

MEAT INDUSTRY SEIZURE TALKED

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to cloudy with showers tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.
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Lowest this morning 39
To 4:30 a. m. today .02

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CAMP HOSPITAL MAY BE USED AS VETS FACILITY

Hope For Eventual Acceptance Based on Fact Big Building Not Rejected.

The Camp White hospital, now being used by the navy, is not listed among 34 surplus army hospitals definitely rejected for use by the Veterans' Administration according to a United Press announcement received today from Washington. The dispatch added that 11 service hospitals, two of them yet to be built, have been approved for use by the administration and six others have been requested.

Lists were revealed in the testimony of Gen. Omar N. Bradley before the House Appropriations committee, it was said. Heretofore the Veterans' Administration has declined to say what hospitals have been rejected, except in isolated cases.

May Add Hospitals
According to the release, Bradley told the committee additional surplus hospitals might eventually be added to the approved list. He said most army hospitals are either of temporary construction or are too far from population centers.

Hospitals listed as rejected included Barnes, Vancouver, Wash.; Baxter, Spokane, Wash.; Hoff, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Hammond, Modesto, Calif.; De Witt, Auburn, Calif.; McCaw, Walla Walla, Wash.; Torney, Palm Springs, Calif.; Breens, Santa Fe, N. M.; Carson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Bushnell, Brigham, Utah, and Dibble, Menlo Park, Calif. Birmingham hospital, Van Nuys, Calif., has been requested by the administration but not finally approved.

To Inspect Here
Jackson county Chamber of Commerce officials have worked for months past to have the Camp White hospital approved for use as a veterans' facility and recently received the information that an inspection of the building and equipment would be made in the near future by representatives of the administration. It is understood that the inspecting group would come here from Klamath Falls where citizens are working to have a veterans' hospital constructed, or the present marine installation taken over by the administration.

From Klamath Falls it has been announced that the commanding officer of the marine barracks there has been informed the barracks will not be needed after March 1. The post has been used as a conditioning center and separation center for the marine corps recently and its personnel has declined to about 1,200 marines, navy medical corpsmen and officers, a Klamath Falls release states. Marine personnel with tropical diseases were treated at the post.

LUMBERMEN TO MEET
Portland, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Every major lumber producing region in the United States will be represented when lumbermen gather in Portland this week for a series of lumber meetings. The sessions will be of national importance to the lumber industry. President Jean Johnson of the West Coast Lumbermen's association says.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Carlos (don't quote me Jones) Morris maintaining that the bullet hole in his hat has nothing to do with the life he leads.

Shirley Crosby Krause neglecting her old haunts and friends now that Hubby Bob is home from the army.

Ed Russell preparing to move into a good neighborhood.

Les Mathes telephoning word of a big news break coming up in Central Point.

Russian Charges Against British Policy In Greece and Indonesia Touch Off UNO Conference Series

London, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Russian charges that British policy in Greece and Indonesia threatened world peace today touched off a series of high level conferences on how to handle a concurrent Soviet request for an investigation by the United Nations Security Council.

Andre Vishinsky, Soviet vice foreign commissar and foreign policy expert, arrived a few

hours after the Soviets injected the situations in Greece and Java into the UNO proceedings. Many high quarters regarded the move as aimed at counteracting Iran's formal charge that Russia interfered with Iranian internal affairs.

Ernest Bevin, British foreign secretary, discussed the Russian charge at a morning cabinet meeting before Commons reconvened after the holiday recess.

In Commons Prime Minister Attlee indicated Bevin would make a statement on British policy in Greece and Indonesia, but did not hint when.

Russia and the Soviet Ukraine last night asked the UNO Security Council to investigate and act on what they described as threats to the peace arising from the presence of British troops in Greece and Indonesia. Russia specifically accused the British of interfering in Greek internal affairs—the identical charge made against the Soviet Union before the UNO by Iran last week.

SKYWAY FREEDOM CAUSES DISCORD AT CONFERENCE
Hamilton, Bermuda, Jan. 22 (U.P.)—The Anglo-American civil aviation conference threatened today to break up in discord as a result of the insistence of United States delegates on complete freedom of the world's skyways for all commercial air traffic.

Informed sources said the British were considering abandoning the negotiations unless the Americans offered some concessions on their "free enterprise" demands.

If the conference breaks up without a settlement, these informants said, Britain and the other nations of Europe may band together against American airline competition and drastically curtail American operations across the Atlantic.

