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FORECAST: Partly cloudy to night and Friday. Slightly warmer tonight.
Temp. 44
Highest Yesterday 44
Lowest this Morning 22

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Strike Control Bill To Be Considered

HOPES DIM FOR EARLY EASING IN LABOR TURMOIL

GM Refuses to Hike Wages Over 13½ Cents Per Hour; Labor Leader Stands Firm

By United Press
The steel strike was tossed back to the White House today by CIO President Philip Murray who said at Washington that "we have done all we can" to settle the dispute and "it's now up to the president."

Murray made the statement as pressure for relaxation of price controls increased, with industrialists warning that higher wages could not be paid without government approval of price rises.

By United Press
Hopes for early easing of the national labor crisis dimmed today at automotive and steel negotiations bogged down over the wage issue.

Demands for higher pay have prompted hundreds of strikes and shut-downs, idling nearly 1,500,000 workers across the country.

13½ Cent Limit
At the first General Motors-CIO auto workers negotiating session since Dec. 26, the company yesterday refused to hike the wages of its 175,000 workers more than 13½ cents an hour.

Harry W. Anderson, GM vice president, indicated, however, that the company might raise its bid if certain objectionable features of its old contract, including a maintenance of membership clause, were removed.

UAW President R. J. Thomas warned that the 72-day strike would continue until the company receded from its stand.

In other labor developments: 1. The Wheeling Steel Corp. followed the lead of U. S. Steel in refusing to grant wage increases "until the OPA price situation is clarified."

U. S. Steel said a price increase "greatly in excess of \$6.25 a ton" would be necessary for the company to grant 18½ cent hourly wage boost proposed by President Truman.

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Nominated
Trygve Lie, Norwegian foreign minister, who has accepted nomination as secretary general of the U. N. O. Mr. Lie returned to London, England, to be present when the U. N. O. assembly formally acts on the nomination, probably Friday.

GAULT WILL SEEK GOP NOMINATION FOR SHRIEVALTY

Sheriff Howard Gault announced today that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff in the May primary, and will formally file in a few days.

Sheriff Gault was appointed to the office June 22, last, to fill the vacancy caused by the passing of Syd I. Brown. Sheriff Gault first entered the office as chief office deputy under Sheriff Walter Olmschied in 1933, and save for a couple of years in the provost marshal's office at Camp White, has been connected with sheriff's office ever since.

Sheriff Gault is a Medford native son, has lived here all his life. He is a graduate of the Medford high school and for several years studied law in local offices. He is married and has four children and is well known throughout the county.

County Commissioner William Perry of Eagle Point also reported he would seek renomination on the Republican ticket, in the May primary. He is now serving his third term. He said he would formally file within a short time. Commissioner Perry is a farmer of the Eagle Point district and is highly conversant with county road and land affairs and has long been active in county Grange circles.

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SENTIMENT FOR STRONG MEASURE SEEN IN HOUSE

Rep. Case Is Permitted to Introduce Substitute For Diluted Truman Version.

Washington, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—The House agreed today to consider a sweeping strike control bill.

It approved the action of its rules committee in permitting Rep. Francis Case, R., S. D., to offer a substitute for the House Labor committee's diluted version of President Truman's fact-finding bill.

The vote on the procedural question was 258 to 114 in favor of giving Case a chance to bring up his bill.

Debate Fact Bill
Debate on the fact-finding bill began today. Friends and foes of stronger labor legislation agreed that approval of the rules committee action indicated considerable sentiment for strong strike-control legislation.

The Case bill, backed by a group of republicans and southern democrats, would make labor unions liable in the courts for damages resulting from violations of their contracts. It also would "ban violence by pickets and would provide an automatic 30-day cooling off period in serious labor disputes.

Proponents of the Case bill declared in debate that its consideration would at least insure the House of a chance "to work its will on labor legislation."

Opponents of the Case bill assailed the rules committee for sending it to the floor. They said the measure would in effect, repeal the Norris-LaGuardia anti-injunction act and the national labor relations act.

Supporting his measure, Case said "it is our responsibility to do something about the present strike situation; let us not run away from it."

Case denounced the labor committee's bill as a "kind gesture toward settlement of labor disputes." He said that consideration of his more drastic measure would at least allow the House "to work its will" on labor legislation.

The Case bill, introduced only a few days ago, would make labor unions liable in the courts for violations of their contracts. It would also ban violence by labor pickets and would provide a 30-day "cooling-off" period in which strikes would be banned.

