

First Big Break Comes in Bitter General Motors Strike

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy to partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with mixed rain and snow tonight. Cooler tonight. Temp. Highest yesterday 42. Lowest this morning 31. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. today .04.

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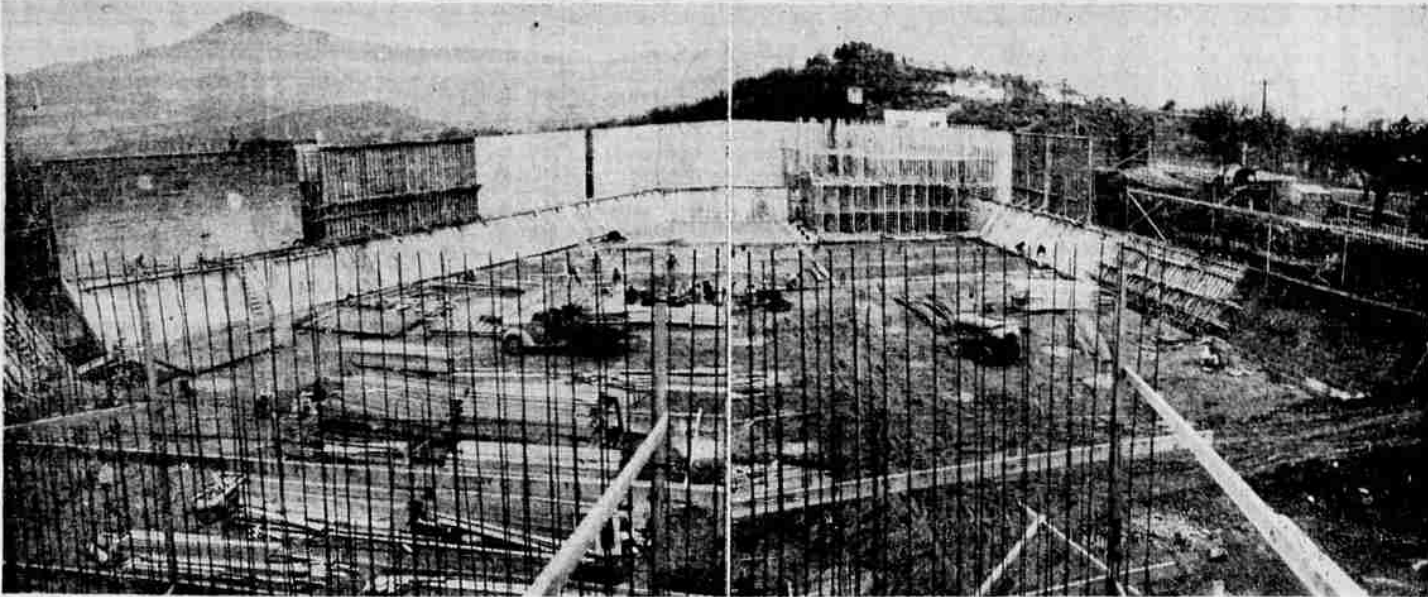


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Construction work on Medford's new \$231,027 city reservoir, being built on the east side of the two present reservoirs, is shown above. The structure, which will have a capacity of 8,200,000 gallons, is shown from the southeast corner of the present two-reservoir storage system.

Scaffolding for building the concrete slab roof may be seen in the left center of the picture at right. Laying of the concrete floor is in progress in the background of both photos. Steel rods in the foreground are for pouring of concrete for the wall.

—Dale Vincent Photo

BIG FIVE AGREE ON NORWEGIAN AS FIRST SECRETARY

London, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—The Big Five have agreed to recommend Trygve Lie, Norwegian foreign minister, to be the first secretary general of the United Nations organization, authoritative sources reported today.

The Big Five called an informal meeting of the other six members of the UNO security council to inform them of their agreement upon a candidate representing a compromise between the Anglo-Americans and Russians.

