

IRANIAN DELEGATE ASKS UNO HELP AGAINST RUSSIA

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to cloudy with mixed rain and snow flurries tonight and Tuesday. Continued cool.
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Packinghouse Crews Back to Work; Auto Wage Agreements Raise Hope For Settlements in Other Industries

STRIKERS EXPECT FACT FINDERS TO RECOMMEND HIKES

Number of Strike-Idle Cut to 1,600,000—General Motors and Union Far Apart

By United Press
The nation's packinghouse workers returned to work today as wage agreements of two auto-makers raised hope of settling pay disputes in other fields. Government-seized meat plants resumed production in a truce which sent nearly 270,000 CIO and AFL workers back to their jobs in anticipation of raises expected to be recommended by a presidential fact-finding committee.

1,600,000 Idle
The return of the packinghouse employees, who called off an 11-day strike last Saturday, cut the total of strike-idled Americans to 1,600,000.

In the major labor developments:
1. Livestock experts predicted that meat output would return to normal by Thursday or Friday as CIO and AFL packinghouse workers went back to work for the government.

2. Government officials predicted that the wage agreements reached between CIO United Auto workers and the Ford and Chrysler companies might bring early settlements in other industries. Chrysler settled with the UAW for an 18½ cent an hour wage boost and Ford granted 18 cents.

Power Strike Averted
3. Two unions called off strikes which would have shut off power from nearly 3,500,000 users in Ohio, Virginia and Kentucky.

4. The week-old steel strike remained deadlocked, but labor sources believed the industry's case against an 18½ cent an hour pay increase was weakened by the Ford and Chrysler settlements.

5. Eighteen railroad brotherhoods and 134 carriers agreed to submit their wage differences to arbitration. The agreement affects about 85 per cent of the nation's railroad workers.

6. The Radio Corporation of America and the United Electrical workers, signed a contract calling for a 17½ cents an hour wage increase for 8,000 RCA workers at Camden, N. J. CIO leaders hoped the agreement could be used as a formula for ending the strike in 79 plants of General Electric, Westinghouse and the electrical division of General Motors.

Expect Raise
A 12-day tie-up in the meat industry was called off Saturday when representatives of nearly 200,000 CIO packinghouse workers voted for a truce in their fight for higher wages. AFL strikers previously had been instructed to return to work when the government seized the plants.

Officials of the CIO union admitted frankly that they were going back to work only on Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson's assurances that he would support any wage increases recommended by a fact-finding board in the dispute. They warned they would strike again if the raises weren't forthcoming.

Despite the Ford and Chrysler wage settlements, the union and strike-bound General Motors Corp. were as far apart as ever. CIO officials said that GM would have to do better than the 18½ cents offered by Chrysler to compensate 175,000 for losses incurred during their 69-day walkout.

The California-Arizona citrus industry set a record by shipping 140,544 cars of fresh fruit during the 1944-45 season.



Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill of England, in Florida for a rest, poses beside his painting of Dildo Island, off San Marino Island, where the amateur artist found inspiration.

MEDFORD FAMILY HURT IN WRECK

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Branson and son Keith, 7, of 309 Chestnut street, were injured about 3:25 p. m. yesterday when their car, driven by Branson, skidded on slippery pavement and crashed into a state highway truck which was operated by E. E. Streamer, Star Route, Ashland, at the intersection of Moon Prairie Road and Green-springs highway, about 25 miles east of Ashland.

According to a report on file with Ashland city police, approximately \$500 damage was caused to the Branson auto, which skidded as it was about to meet the truck. The car slipped under the heavy truck bed.

Sacred Heart hospital attendants said the boy was released this morning and the parents, only slightly injured, were showing satisfactory improvement.

County Grangers At Annual Meet

Central Point, Jan. 28.—Earl W. Weaver and Arnold Bohnert, Central Point, G. E. Ousterhout, Eagle Point, and Charles Elmore, Applegate were representatives of the Grange Cooperative Supply association at the annual meeting of the Oregon Grange Wholesale in Portland Saturday.

Reading of annual reports and transaction of routine business made up the agenda according to Weaver, manager of the association which serves Jackson county.

