

'Dream Boy'



Ellsworth "Sonny" Wisecarver, 16-year-old lad who eloped with a 25-year-old service wife and mother of two children, is indignant at authorities holding them in Oroville, Calif., pending arrival of their families. "Sonny's" runaway wife says he's the kind of a man every girl dreams about—but seldom finds.

KLAMATH PARLEY FAILS TO SOFTEN SAWMILL TIE-UP

Medford representatives of the employers negotiating committee, Pine Industrial Relations committee, and of the Klamath Basin District Council, A. F. of L., negotiating committee today termed a meeting held Monday and Tuesday in Klamath Falls to discuss the union demand for wage increases as a failure, union representatives having refused to accept counter proposals made by employers' representatives of a 12 and one-half cents per hour increase.

The meeting was called and presided over by Oliver Goodwin, department of labor conciliator, called in when the striking employees and management representatives failed to reach settlements at previous meetings. Klamath Basin A. F. of L. lumber workers, along with hundreds of other north-west lumber workers, struck several weeks ago on a demand for a minimum wage of \$1.10 an hour, with corresponding increases in all brackets, and a union shop. Original demand for the increase was made about the middle of the year.

Attending from here were B. L. Nutting, manager of the Medford corporation and Antonio Lausman, owner and manager of the Tiller Mill and Lumber company, employer representative, and Leon Jones of Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local No. 2715, A. F. of L., and John Wolfe, national official of the Carpenters and Joiners of America, A. F. of L., Indianapolis, Ind., representatives for the union.

Thomas Grey, president of Local 2715, stated this morning that he was calling a special meeting of the local for Friday at 7:30 p. m. to bring workers up-to-date generally on the strike situation.

TEAMSTER STRIKE THREAT AVERTED

A threatened strike of teamsters of the A. F. of L. union employed by the Pacific Fruit company in Oregon and five Washington counties was averted last night when the company offered to negotiate, according to Don Stancell, secretary of Teamsters' Union No. 962.

The secretary stated that machinery for calling a strike was set in operation yesterday when the company's director of labor relations, Alfred P. Blair, declared the firm would not abide by a War Labor Board order granting a five-cent an hour increase in wages, retroactive to May 1, 1944.

Stancell pointed out that the union had made negotiation overtures first in April and May of 1944 and that when the company refused to cooperate, the matter was put in the hands of the 12th district of the WLB. Cases already in the process of settlement were to be continued by the WLB after the war. Stancell said.

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Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional light rain to night and Thursday. Warmer tonight.

Temp. _____

Highest Yesterday _____

Lowest this Morning _____

BRITISH BOMBERS BLAST SOERABAJA

Chiang's Forces Land at Tsingtao

POWERFUL UNITS COVERED BY GUNS OF U. S. MARINES

Full Scale Drive to Clear Communists from Shantung Peninsula Starts.

Chungking, Nov. 14—(U.P.) The Chungking government said today that the battles of Kweisui and Paotow, chief citadels of Suiyuan province, had reached the "white-hot" stage, hinting that they might not be able to hold out much longer against communist siege armies.

The official central news agency said Chinese communist shock troops stormed into Kweisui, capital of Suiyuan, and violent fighting raged in the streets for 11 hours until they were driven out.

Chungking, Nov. 14—(U.P.) Powerful Chinese government forces landed in the northern port of Tsingtao under the covering guns of American marines and naval units today in a full-scale drive to clear the peninsula from Shantung.

The invasion of Shantung carried Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist troops into the main stronghold of the famed communist eighth route army and threatened to touch off the first major battle of China's undeclared civil war.

The communists, who already controlled all the peninsula ports except Tsingtao, were massed in great strength outside the city under orders to fight any advance by the nationalists.

United Press Staff Correspondent Richard W. Johnston reported that the first elements of Chiang's eighth "sponsored" army landed unopposed from American naval transports at daybreak.

They moved out swiftly through a protective cordon of 12,000 U. S. sixth division marines, apparently under orders from American naval and marine commanders to get clear of the port immediately.

The opposing armies included some of the best fighting divisions in the communist and nationalist line-ups, although at least part of the eighth route army was reported to have been pulled out some time ago to reinforce the communist defenses of Manchuria.