SMITH QUILTS AS DEPUTY SHERIFF

Vern Smith, for the past five years a deputy of the Jackson county sheriff's office, today announced his resignation, effective March 1. He gave no reason for leaving his post, which he has held for the past five years.

Smith was hired by the late Sheriff Syd I. Brown as chief of criminal investigations and has handled all criminal complaints received by the sheriff's office during that time.

He is the oldest man from point of continuous service in the county office.

Six-Day Hiccoughs Danger Man's Life

Coeur d'Alene, Ida., Jan. 31—(U.P.)—B. A. Bushey, 75, was in serious condition today after hospital attendants failed to stop a six-day attack of hiccoughs. Bushey has been in the hospital since May when he suffered a stroke and the hiccoughing was aggravating his condition.

BRITISH TO JOIN IN OCCUPATION OF DEFEATED JAPAN

Arrival Within a Week Will Hasten Return of Many GIs—Welcome Extended.

Washington, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—A British commonwealth force of land, sea and air units will start moving into Japan within a week to share occupation duties and hasten repatriation of "many" American troops, the State department announced today.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, in a statement from his headquarters in Tokyo, extended the "heartiest possible welcome" to the men from Australia, New Zealand, India and United Kingdom who are about to share the "arduous and difficult duties" of occupation.

Their presence, said the supreme allied commander, "will materially broaden the base along international lines of a burden which up to this time has, of necessity, been carried to a large extent unilaterally by the United States forces and cannot fail to be of overall beneficial effect."

"It will enable a diminution in our own strength and will thereby bring welcome relief to many individuals."

The State department said MacArthur would readjust the schedule for withdrawing American troops as soon as possible.

Although Russia is sending no occupation troops, she is participating in the military rule of Japan. A State department spokesman said Russia had notified the U. S. that its delegates to the Allied Council under MacArthur were en route to Tokyo.

SCRAP OF PAPER EYED FOR CLUE

Chicago, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Police studied a scrap of greasy paper and a cardboard box today, hoping to learn if the fiend who butchered six-year-old Suzanne Degnan and the sadist who sent a human ear through the mail were the same person.

A small home-made box containing an adult human ear was mailed to Mrs. James Degnan, mother of the slain child. Scrawled on the inside cover was the threat:

"Will cut your ear next."

Chief of Detectives Walter Storms said investigators were comparing the handwriting on the box with that of the \$20,000 ransom note which the slayer left in Suzanne's bedroom when he kidnapped her Jan. 7.

He said the writing on the box apparently had been disguised as was that on the ransom note.

Salem, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Highway commission has issued the following road report:

Wapinitia Pass: Snowing; packed.

Santiam Pass: Snowing; chains advised.

Willamette Pass: Snowing; total snow 136 inches; packed, partly sanded, but chains advised; one-way traffic near Oakridge.

Dimes Poster Boy Leaving For Home With Souvenirs

New York, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Donald Anderson, five-year-old March of Dimes poster boy, watched his mother pack away the souvenirs of their three-week New York visit today for their return journey to Princeton, Ore.

Mrs. Edward Anderson and Donald will leave New York at 5:30 p. m. today.

From Oregon next week, they will start the last lap of the journey to the little lumber town where Donald fought and won his own battle with infantile paralysis and from which he came as a symbol of hope for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis' 1946 fund campaign.

BILBO PLANNING FILIBUSTER ON LOAN TO BRITAIN

Washington, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo, D., Miss., currently filibustering against fair employment legislation, said today he hopes to use the same tactics against the British loan.

"I am willing to filibuster (against the loan) if I can get some help," he said with a long look at the press gallery. "I am willing to be a cousin to the British, a friend, but I am tired of being Santa Claus."

Bilbo said his filibusters in the past had saved the federal treasury \$500,000,000 in appropriations. But now, he said, he hopes to save the country \$4,400,000,000 the overall amount of the projected loan.

"If we give the English this," he continued, "we will have to give Russia \$6,000,000,000, and then France will want some, and then Belgium will want some, and so on."

Sen. Morse Derided
Bilbo derided Sen. Wayne C. Morse, R., Ore., who has helped to lead a move to limit debate and break the anti-FEPC filibuster.

He said that in 1943 there was a two-month filibuster against the bills affecting Oregon. He reminded the senate that Morse was from Oregon and added:

"Huh! And now the FEPC boys start a cloture petition while we have been talking only a few days."

Northern democrats and most senate republicans favor establishment of a permanent fair employment practice commission. Together they form a senate majority. But that did not impress Bilbo.