NEW LEADS OPEN IN DEGNAN CASE

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—The parents of Suzanne Degnan, six-year-old girl who was kidnapped and slain, received a human ear in the mail today as police investigated a youth's story that he knew the girl's kidnappers.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—A former reformatory inmate told police today that his roommate and another man were the kidnappers of six-year-old Suzanne Degnan.

The informant was Theodore Campbell, 22, who said he had planned the kidnapping with the two others but had not participated in it. Campbell named Vincent Costello, 18, as one of the two kidnappers, but Costello denied it and police were skeptical.

The Degnan child was carried away from her home near Lake Michigan early in the morning of Jan. 7 by a kidnapper who left a ransom note demanding \$20,000 but killed her and dismembered her body without trying to collect.

While police were inclined to doubt Campbell's story, they quickened their investigation after both Campbell and Costello admitted making telephone calls to the Degnan home on the day of the slaying. Both were held on open charges for further questioning.

Construction Work Reaches Halfway Mark On City's New 8,200,000 Gallon Reservoir

Construction work on Medford's new 8,200,000-gallon reservoir on Capital Hill is about 50 per cent complete, according to estimates from Robert A. Duff, city water superintendent, and M. E. Gibbons, project engineer. Completion date on the project, which will triple Medford's reservoir capacity, is March 24.

Excavation in tough sandstone has proved the hardest work, those in charge say. Except for trenching operations, however, that portion of the job is done. Approximately half of the work on the reservoir walls is finished. Pouring of concrete for the floor is under way on the east side and scaffolding for building the

P.T.A. TO DISCUSS REMODELING PLAN FOR JUNIOR HIGH

To discuss remodeling, improvement and enlargement of the Medford Junior high school building, a meeting of the Parent-Teacher association of the school will be held Friday at 8 p. m. at the school it was announced this morning. Mrs. Ivan Davies, president of the association, urges all parents, and especially fathers, to attend the meeting.

It is stated that the school is now attempting to care for approximately 250 more students than the building was designed to handle, and increased enrollments are anticipated yearly.

CORDON SUPPORTS FOREST PROPOSAL

Support has been pledged by Senator Guy Cordon in the efforts of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce to have appropriations made for improvements and rehabilitation of national forest recreational facilities according to a wire from the senator to the local group. A request for a deficiency appropriation for this matter was turned down by the budget bureau last fall.

Cordon stated that he had been recently appointed a member of the senate appropriations committee and in that capacity would do everything possible to secure adequate funds for forest recreational facilities. Cordon further stated that he was equally interested in appropriations for the National park service.

five-and-one-half-inch thick concrete slab roof is being erected in the southeast corner. Construction of a 300-foot tunnel for the 24-inch pipe which will connect the reservoir with the city system at Valley View is in progress.

Cover Latest Method
Covering of the reservoir is in line with modern practice since it prevents contamination and precludes the development of algae which thrive on sunlight.

Water Superintendent Duff states that construction—estimated to cost \$231,027—will be paid out of accumulated water department funds bolstered chiefly by the Camp White contract. Medford's water system will expand in the near future to include Central Point in addition to Camp White and Oak Grove.

Added storage capacity of the new reservoir will be more adequate to meet any emergency situation which might be experienced by the enlarged system. Duff points out that the 30 miles of pipeline from the Butte creek springs is 20 years old and that, if the pipeline should fail, patrons might be out of water in half a day under the present set up. Peak use of Medford water has amounted to nine and one-half million gallons in one day. Sole purpose of the reservoirs is for emergency storage as the pipeline from the springs flows directly into the city system.

20,000 Sacks Concrete
Duff states that the project is taking about 3,000 cubic yards or nearly 20,000 sacks of concrete and that 352,000 pounds of steel will be utilized. Sixteen inch pipe for drainage and overflow will total 910 feet and 1,600 feet of six-inch pipe will be used for under-drains. One thousand feet of 24-inch pipe will be used for inter-connecting supply lines. Perimeter of the structure is pentagonal with sides extending 260 feet on the south, 180 on the west, 90 on the north, 190 on the northeast and 95 on the east. Height of the reservoir from floor to roof will be 28½ feet and water depth is planned as 27½ feet.