Eleven More Years For Chronic Inmate Of Penitentiaries

Oakland, Calif., Nov. 14—(U.P.) John K. Giles, 50, who has spent the last 30 years of his life in jail, today had 11 more years added to the 25 he currently is serving in Alcatraz federal penitentiary and the life sentence awaiting him in Oregon.

Giles, who almost succeeded in escaping from Alcatraz in a sergeants' uniform last July, was found guilty of the attempted escape by a jury of nine men and three women. Federal Judge Michael Roche sentenced him to three years and ordered eight years good behavior time due him forfeited.

Giles is in Alcatraz for robbing a Utah mail train in 1935. He will go to Oregon on completion of his sentence to serve a life term for murder and face trial on escaping from the state prison.

BAKERS STRIKE THREATENED IN 5 WEST STATES

United Press The AFL bakers' union, protesting that workers had been locked out of 27 major plants which closed down when AFL bakery wagon drivers went on strike, announced today that they would picket three large concerns in support of its own wage demands and threatened work stoppages in five western states.

William Burke, international representative of the union, accused bakery officials of refusing to meet or arbitrate demands, and said strike action in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada was a possibility.

Meanwhile, San Francisco grocery shelves were bare of bread, 90 per cent of which was supplied by the five major firms and the 22 independent companies which closed their doors last weekend.

Machinists—Negotiations between AFL machinists lodge 68 in San Francisco and machine shops were stalled after the machinists rejected an employer wage increase proposal.

The strike of 13,000 AFL and CIO machinists in the San Francisco Bay area entered its 17th day today. Approximately 55,000 persons have been idle in the walkout.

NAVY BADGERING PEARL WITNESS, SOLON INSISTS

Efforts To Get Officer To Change Testimony Cause of Breakdown Says Keeffe

Washington, Nov. 14—(U.P.) Rep. Frank B. Keeffe, R., Wis., stood pat today on his charge that a key Pearl Harbor witness was in the neuro-psychiatric ward of a naval hospital because of worry over efforts to persuade him to change testimony.

Keeffe is a member of the congressional Pearl Harbor investigating committee, which will begin open hearings tomorrow.

Charge Repeated He reiterated the charge in reporting to the house on his investigation of Navy Capt. Alvin D. Kramer, who has been in the Bethesda, (Md.) naval hospital.

Kramer was a naval intelligence officer on duty at Washington at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He reportedly delivered a vital message to the White House shortly before the attack.

"I am convinced that the navy department and the higher-ups in Washington fully realized the importance to be attached to the testimony of Captain Kramer," Keeffe said. "I am fully convinced that efforts were made to get Captain Kramer to modify and change portions of the testimony that he had given before the navy board of inquiry."

Keeffe said he also was convinced that "the basic cause of Captain Kramer's worry arises from the efforts which have been made to have him change certain vital and important parts of his testimony."

"It is too much to expect to obtain any admission of this fact from Captain Kramer himself," he said. "Even the psychiatrists at the hospital have been unable to get from him the real cause of his worry."

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U.S. STEEL AND CIO BALK EFFORT FOR WAGE BARGAINING

Both Sides Absent From Meet Called by Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach

By United Press Government attempts to get the CIO steelworkers and the U. S. Steel Corp. together for bargaining on the union's demand for a \$2 a day wage increase collapsed today as the automotive industry faced a new production crisis.

Representatives of neither the United Steelworkers nor the U. S. Steel Corp. attended a conference at Washington called by Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach to settle the dispute peacefully.

Lonely Conciliator Arthur S. Meyer, special conciliator appointed to hear both sides of the case, was the only one to show up for the conference.

An industry spokesman said further conciliation efforts would be useless unless the OPA guaranteed a price increase. Union representatives said their delegates would not attend in view of U. S. Steel's position.

Violence was averted at Stamford, Conn., where police threatened to use tear gas to break up a crowd of strikers who repulsed a police flying wedge which tried to rush 70 company executives into the struck Yale & Towne Manufacturing Company.

Executives Enter The executives were permitted to enter the plant after the International Association of Machinists (IAM) had been assured that all the company wanted was free access for non-production officials.

More than 3,000 Yale & Towne workers walked out a week ago in a dispute over increased pay and a closed shop. As tension grew in the Ford Motor Co., Windsor, Ont., strike, the Buick company began a progressive layoff of 4,000 assembly workers at noon because of a shutdown of the Fisher Body plant at Flint, Mich., a Buick supplier.