"The majority is not always right," he asserted. "A mob is a majority. They're not right."

LINCOLN BANQUET WILL HEAR TOOZE

LaMar Tooze, Portland, will speak at the annual meeting of the Jackson County Lincoln club which was announced today by George Carter, county clerk and president of the club. Carter stated that the meeting, traditionally a banquet, will be held Feb. 12 at the Elks' club in Ashland, beginning at 6:45 p. m.

A complete program has not yet been planned, Carter said. Tickets will go on sale throughout the county in the near future.

Tooze has been identified with state and national activities of the Republican party for many years.

LONG DISTANCE CALLS CHEAPER TOMORROW

Washington, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Reductions in long-distance telephone rates expected to save users an estimated \$20,000,000 a year become effective tomorrow, the federal communications commission announced today.

The largest savings, estimated at \$16,000,000 annually, will go to users making calls over distances between 340 to 2,140 miles.

CHINESE AGREE ON COALITION TO END OLD STRIFE

Interim Government to Rule Until New Democratic Constitution Is Adopted.

Chungking, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—China's 18 years of civil strife ended tonight when leaders of the nation's major parties agreed unanimously on formation of a coalition government to rule until the new democratic constitution is adopted next spring.

The interim government plan was approved without a dissenting vote at an extraordinary session of the people's consultative assembly which has been meeting almost continuously for the past month to work out a national unification program.

Five-Plank Platform
The delegates, representing all of China's leading political factions, adopted five resolutions on which the broad platform of national unity will be erected.

The resolutions fixed the size and political makeup of the national and communist army, reorganization of the government set-up, and outlined a program of national reconstruction.

The military resolution called for reduction of the national army to 90 divisions and the communist forces to 20 divisions, both to merge and reorganize along western lines under supervision of a joint committee, with U. S. Ambassador Gen. George C. Marshall as special adviser.

Communist leader Chou En-Lai pledged his party's support to the new unity program "for the establishment of a new and peaceful China."

COLD BLANKETS MOST OF NATION

By United Press
Cold blanketed most of the nation today, with the exception of the extreme southeastern states, where temperatures ranged in the low eighties and high seventies.

Sub-zero readings, accompanied by winds of near-gale force, swept the north central region. The national low was 19 degrees below zero at Jamestown, N. D., and Ashley, N. D., and Aberdeen, S. D., both reported temperatures of 17 below at midnight.

The federal forecaster at Chicago said that the cold wave was centered over the Dakotas, western Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa, but would move eastward as the day progressed.

Heavy snow was reported throughout Michigan's lower peninsula, and in Iowa, where blizzard conditions were recorded late yesterday.

Pastor's Confession Starts Probe Into Family Affairs

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 31—(U.P.)—The swiftly-widening probe into the family affairs of a Grand Rapids, Mich., pastor who has confessed he poisoned his daughter, extended into Dixon, Ill., today where his first wife died in 1929.

Rev. Frank Siple, 53-year-old pastor of the Southlawn Church of God, confessed this morning that he had poisoned his daughter, Dorothy, 17, in 1939. He made the confession in his jail cell where he is held on a charge of attempted murder of Lyle Doan, an aide of his church.

With the confession, made to Kent County Prosecutor Menso R. Bolt, the examination into Siple's family affairs moved toward Dixon where Siple was pastor for a time.

Telephone 4956 If Mail Tribune Delivery Fails

A new complaint service for Mail Tribune subscribers was announced today by Gerald T. Latham, circulation manager. Beginning tomorrow, the Hinkle Parcel Delivery Service will accept telephone calls between 6 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. from persons who have not received their papers. The parcel delivery service will deliver all papers missed which are reported during those hours. Calls may be made from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Sundays. The telephone number is 4956.

Last Sunday the Mail Tribune reached 10,004 net paid circulation, first time in history the figure has been over 10,000.

Dale Erickson, recently discharged from the army, has been added to the circulation staff and will aid in supervision of the 31 city carriers.

RECONNAISSANCE AROUND HAWAII SAID NEGLECTED

Washington, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Vice Adm. Patrick N. L. Bellinger, former commander of naval air defenses in Hawaii, said today there was no long-range reconnaissance prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor because he had no information indicating a need for it.

Bellinger told the Pearl Harbor investigating committee he saw none of the warning messages sent from Washington to Hawaii until several days after the Dec. 7, 1941, attack.

Papers Only Warning
The only information he had regarding the tense relations between the United States and Japan came from reading Honolulu newspapers, Bellinger testified.