The structure is being erected on the east side of the present two reservoirs which contain 2,

000,000 gallons each. About 35 men are now employed on the project according to Harold C. Adler, one of the partners of the Adler Construction company, Seattle, in charge of the job. Al B. McKinney is superintending the work.

Medford has an exceptionally pure water supply since the flow from Butte springs, fed by the melting snows of Mt. McLaughlin, travels the distance to the household tap unexposed to air or sunlight.

BURTIS GIRL GETS PRISON SENTENCE FOR ESCAPE AID

Doris Burtis, 28, plead guilty and was sentenced to a term not to exceed two years in the Oregon state penitentiary in circuit court today. She was charged with aiding and abetting a jail escape when she smuggled hack-saw blades into the county jail here Jan. 5 permitting her brother, Calvin Burtis, Bobby J. Nelson, Roger Chapman and William Mackey to escape.

Burtis and his sister were arrested at Susanville, Calif., on an armed robbery charge. Burtis is being held by Lassen county authorities on the robbery charge. Nelson, also believed to be implicated in the robbery, escaped arrest.

Chapman and Mackey, Negroes, were arrested soon after their break for freedom. Lee Owen Plympton, charged with burglary not in a dwelling, also was given a term of not to exceed two years in the penitentiary. He and Miss Burtis will be taken to the institution the latter part of the week.

Medical Building Planned in Salem

Salem, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—A group of Salem doctors—headed by Dr. Charles Campbell and Dr. Robert F. Wolf—plan to construct an office building here exclusively for medical men.

The building will be located on the corner of center and north 13th and will be designed by Pietro Belluschi, Portland architect.

CLINE GIVEN DELAY IN THEFT HEARING

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Alfred L. Cline's arraignment on nine counts of forgery and one of grand theft was postponed until Feb. 6 today, as authorities of five states announced they would conduct a joint investigation of the one-time choir singer's alleged connection with the deaths or disappearances of 11 persons.

Cline was permitted a delay in entering pleas because his attorney, J. W. Ehrlich was out of town.

BLUM APPOINTED TO SEEK ALLIED AID FOR FRANCE

Paris, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—The new French government appointed former socialist premier Leon Blum today as extraordinary ambassador to negotiate assistance as Premier Felix Gouin prepared to lay before the assembly a four-point program for solving the nation's economic crisis.

The 73-year-old Blum, who headed the French "New Deal" administration in 1936, was designated after an all night cabinet meeting to negotiate financial agreements and speed up food deliveries.

Look To U. S. A.

His appointment stressed the importance Gouin's government attaches to forthcoming negotiations for a loan from the United States.

The newspaper La Vie Francaise published unconfirmed reports last night that a French delegation would leave for the United States soon to negotiate a loan of three billion francs (approximately \$25,000,000).

The newspaper also said it was rumored that the resignation of Gen. Charles De Gaulle was provoked by American demands for information on the French financial situation as a prelude to the loan. The government later officially denied the rumor.

CARPENTERS GET PORTLAND RAISE

Portland, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Ten thousand building construction workers in the Portland area are due for a substantial wage increase immediately, according to advice from Washington telling of a wage adjustment board approval of the wage hike.

The new wage agreement was recently negotiated here between the associated general contractors, building division, and the Portland building and construction trades council.

The new raises, from 10 to 20 cents an hour increase in differing wage brackets, will go into effect in the Portland area immediately and are retroactive to January 7th.

LITTLE NAVY TUG SAVES CREW OF WRECKED SHIP

Adak, Aleutian Islands, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—A small navy rescue tug, battling howling Bering Sea gales, has rescued the entire 40-man crew of the 5,100 ton refrigerator ship "Crown Reef," wrecked off Amchitka Island Sunday, the 17th naval district announced today.

