:

Bed-bugs and silver-fish: Extremely effective.  
Flies, mosquitoes, gnats and fleas: Very effective.  
Carpenter-bugs and clothes moths: Less effective (supposedly because of the difficulty of applying DDT to them).  
Cock-roaches: Reasonably effective.

## Gloomy Outlook For Sugar Supply

Washington, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Hopes for an end to sugar rationing by spring were diminished today by gloomy reports of the sugar situation from agriculture department officials.

Earl B. Wilson, director of the sugar branch, said the Philippine sugar picture "is not good." No help may be expected from the islands in 1946 and it is doubtful if much sugar will be available in 1947, he reported.

## Butter, Shortening and Oil Points Sharply Reduced Beginning Sunday

Washington, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—Ration values of butter, margarine, lard, shortening and oils were reduced by the OPA today from 12 to eight points a pound for the rationing period beginning Sunday.

Ration values of all meat will remain the same during the Oct. 25-Dec. 1 period, except for a four-to-three point reduction on seven fatty cuts of pork.

## Say CIO Pay Higher

The AFL is asking a uniform minimum wage of \$1.10 per hour and claimed several days ago that the 11 operators went even higher to \$1.50. The CIO elaborated that many of the mills in that area are CIO and have been paying \$1.50 for more than a year, since skilled men are needed for operations there.

The CIO, while negotiating for a 25 cent wage raise, has continued on the job and even resorted to court action to prevent AFL pickets from stopping CIO workmen. The AFL claims its strike has shut down more than 500 operations employing 60,000, of which 33 have reopened.

The AFL strike committee announced that government and lumber sources in eastern states said the AFL ban on "hot" lumber and the AFL shutdown of so many mills was creating a serious lumber shortage. The industry acknowledged that many major construction projects in the reconversion program will be forced to halt unless the strike is settled before long.

## KLAMATH ON UAL PROPOSED LINE

Washington, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—United Airlines today presented arguments before the civil aeronautics board for permission to serve 20 additional communities in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah.

Twelve airlines are seeking new routes in the western area. United said, however, that it had made "exhaustive studies" of the transportation needs of the communities involved and that it was "sound and logical" that United be awarded the route.

The cities for which service is proposed are California, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Salinas, Santa Rosa, Eureka and Chico; Oregon: Klamath Falls, Bend, The Dalles, Baker and Marshfield; Idaho: Gooding and Twin Falls; Utah: Ogden.

## NO BENEFITS

Sacramento, Oct. 25.—(U.P.)—The appeals board of the California employment stabilization commission today ruled that union members who refused to cross picket lines in the Hollywood movie strike are not entitled to unemployment benefits.

month, largely because of large supplies released by the armed forces.

Butter prices go up five to six cents a pound Nov. 8 as result of termination of government subsidies.

OPA Chief Chester Bowles said there would be 13 per cent less beef next month than during October. There also will be less veal and lamb, but a 41 per cent increase in the supply of pork will make the over-all meat supply about the same as this month.

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