"The information available to me—limited and unofficial as it was—did not indicate that I should recommend to the commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet that distant patrol plane search for the security of Pearl Harbor be undertaken at that time," he said.

In the absence of such information, he added, "the patrol planes available were carrying out their regularly assigned schedules when the Japanese struck."

Sufferer Dies As Night Aid Refused

Los Angeles, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Herbert G. Sewell, 74, past master of the Garvey American Legion Post and member of a famous Canadian family, died of a heart attack today at his Monterey Park, Cal., home after unsuccessfully seeking medical assistance.

His sisters, Leta and Aimee Sewell, said the dying man telephoned them at their home and told them that four doctors had refused to make a night call at his residence.

"I don't know what you'll find if you dig my first wife's body up," Siple told Bolt. "But I swear I didn't kill her."

Bolt said he would seek a murder warrant against Siple in his daughter's death and ask Dixon authorities to exhume the body of the pastor's first wife, Bertie, who died there in December, 1929.

Siple told Bolt that he poisoned his daughter because she was mentally incompetent and he did not want her to go to an asylum.

Siple originally was accused of attempting to kill Doan by beating him with a 14-inch lead pipe.

The alleged attack and attempt to poison Doan was the result of a long and bitter feud between the two churchmen over religious administration matters.

SEARCHERS LEAVE FOR BURNED AREA ON FOREST PEAK

Wyoming Wilds Hold Fate of Eastbound Liner—Crew Members From Portland.

Rawlins, Wyo., Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Searching parties left Rawlins today for a burned-out area in the forest on Elk mountain where a United Air Lines plane was believed to have crashed with 18 passengers and a crew of three.

The burned-out area was about 150 or 200 feet below the top of the rugged 11,000-foot mountain, some 50 miles east of Rawlins.

Fire Seen Early
The fire on the mountain was reported about 3 o'clock this morning—just a few minutes after the United Mainliner, en route east from Portland, Ore., and Boise, Ida., reported that it was passing Sinclair, Wyo., on its course.

The burned-out area was explored from the air a few hours later by Capt. Frank Crismon, assistant superintendent of flight operations for United Air Lines from Denver, and he reported that he was certain that it was the site of the crash.

Clouds closed in on the mountain before he could make a close investigation, however, and he said he did not see any wreckage, and he did not see any sign of life.

Crew From Portland
The missing plane was carrying 12 military personnel and six civilian passengers, in addition to its crew of three, it was said at the air lines office in Denver.

The war department said that the names of the military personnel aboard would not be disclosed until after next of kin had been notified.

The crew members were all from Portland, Ore. They were identified as Walter P. Briggs, pilot; Harry M. Atlas, co-pilot, and Miss Dorothy Jean Carter, stewardess.

The civilians were listed as H. R. Glover, 2315 East 13th St., Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. Edward H. Blake, Richland, Wash.; R. S. Pirle, 53 East 67th St., New York; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bender, Sheffield, Ill., and W. Petrack of New York, street address unknown.

The first report of the fire on Elk mountain was made to Mrs. Boyd Hammond, wife of a regional grazer at Rawlins. Someone who did not give his name called her about 3 a. m. to report a forest fire.

That was about 20 minutes after the Mainliner gave its position as over Sinclair, Sinclair, an oil refinery town formerly known as Parco, is six miles east of Rawlins.

"Those familiar with the mountain said it would be late today, and possibly sometime tomorrow, before the ground parties could climb to the fire area."

TALL GERANIUMS CALIFORNIA BOAST

Los Angeles, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—The All-Year club searched today for a geranium "as tall as a house" to substantiate Mrs. Lillian P. Budd's enthusiastic boast of California's floral wonders to skeptical Illinois friends.

In a letter to the club, Mrs. Budd said that Geneva, Ill., neighbors had doubted her veracity when she told them that geraniums grew "as tall as a house" in southern California, her former home.

Mrs. Budd asked that the longest stemmed of the species be cut and sent to her as proof.

"You might write a letter saying you had to cut it off 10 feet from the ground so it would fit in a railroad car," she added.

Army Wives Plan To Join Husbands

Washington, Jan. 31—(U.P.)—Thousands of army wives and children began laying plans today to join their GI husbands and fathers overseas this spring.

Some congressmen noted, however, that the plan announced yesterday, does not apply to the average enlisted man. For the time being at least only the dependents of officers, three grades of sergeant and certain civilians will be eligible.