The refrigerator ship, loaded with perishables for the army at Kodiak, was hurled onto jagged rocks on Kirilof Point, Amchitka, at the height of a wild winter storm.

BRITISH THREATEN DEATH FOR JEWISH TERRORIST FORCES

Troops Deployed in Holy Land for Roundup After Brazen Raid On RAF.

Jerusalem, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—British authorities threatened death for every member of Palestine's outlawed Jewish armies today and deployed thousands of troops and police for a wholesale roundup of terrorists throughout the Holy Land.

Moving swiftly to forestall a threatened terrorist outbreak that veteran observers feared might prove the bloodiest in the mandate's history, the British invoked what amounted to military law for all Palestine.

Execute On Spot

Army garrisons and police officials everywhere were alerted for a mass arrest of known and suspected members of the Illegal Zionist organizations. British military commanders were empowered to try and execute the outlaws on the spot.

The harsh counter-measures were ordered in the wake of a brazen raid on an RAF station in south Palestine at noon yesterday, when 15 bandits disguised as British fliers stole 200 machine guns, and a considerable quantity of ammunition.

Shortly before midnight, it was announced that British patrols had recovered all the machine guns and were in close pursuit of the raiders, all believed to be members of a Jewish outlaw gang.

The raid occurred near the Jewish colony of Rehovot and apparently was part of a well-laid plot to seize British weapons for a new terrorist outbreak.

Lane Co. Farmers Ask Project Speed

Eugene, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—A resolution asking that construction of the Willamette Valley project be completed as soon as possible has been passed by a conference of Lane county farmers.

A report on floods by a land use committee says flood damage of over \$6,000,000 occurring less than three years after a former major flood emphasizes the great need for speedy construction.

SENATOR MORSE FAVORS VOLUNTARY ARBITRATION

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Republican Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon believes that voluntary arbitration is a better solution to labor-management disputes than compulsory arbitration or fact-finding.

Senator Morse told delegates to the 27th annual associated equipment distributors assembly here that fact finders find the facts they want to bring in. And, he added, under compulsory arbitration, the mediator tribunal becomes the dictator of economic policy.

Morse added that union books should be as open to public inspection as those of any corporation or business.

Harry Hopkins, Right-Hand Man of President Roosevelt, Dies Aged 56

New York, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Harry Hopkins, who was the confidant of presidents, prime ministers and dictators throughout the world, but never lost his touch with the common man, died today in Memorial hospital.

London, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, informed today of the death of Harry Hopkins, said: "I am deeply sorry to hear the news. He really served his country and my husband very well. It is a great grief to me and to every other American."

Hopkins, plagued by ill health since 1938, was 56 years old. He had been under treatment here for the last 11 weeks, but Dr. Cornelius P. Rhoads, director of the hospital, said the nature of his ailment was "obscure."

The man who was constantly at the side of the late president,

Byrnes Confirms Russia's Claim Kuriles Promised

Washington, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes said today it was agreed secretly at the Yalta conference to give Russia permanent possession of the Kurile Islands which stretch northward from Japan toward the Aleutians.

He said the decision will be formalized in the eventual allied peace treaty with Japan.

Byrnes thus confirmed Russian claims of permanent possession of the Kuriles. Acting secretary of state Dean Acheson said last week in Byrnes' absence, that Russia's occupation of the Kuriles was not final but might well become so.

STUDENT INCREASE CROWDS SCHOOLS IN NEW SEMESTER

Enrollment in Medford schools for the second semester, which began yesterday, is 2,903 pupils, according to a report from the office of the city school superintendent. The number includes: Jackson school, 421; Lincoln, 263; Roosevelt, 392; Washington, 465; junior high, 745, and senior high, 617.

"This represents an increase of 272 pupils since January, 1945," according to City Supt. E. H. Hedrick, who added "it is also an increase of 570 since January, two years ago." The increase in this time has been nearly 25 per cent, he said, and has brought on crowded conditions. Congestion is worse in Washington and Junior high schools.