Concessions Wanted
They said the British wanted the United States delegates to make concessions either on the passenger rate issue, the number of scheduled trans-Atlantic flights or the right to continue from England to other European capitals.

These sources said Britain and the other European airlines very well might band together in a commercial air traffic bloc on the grounds that the American lines were trying to undercharge them and take over all European business.

If such a bloc were formed, the United States lines would be permitted to touch only the "perimeter" of Europe, which would probably prove unsatisfactory from a money standpoint.

FEDERAL OFFICES FINANCING SLICED
Washington, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—The House Appropriations committee today voted \$5,594,146, 286 for independent government offices and agencies in the next fiscal year—a cut of \$46,730, 216 from President Truman's original request.

The total, however, was \$1,329,382,216 higher than appropriations to the same agencies in the current fiscal year, ending June 30. The overall increase was accounted for primarily by greatly increased obligations and activities of the Veterans' administration.

The committee allotted \$4,931, 142,415 or 87½ per cent of the proposed appropriations. This was \$3,481,085 less than the Budget bureau had asked for VA but \$1,182,174,413 more than the agency's appropriations for this year.

JUDGE HANNA TO HEAR KLAMATH COUNTY CASE

Salem, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Chief Justice Harry H. Belt of the State Supreme court has issued the following assignments to circuit court judges:

Judge Combs to Klamath county to hear a case involving the estate of Vera L. Cristler, deceased, in place of Judge D. R. Vandenberg.

Judge H. K. Hanna of Medford assigned to Klamath county to hear a suit involving the will of Alma Grennon, deceased, in place of Judge Vandenberg, disqualified.

WATERED VERSION OF FACT FINDING GIVEN APPROVAL

House Labor Committee Favors Bill Without Power to Scan Books, Forbid Strikes

Washington, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—The House Labor committee today approved a watered-down version of the bill to authorize President Truman to set up fact-finding boards in serious labor disputes.

As approved by the committee, the bill would not authorize fact-finding boards to subpoena company records and would not forbid strikes while the board is making its investigation.

Truman Bill Stronger
The bill requested by Mr. Truman would have given the boards subpoena power and would have provided a mandatory 30-day cooling off period before a strike could be called.

As approved by the committee, however, the measure merely would give congressional authority for appointment of fact-finding boards. Mr. Truman already has appointed such boards in the General Motors and steel disputes. Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach has appointed similar boards in other cases.

The vote to approve the diluted measure was 10 to 8. The committee approved it after rejecting a motion by Rep. Frank Hook, D., Mich., that committee hearings on the motion be resumed.

\$12,000 ANNUAL WAGE FAVORED FOR PILOTS

New York, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—The Airlines Negotiating committee, representing 13 major airlines, went on record today as favoring an approximately \$12,000 yearly salary for four-engine plane pilots, as opposed to the approximate \$15,000 the American Pilots association (APL) is asking.

The committee, formed last month by the airlines to negotiate the lengthy dispute over four-engine pay, said at a press conference that a salary of \$12,000 would represent about a 30 per cent pay increase.

MEDIATORS NAMED IN ELECTRICAL WALKOUT

Washington, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach today named William H. Davis, former War Labor board chairman, and Arthur S. Meyer, New York State Mediation board chairman, as mediators in the strike of 200,000 electrical workers.

The world's largest known deposits of uranium are in Canada.

Gift Fruit Shipments Grow; 858,887 Sent Out Last Year

Southern Oregon's growing fruit gift box industry reached its highest peak in 1945 with 858,887 packages being shipped through the Medford office of the Railway Express Agency according to statistics from F. P. Franck, local agent. The number is almost double that of 1943 when 430,172 shipments were made and 24.2 per cent over the 1944 total of 691,759.

Dearth of merchandise for Christmas presents last year helped to swell the fruit gift package demand, it was pointed out by some shippers. However, they expressed doubt that the high volume could be maintained with return of more normal supply of other gift items.

About 1,000 persons were employed in the industry in 1945 by eight firms compared to 800 in 1944, according to unofficial estimates from another source. Firms involved are Bear Creek Orchards, American Fruit Growers, Reter Fruit company, Pinnacle Packing company, Crystal Springs Packing company, Myron Root and company, Rogue River Orchards and Southern Oregon Sales.

Refrigerator cars required for the industry here numbered 796 in December 1945 while 179 and 98 were needed for the same month in 1944 and 1943, respectively.