Eagle Point Vets Will Discuss Post

World War veterans of Eagle Point and vicinity will meet in the hall over Brown's Grocery there at 8 p. m. tomorrow to talk plans for forming an American Legion post.

Bob Bryant of Grants Pass, fourth district commander, will be present to assist in the organization and will be assisted by Lester Mathes who was instrumental in organizing the Myers Holland post at Central Point. All veterans of the district are urged to attend the meeting.

Churchill Paints, Too

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ATTACK ON PEARL LONG FORECAST IS NAVY MAN'S CLAIM

Intelligence Specialist Testifies He Warned Kimmel 9 Months Before Dec. 7

Washington, Jan. 28.—(U.P.)—Capt. E. M. Zacharias, a specialist in naval intelligence, testified today that he forecast the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor nine months before Dec. 7, 1941. Zacharias told the Pearl Harbor investigating committee he warned Adm. Husband E. Kimmel in March, 1941, that if Japan started a war with the United States it likely would begin with a Sunday morning air attack on the fleet in Pearl Harbor.

He said he didn't try to predict the exact date that the attack would occur.

Talk Recalled

Kimmel recently told the committee he remembered talking to Zacharias in March, 1941, but he didn't recall the prediction. Zacharias was called as a witness because the committee found an affidavit by him in navy department files, written three months after the attack, concerning the prediction.

Zacharias told the committee he could understand that Kimmel didn't recall details of the conversation because as commander in chief of the Pacific fleet he was "a very busy man."

He said he was sure, however, that the details were remembered by Vice Adm. W. W. Smith who was then a captain and Kimmel's chief of staff. Smith is expected to be called to corroborate Zacharias' testimony.

CHRISTIAN UNION WINS IN BAVARIA

Frankfurt, Germany, Jan. 28.—(U.P.)—The Center Christian democrats held a 9 to 2 majority over the leftist social democrats today in early returns from Bavaria's Sunday elections.

The count in 1,330 townships of Bavaria, heaviest voting province in elections held throughout the American occupation zone, gave the Christian social union (Bavarian counterpart of the Christian democrats) 112,852 votes against 24,926 for the social democrats.

The liberal democrats polled 3,074 votes and the communists 2,637.

More than 40 per cent of the Bavarian vote, however, appeared to be going to independents or "splinter" parties with a total of 100,790 ballots.

South Highways Said Dangerous

State police officers said this morning that the Siskiyou highway was exceptionally dangerous to auto travel. Snow and ice were freezing on the pavement and temperatures were below freezing. Snow also was falling, the report said.

Conditions on the Green-springs highway to Klamath Falls were slippery, the report stated, although there was no snow.

Scotchless Days Gotham Prospect

New York, Jan. 28.—(U.P.)—New Yorkers, who endured meatless days before the war, were faced today with the prospect of "Scotchless" Saturdays and Sundays.

Paul Henkel, president of the Society of Restaurateurs, said the managers of 240 of Manhattan's leading cafes were considering the "Scotchless" days to conserve dwindling stocks on the imported whiskey.

BRIAN AHERNE WEDS

New York, Jan. 28.—(U.P.)—Movie Star Brian Aherne and Mrs. Eleanor Labrout were married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents. It was the second marriage for both.

Aherne was divorced from Actress Joan Fontaine in June, 1944, and his bride was divorced from William Labrout six years ago.

23 DEAD COUNTED IN FIRE EPIDEMIC

By United Press
At least 23 persons were dead today as a result of major fires which swept through tenements and apartment houses in New York, Kansas City, Chicago, St. Louis and Skowhegan, Me.

Speaks Tonight

The fire, which injured 20 persons and made an additional 50 homeless, started in a clothes closet and quickly spread through the building, trapping 10 of the victims on the third floor. It was Kansas City's worst fire disaster in 20 years.

Two women were burned to death in Chicago and a third, a 66-year-old grandmother was injured when she jumped into a firemen's net to escape a fire that swept through their apartment building.

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325 Escape

Some 325 other persons escaped down fire ladders when the blaze spread to other buildings. The fire was started by a three-year-old boy, playing with matches, police said.