To alleviate the condition, one class from Washington has been moved to the senior high building, the superintendent said, and in Junior high at least three rooms are shared by more than one teacher.

MEDFORD MAN IS HELD ON FORGERY

Grants Pass, Jan. 29.—Facing a charge of forgery, Donald LeRoy Tucker, 37, of Medford, alias David Stone, alias D. L. Lucker, alias Harvey Cline, is held in the Josephine county jail here in lieu of \$2,500 bail.

State police said the man admitted cashing seven checks last week at Grants Pass business houses. The checks were purportedly issued by Paul C. Howard of Grants Pass, now believed to be residing at Medford. One of the Howard checks bore a good forgery of Howard's signature but the others were obvious forgeries, police said.

State police here said Donald L. Tucker, held on a bad check charge at Grants Pass, has a long record for forgery in Medford. A warrant had been issued for his arrest by the sheriff's office some time ago. Prosecution will be handled by Josephine county authorities.

3 MILLION SHIRTS HELD UP BY RULE

New York, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—More than 3,000,000 men's shirts made to sell at \$3 and up are held on factory shelves because of OPA sales regulations, the National Association of Shirt and Pajama Manufacturers said today.

Prices of the shirts have been approved by the OPA. The obstacle to their sale is the lack of low cost shirts. An OPA order requires that manufacturers must keep the same balance of low-cost shirt production that they did in 1943. Because of a shortage of low cost fabrics, shirt makers say they have been unable to make low cost shirts.

NEWCOMER HELD FOR LARCENY HEARING

Carl C. Caraway is being held in county jail under \$500 bail to await further hearing in justice court following appearance in court yesterday on a charge of larceny from a store building. Caraway, who arrived in Medford last week, was arrested Saturday by city police.

UNION, COMPANY AGREE TO MEET WITH MEDIATOR

Truck Drivers Settle Old Walkout — CIO Leader Threatens New Walkout.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—The Pittsburgh Press said today that reports reached labor circles here—but were not confirmed by other sources—that "Big Steel" has agreed to pay the 18½-cent increase suggested by President Truman.

By United Press
The first major break came today in the bitter 70-day United Automobile Workers (CIO) strike against General Motors when the union and company agreed to meet with a federal labor mediator in an effort to end the stoppage.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 29.—(U.P.)—Seven thousand workers at the Caterpillar Tractor company struck in the middle of the day shift today over a demand for \$50 monthly increases for all workers.

Announcement of the scheduled meeting was made after James F. Dewey, special mediator sent to Detroit by Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach, met with each party separately.

Truckers Settle
Another break in the critical strike situation came with the announcement by the Labor department in Washington that the 73-day-old strike of 7,300 midwestern truck drivers had been settled.

1,600,000 Idle
Strikes and shutdowns have idled 1,600,000 American workers.

In the major labor developments:

1. Officials said that if Dewey succeeds as special mediator in the strike of 175,000 GM workers it will be the first acceptance of mediation by the corporation since the walkout began last Nov. 21.

2. President Philip Murray of the CIO Steel Workers and Benjamin F. Fairless of U. S. Steel Corp. were in Washington, but they denied reports that they had agreed to resume wage-price conferences at the White House.

3. CIO and AFL packing house workers went back to government-seized meat plants, but a CIO leader threatened a new strike against Armour and Co. The union accused the company of delaying the return of workers to their jobs.

4. Ford Motor Co. offered a 15 per cent pay increase to 19,000 employees not covered by the wage agreement reached with the UAW Saturday.

Stocks Soar
Easing of the labor crisis sent stock market prices soaring to their best level in more than 15 years yesterday. A rise in steel reflected a feeling that the steel strike might soon be over.

It was believed that wage agreements reached Saturday between Ford and Chrysler and the UAW might provide a pattern for settling the steel and General Motors disputes. The strike of 750,000 CIO steel workers already has idled 150,000 workers in related industries.

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