Meat Delivery Trucks Cross Picket Lines



First of seven Swift Company meat packers' delivery trucks, escorted by police squad cars (rear) crosses C. I. O. picket line at Kansas City, Kan., to make deliveries as the nation's meat supply drops to 25 per cent of normal in many areas and Government seizure is threatened.

Gen. Short Says War Department Would Hide Own Guilt By Making Him Scapegoat

Washington, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short today accused the War Department of trying to hide its own guilt by making him "the scapegoat" for the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Not he, Short asserted, but Gen. George C. Marshall and the Navy Department, by withholding vital information, deprived his fleet of "a fighting chance to avert the disaster."

Critical of Marshall
Short was outspokenly critical of Marshall, former army chief of staff. Marshall had told the congressional committee that the Hawaiian command had all the advance warning it should have needed to be properly alerted against a Japanese attack.

The deposed general vigorously rejected this view. He declared that although the War Department had prior knowledge that war was at hand, it did not pass it along to him.

He put the finger on Marshall as the man to blame for keeping information out of his hands. He also asserted that Marshall had given him reason to believe, long before Pearl Harbor, that the staff chief personally would dictate the kind of alert to be established at Hawaii in the event of a hostile threat.

3 WILL BE TAKEN TO STATE PRISON

Deputy sheriffs will leave soon with James M. Potter, Ashland, Paul F. Morris, Ashland, and Leonard Lyons, Medford, for Oregon state penitentiary. Potter is under four years sentence each for two counts of larceny, the sentences to run concurrently. Morris is under 18 months sentence for auto theft, and Lyons will serve one year for threatening to commit a felony. All were sentenced by Judge H. K. Hanna in circuit court.

Clarence L. Blair, to serve four years for larceny in a hotel room, will be transferred to the penitentiary later, sheriff's deputies said.

Judge Hanna asked for a presentence parole report on Lee O. Plympton, charged with burglary not in a dwelling at Gold Hill. Ethner H. Boen, convicted on the same count, was given a three year suspended sentence in Oregon state prison. H is to report each month to the district attorney.

FRENCH PARTIES CALL SOCIALIST

Paris, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Felix Guoin, socialist president of the constituent assembly, was reported reliably today to have received and accepted a bid by France's three main parties to head a new government succeeding that of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

Unofficial but responsible sources said the communists, socialists and popular republicans had agreed to nominate Guoin. They had been whirling through an unbroken series of conferences all day in an attempt to find a compromise candidate acceptable to the big three parties.

FEPC FILIBUSTER HOLDS IN SENATE

Washington, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard B. Russell, D., Ga., told the Senate today that the majority of Americans oppose a permanent fair employment practice commission.

Continuing the southern democratic filibuster against the FEPC bill, Russell cited a public opinion poll which he said showed 44 per cent against the bill and 43 per cent for it.

Earlier, a five-man republican strategy committee decided to insist upon keeping the senate in session until 6 p. m. tonight, but took no further steps toward 24-hour meetings, as suggested by some FEPC proponents.

band E. Kimmel, former commander of the U. S. Pacific fleet, who preceded him before the committee.

Like Kimmel, he blamed his Washington superiors for the crushing defeat at Pearl Harbor. Kimmel had charged that the Navy Department, by withholding vital information, deprived his fleet of "a fighting chance to avert the disaster."

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Failed To Act

This, when the chips were down, Marshall did not do, Short said.

Short did what he thought best in the light of the information he had, he told the committee. The result was that when the Japanese aerial striking force hit Hawaii, Short's command was alerted only against sabotage.

But, he testified, the War Department had known for nine days—since his reply to a "warning" of Nov. 27, 1941—the kind of alert he had ordered and had ample opportunity to order it changed. Its failure to do so, indicated to him that the War Department "approved fully" the steps he had taken.

The plain truth, Short said, is that though the War Department expected war, it had no idea that the Japanese would hit Pearl Harbor.

He admitted he did not properly appraise the situation as it subsequently unfolded. But the War Department, he said, had deprived him of the information essential to a correct appraisal.

Long Silence

Not until the present inquiry

started, Short noted, did Marshall and Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, former chief of army war plans, admit publicly that they shared responsibility for the Pearl Harbor defeat.

"I do not believe that I have been treated fairly or with justice by the War Department," Short said.

"I was singled out as an example, as the scapegoat for the disaster. My relatively small part in the transaction was not explained to the American people until this joint congressional committee forced the revelation of the facts.