Fisher shut down last night for lack of steel frames supplied by the Midland Steel Company at Cleveland, O.

Strike Ended A six-day strike at the International Harvester plant at Fort Wayne, Ind., ended with the return of the plant's 5,500 workers to their jobs.

Attlee Addresses Congress



Britain's prime minister, Clement Attlee, speaks to Congress outlining future prosperity peace-key between United States and Great Britain. He told Congress that the foundations of peace must be "world prosperity and good neighborliness," and there was "no reason" for economic rivalry between the two countries. Speaker Sam Rayburn is seated behind the prime minister.

National Grange Master for Bi-Partisan Surplus Control

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 14—(U.P.)—Albert S. Goss, master of the National Grange, today recommended creation of a bi-partisan surplus commodity commission empowered to stabilize the market for any commodity at or near parity.

Goss included the recommendation in his lengthy address to the opening session of the 79th annual meeting of the Grange. The convention will continue 10 days and will have before it 106 resolutions.

"The commission should have power to make a multiple-price system effective through the use of international commodity agreements," Goss said, "and through price supports or stop-loss floors, announced sufficiently in advance to permit farmers to modify production."

"It should have authority to use price guarantee or commodity loans, within definitely prescribed limitations. It should also have available equalization fees, an export debenture program, the certificate of export for import clearance, marketing quotas as may be devised to meet specific problems."

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NATIONALIST BASE IS SHATTERED BY WARSHIPS, PLANES

New Premier of Java Group Reported Ready to Bargain With British, Dutch.

Batavia, Nov. 14—(U.P.)—British warships, planes and artillery focused a shattering bombardment on the heart of Soerabaja today in a concerted attempt to blast out Indonesian nationalists making a determined stand in the east Java naval base.

Unconfirmed reports circulated that Sutan Sjahrir, new premier of the nationalist government, was ready to deal with the British and Dutch in an effort to end the bloody strife in Java.

Adviser Disappears (The Dutch Aneta news agency reported from Batavia that Dr. W. M. F. Mansvelt, political adviser to the acting governor general of the Netherlands Indies, had "disappeared" in Batavia, and Dutch authorities believed he was kidnapped by Indonesian extremists.)

Sjahrir, who in effect succeeded Dr. Sukarno as nationalist leader in a cabinet shakeup, was reported to be willing to study the issues between the natives and Dutch authorities. He was reported eager to cooperate with the British and Dutch, but there was no immediate sign how far he was willing to go.

Javanese Fight Back The heaviest battle in Java since the Japanese overran the island raged unabated at Soerabaja. The Indonesian garrison bounced back with unexpected strength and ferocity just when the British thought victory was within their grasp.

Seizing the initiative in one sector of the battle-torn city on the shore of eastern Java, the natives launched a heavy attack. Official British reports from Soerabaja acknowledged that the resistance was "stiff and determined," but claimed the Indonesian attack was broken up by an artillery barrage after some infiltration into the foremost British positions.

Part of a Madras regiment arrived in Soerabaja to reinforce the British assault force.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Irene Grisby forgetting her Saturday morning duties in the excitement of a football game.

Art Wintrout deserting a friend at the door of one hotel dining room to dash off to another eatery after suddenly remembering that he had two dates for luncheon.

Jimmie Bolton reminding a navy officer of the time he met the captain and his wife and very embarrassed to find that the captain's wife is in Washington, D. C.

A Mrs. F. still wondering who called and asked her to come down and help "H" pick out a fur coat for "B".

Victory Loan Drive

"E" Quota \$525,000

"E" Sales to Date

\$91,531

Remainder to sell.....\$433,469

Lumber Strike Deadlock Holds as Unions And Employer Leaders Trade Accusations

Portland, Ore., Nov. 14—(U.P.) The Pacific northwest lumber strike remained deadlocked today, with Gov. Sam Ford of Montana attempting to compromise warring factions and rival union and management leaders trading a barrage of verbal accusations.

Governor Ford's conference in Helena today was attended by representatives of striking AFL locals and operators. He announced the meeting was called to find "a reasonable solution to the paralyzing tie-up" which has crippled lumber production for eight weeks.

Labor Hindered In Eugene, Ore., Harvey Nelson of Eugene, president of the Columbia river district of the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, told the national IWA convention that the AFL strikers were hindering labor's standing in the northwest. He called on the delegates "to find ways and means to eliminate forever the possibility of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers and the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners becoming a threat to the standards of labor we (CIO) have set."