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Ranch Partnership Dissolution Suit Is Filed In Court

T. G. Zinn has filed suit against Wilbur C. Badger and Ward S. Badger, for dissolution of a farm-stock ranch partnership and accounting of money from sales of milk, cream and stock. The property, consisting of 4,335 acres of grazing and farm land is located in southeastern Jackson county near the Klamath county line. The action was filed in circuit court last Saturday.

Zinn, in his complaint sets forth that with defendants he entered into an oral agreement July 9, 1942, to operate the property on a 50-50 basis for three years. Its value was placed at \$7,000 including stock and equipment. The defendants were to apply their payments to a half-interest purchase until \$3,500 was paid.

The plaintiff alleges that the defendants have failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the partnership and he asks that the place be returned to him and the partnership ended. Attorney Frank P. Farrell and E. T. Yaden represent Zinn.

M'ARTHUR FLOODED BY HICSWA APPEALS

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Hicswa's case now is being reviewed by Maj. Gen. Arthur Harber, commanding general of the 98th division.

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Greatest loss of life was reported at Kansas City, Mo., where 10 persons died in a blaze that swept through a ramshackle, three-story rooming house. Five of the victims were children.

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QUICK CHALLENGE IS HURLED BY RED REPRESENTATIVE

Iran's Appeal Presented By Representative of Defunct Government, Is Claim

London, Jan. 28.—(U.P.)—Iran's chief delegate to the UNO appealed to the security council today for help against Russian "interference" in Iranian affairs, only to be challenged immediately by the Soviet delegate.

Iran's appeal no sooner was before the UNO security council than Russia charged that it was presented by a representative of a now defunct government.

New Government

A new Iranian government took office Saturday, and the premier said he would seek to negotiate bi-laterally with the Russians on their dispute—a proposal advanced earlier before the UNO by the Soviets.

Sayed Hassan Taqizadeh, Iranian delegate, acting without instructions from the new government in Tehran, made a verbal presentation to the council of the charges against Russia, then submitted a four-point appeal for security council help.

Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet vice commissar of foreign affairs and chief delegate to the UNO, followed Taqizadeh immediately. Vishinsky pointed out that formal charges against Russia were raised by "a government no longer in power." Thus, he added, the charges no longer were valid.

Freedom Asked

Taqizadeh asked the security council to recommend that the Russians cease interfering in Iran's affairs, that Iranian forces be allowed to go to Azerbaijan, the country's northern province which recently declared itself autonomous, and that the Russians evacuate Iran by March 2.

Vishinsky spoke rapidly in Russian and endlessly thumbed his way through a huge stack of documents. He denied the Iranian charges of Soviet interference, and reiterated his government's willingness to enter direct negotiations with Iran.

Taqizadeh had contended earlier that the Iranians sought many times to negotiate directly with Russia. The Soviets, he said, "did not reply" and an offer of Iranian officials to go to Moscow was ignored.

WOMAN HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. William W. Cole, 36, was injured about 5:30 p. m. yesterday when a Buick coupe she was driving left the road and rolled down a 25-foot embankment on the Crater Lake highway near Shady Cove. Mrs. Cole was first believed to be dead when found in the wreck but was found to be alive by Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris who brought the injured woman to Community hospital.

The auto was so badly damaged it was necessary to remove several pieces of the auto body before workers were able to extricate the woman. Her attending physician said this morning extent of her injuries would not be determined until x-ray pictures were completed.

Morris said he learned the woman was en route from her home in Pasadena to Seattle to meet her husband who is due to dock there Saturday aboard the USS Stewart.

Barnes Hospital Cut To 100 Beds

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 28.—(U.P.)—Army officials announce that Barnes General hospital has been redesignated a 100-bed station hospital, and facilities will be reduced to the needs of the new assignment.

Former Commanding Officer Colonel Charles K. Berle has been transferred to O'Reilly General hospital at Springfield, Mo. Major Frank Perlman of Portland has been assigned as commanding officer at Barnes, under transfer from Madigan General hospital at Fort Lewis.

Church Council To Meet Feb. 20 to 24

London, Jan. 28.—(U.P.)—The first postwar meeting of the provisional committee of the World Council of Churches will be held at Geneva Feb. 20 to 24, it was announced today.

The committee will discuss plans for establishing a worldwide training center toward which John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has contributed \$500,000.