"I am sure that an honest confession by the War Department general staff of their failure to anticipate the surprise raid would have been understood by the public, in the long run and at the time."

DISEASE REPORT SETS RECORD IN WINTER SEASON

Communicable diseases reached a record for the winter last week, with a total of 79 new cases being reported to the county health officer, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, during the week ending Jan. 19.

Topping the list was chickenpox, with 29 new cases reported, 22 of which were reported from Prospect, and the remainder from Medford, Talent, Ashland and Eagle Point. Measles ranked second with 17 new cases, six from Gold Hill, five from Medford, three from Central Point and the remainder from Lone Pine and Antelope.

Influenza and scarlet fever remained at high levels, with 15 new cases of the former and 10 of the latter. The influenza was reported from Lone Pine, where there were eight cases, Eagle Point, Medford and Gold Hill. Scarlet fever was listed from Medford, West Side district, Eagle Point, Lake Creek and Prospect.

Also listed were seven cases of mumps, five in Shady Cove and one each in Medford and West Side, and one case of pneumonia in Medford.

Slattery Appointed District Forester At Roseburg Office

James E. Slattery has been appointed district forester of the Roseburg district of the O and C Lands Administration, replacing E. K. Peterson, according to an announcement by W. H. Horning, chief forester. Peterson has received a transfer to the Medford office of the O and C, where he served prior to a shift of personnel in June, 1944.

Slattery received a discharge from the navy in January after approximately two years service.

Peterson, who has arrived in Medford to make his home, is replacing Floyd C. Scott as district forester in Medford, official transfer to take place Feb. 15.

TRUMAN PONDERES ACTION TO KEEP NATION SUPPLIED

Administration Seeks Means to Break Jam Over Wages in Worst Strike Wave.

Chicago, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Lewis J. Clark, president of the CIO packing house workers union, charged today that federal seizure of the strike-bound meat packing industry would be "playing into the packers' hands."

Clark's statement came as representatives of his union appeared with packing house officials before a government fact-finding panel investigating the seven-day-old meat strike.

By United Press

The worst wave of strikes in the nation's history crippled American industry today as the administration sought means of breaking the deadlock over wages.

The White House announced that President Truman is considering seizing the meat industry. The action may take place today.

Strikes from coast to coast made 1,786,000 workers idle and cost them \$13,500,000 in lost wages every day.

Wage Loss Heavy
A United Press survey showed more than \$100,000,000 in wages already have been lost in the steel, auto, packinghouse and electrical strikes.

Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach appointed William H. Davis, former chairman of the war labor board, and Arthur S. Meyer, chairman of the New York State mediation board, as mediators in the strike of 200,000 CIO electrical workers. Schwellenbach and his newly-appointed mediators met with officials of General Electric and Westinghouse and CIO Electrical Workers' Union members, who struck a week ago for a \$2 a day wage increase.

Industries Hurt
The steel strike, now in its second day, was beginning to be felt in allied industries. The strike already has forced the layoff of 100,000 non-striking office workers and about 50,000 railroad, river barge and coal mine workers.

At New York Benjamin F. Fairless said the responsibility for the steel strike rests upon the CIO United Steel Workers Union. He did not comment upon the CIO charge that big business was seeking "unconditional surrender" from the government and public.

Meanwhile, at Washington the House labor committee approved a watered-down version of the bill to authorize the President to create fact-finding boards in labor disputes. The bill, as approved by the committee, would not authorize the boards to subpoena company records, nor would it forbid strikes while the board is making its investigation.

HOUSING PRICES CONTROL SOUGHT

Washington, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Reconversion Director John W. Snyder today urged that an existing federal agency be given power to control housing prices.

Testifying before the House Banking committee on the Patman bill to set up a housing administrator with price control and priority powers, Snyder advocated price controls on the purchase and sale of finished houses "to guard against inflation." He also said "we must provide for priorities in the use of a substantial portion of the available building materials," to insure "construction of moderately priced homes."

16-Year-Old Bride Loses Hubby, Pup

Seattle, Jan. 22—(U.P.)—Sixteen-year-old June Phyllis Wilson was en route back to her home in Somerville, Mass., separated from her young husband by police, and from her six-week-old puppy dog by officials of the railway.

Asked by parents to break-up her run-away marriage, police picked up the girl when she arrived here from Chicago with the 18-year-old coast guardsman, S 1/c George McGowan, whom she married after a two-year romance.