Friction between the unions followed refusal of CIO groups to strike while negotiating for a 25 cent wage increase and

eventually winning a 12½ cent boost from operators. The AFL strikers attempted to picket CIO operations but generally were restrained by court action initiated by the CIO.

CIO Claim Challenged The claim of Nelson that IWA efforts had raised lumber wages more than 60 cents and improved working conditions brought caustic rebuttal from AFL Strike Chairman John Christenson in Portland, he said.

"A survey of the record will show the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers have led the pace since 1935 to improve working conditions in the lumber industry. The lumber workers were unorganized until 1935 when the first major strike occurred in the industry, led by the AFL. At that time, there was no CIO in the lumber industry and it was not until 1937 that the CIO had jurisdiction over any locals."

Christenson asserted the only reason CIO officials were able to make "even a poor settlement" was because the AFL lumber workers were out on strike.

"It was the pressure generated from the AFL strike that led to the CIO-operator compromise offer," he said.

In Portland, J. B. Fitzgerald, secretary-manager of the lum-

bermen's industrial relations committee, replied to an earlier statement by Christenson, in which the labor leader contended many of the strikers were undecided whether they would ever return to the lumber industry "where they are subjected to hazardous conditions, low pay and unsatisfactory living conditions."

Fitzgerald declared straight-time earnings of lumber workers averaged \$1.37 per hour in August, 1944, when a special canvass of wage rates and earnings in the lumber industry was made. He added that in the Douglas fir area of western Washington and Oregon loggers averaged a straight-time rate of \$1.45 an hour, with only a few employees receiving the minimum common labor rate of 90 cents an hour.

"The AFL closed the mills in its jurisdiction, not because of low pay, but in order to make one bargaining unit of some 300 logging camps, sawmills, plywood, door, veneer and other factories," Fitzgerald charged. He said the 12½ cents an hour offered by some operators, accepted by many CIO unions, was the largest pay rise in the industry over a period of 25 years.

PROWLERS ENTER BUSINESS PLACES

State and city police are investigating three small robberies in city business houses which took place some time last night.

Reported to city police was the theft of approximately 90 mechanical pencils with the words "Ken Teeter, wholesale distributor phone 2710, Medford, Ore., written on them, from the Texas company plant, 1034 South Riverside avenue. Entrance was made by climbing over a back fence and entering a small back door, officers reported.

The Jackson street gas station at Jackson street and Central avenue was broken into last night and two boxes of spark plugs and a fog light were reported missing. Also entered last night, police said, was the Riverside market, 313 North Riverside avenue, where a glass in the front door was broken. Nothing was reported taken from the store.

Four bicycle thefts were also reported to city officers.

HEMMILA TAKES MANAGERSHIP OF THEATER CHAIN

Eino Hemmila has been made managing director of the Leverette Interstate Theaters of Medford, Ashland, Yreka and Weed according to an announcement today by Walter Leverette.

Hemmila formerly was manager of the Hunt Theaters here and for the past several months has been supervisor of the theaters in Grants Pass.

Hemmila is retaining his interests in three Roseburg theaters, it was stated. Mrs. Hemmila and her two children, Mike and Georgia, are currently in Fresno, Calif., due to the health of the Hemmila's son, but will return to Medford for the summer months.

Victory Bond Queen Contest To Get Under Way Here Soon

At a meeting Tuesday at the Elks Club, plans were laid for the Victory Queen contest to be held in conjunction with the Victory Loan drive extending through December 8. It is expected that various clubs and organizations will select candidates to sponsor in the contest. The winner here will compete in the finals in Portland on a date to be announced later. Winners of the various Oregon districts will be selected on the basis of 75% credit for "E" bonds sold and 25% credit for queenly qualities. All districts, therefore, will have an equal chance for their contestant to win, since district quotas only will be used in each locality.

To eliminate any feeling that the Portland winner would also be selected as state winner, the state bond committee decided to have two Oregon winners—one from Multnomah county, the second from the other Oregon counties. The two state winners will be given a free, all-expenses-paid trip to Hollywood, a screen test with a screen contract opportunity and a gala time in the film capital with Hollywood luminaries.

Victory Queen contest headquarters are being set up in the Chamber of Commerce on West Main street. Application blanks and instructions may be secured there or at the Craterian Theatre.