

MACHINISTS REBEL AGAINST AFL

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday with light rain. Little change in temperature. Temp. Highest yesterday 56. Lowest this morning 33.

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OIL MAN FAILS TO GET APOLOGY FROM SEN. TOBEY

Suggestion For Deal with Senate Naval Affairs Committee Made by Saltonstall

Washington, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Edwin W. Pauley today agreed to "take under advisement" a suggestion that he withdraw his nomination to be undersecretary of the navy.

The suggestion was made by Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, R., Mass., after Pauley had demanded without success a public apology from Sen. Charles W. Tobey, R., N. H., for the charge that Pauley sold oil to Japan shortly before Pearl Harbor.

Saltonstall asked Pauley whether, if the senate naval affairs committee vindicates him in the oil sales, he would be willing to ask President Truman to withdraw the nomination. Saltonstall said Pauley need not answer if he didn't want to.

"Let me take that under advisement," Pauley replied. "That suggestion is not unique. I've seen it in all the papers. I just want to remind you that I'm still here."

Two Democratic senators have publicly advocated Pauley's nomination be withdrawn. They are Sens. Tom Stewart, D., Tenn., and Claude Pepper, D., Fla.

Saltonstall's question marked the first time that such a suggestion has been made at the tumultuous committee hearings. It came shortly after Pauley returned to the witness stand and called on Tobey to make a public apology "as a matter of plain decency and fair dealing."

Near Treason Charge

Pauley said that Tobey, in accusing him of selling oil to Japan, directly or indirectly, after June, 1938, and that "is based not on hearsay or supposition or imagination or even politics."

Tobey made no answer to Pauley's demand for an apology.

Pauley then shouted: "I ask that this committee—in view of the facts and in the absence of a retraction by Sen. Tobey of this unwarranted and unfounded charge against me—completely exonerate me from this foul, irrational and malicious charge and stigma."

He said Tobey's charge was an "unjustifiable smear."

FORESTRY LEASES ASHLAND OFFICE

An office on the second floor of the Taylor building in Ashland has been secured for the Ashland branch of the Rogue River Forest service. It was announced today at the headquarters office in Medford. The branch will be opened in the near future when a staff has been appointed, it was said.

A site for the new Prospect ranger station has been selected and William I. Turner, Portland, from the division of engineering of the forest service, and Robert H. Mercer, construction superintendent for the forest, are in Prospect today attending to preliminary details concerning construction of the station.

Establishment of the branch office and new ranger station are part of a re-organization plan for the forest announced a few weeks ago by Karl Janouch, forest supervisor.

Candidates Vote in Argentine Election



(Acme Telephoto)

Juan D. Peron, Laborite candidate for President of Argentina (left) and Democratic Party candidate Jose P. Tamborini (right) cast their ballots during one of most enthusiastic elections in nation's history. Federal troops, stationed at polls, maintained order and quiet as about 3,000,000 voters cast ballots in the Argentine's first election in nine years. Result of the voting will not be known officially until possibly March.

France to Close Spanish Frontier; Renew Requests for Action by UNO

Paris, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—The French government decided today to close the frontier between France and Spain at midnight March 1 and to renew requests to the United States and Britain for action against the Franco regime.

Reliable sources said the cabinet also decided to refer the Spanish situation to the UNO Security Council.

84 GIVEN TICKETS ON IMPROPER USE OF PARK METERS

Approximately 84 citations for failure to use, or improper use of the newly installed city parking meters were given motorists yesterday by city police. The citations, which will net the city at least \$42 in fines or forfeited bail, can be settled in police headquarters anytime, police said, by the motorist forfeiting bail of 50 cents when appearing within 24 hours after the citation. Additional \$1 per day will be charged following the first 24 hour period.

Drivers are failing to bring car radiators up to the meters, according to Clyde Fichtner, city traffic officer, some are paying machines in back of the car. Another fault among motorists is the failure of drivers to turn the handle of the meters completely down. With insertion of the first coin, the handle should be brought all the way down, at which time the red warning flag disappears. After second payment the meter should be sure the time indicator goes to time paid for, Fichtner said.

Painting of parking spaces in the metered area is to be undertaken by the city very soon, according to the officer.

SOCIALITE TO WED

Baltimore, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Rachel Cooke, Baltimore socialite, today announced her engagement to Col. James Devoreux of Chevy Chase, Md., commander of the heroic marine garrison on Wake Island at the beginning of World War II.

TELEGRAPHERS STRIKE

Chungking, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—At least 100,000 telegraph workers were on strike today throughout China in support of their demand for higher wages to meet skyrocketing prices.

BOY ACCUSED

Lewiston, Idaho, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—A 16-year-old boy who allegedly stole three cars in Washington and Idaho during the past month was being held today under a \$1,000 bond.

AWAY TOO LONG

Hollywood, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Actress Natalie Draper today said she planned to divorce Merrill Pye, MGM art director, because his absences while working on a film in Mexico made him "almost like a stranger."

MEAT PRICE HIKE 1 1-2 PER CENT DUE NEXT MONTH

Government Wage Stabilization Board Acts to Clear Industry Wage Disputes.

Washington, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—The government announced today that meat prices will be increased 1 1/2 per cent for the average family within the next month as a result of wage increases in the meatpacking industry.

At the same time, the wage stabilization board released three orders to clear the way for settlement of the wage disputes which resulted in a nationwide strike and government seizure Jan. 26 of most of the meat packing industry.

Wage Hike Ordered

One of the orders directed the agricultural department, the government operating agency, to put into effect a 16-cent hourly wage increase for 90,000 production workers in seized plants of the five major packing companies.

A second order provided for the same pay increase for 36,000 white collar workers employed in the same plants.

The third order established a "wage pattern" for the packing industry under the government's new wage-price policy. It granted automatic approval of 16-cent wage increases for all packing plants whose wage scales normally follow changes in the wages of "the big five."

Bowles' First Act

The price announcement was made by stabilization administrator Chester Bowles—his first since taking over his new duties as chief of the office of economic stabilization.

The higher wholesale ceilings will be announced about March 11, Bowles said, and retail ceiling increases will be made effective "as soon thereafter as possible."

BRITISH ROUND UP JEWISH SUSPECTS

Jerusalem, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Police arrested 5,000 Jews in the Lydda area today in an unprecedented hunt for the terrorists who attacked three RAF air fields last night and escaped after a running gun battle with British troops.

Police authorities said all the arrested Jews were being held for questioning in connection with the airfield raids.

Simultaneously, British army headquarters ordered all civilian vehicles off interurban roads throughout Palestine from sunset to sunrise. The order forbade all but military vehicular traffic between towns during those hours.

The British and Jews fought a prolonged gun battle after the third attack early today.

CODY HONORED

Washington, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Sen. E. V. Robertson, R., Wyo., today paid tribute to William "Buffalo Bill" Cody on the 100th anniversary of his birth. Robertson, whose home town was named after the famed frontiersman, said Buffalo Bill represented "the great Roman of the west."

DRIVER KILLED

Ontario, Ore., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—John Tolbert Gillespie, 23, Huntington, Ore., was killed last night when the automobile he was driving collided with a truck, on the highway between here and Huntington, the Oregon state police office reported today.

EDUCATION BOARD FACING PROBLEM, SMITH DECLARES

State Board Member Feels Klamath Barracks Project Answer to Housing Lack.

Edgar W. Smith, chairman of the finance committee of the state board of higher education, said here today that the board is facing a serious problem in the shortage of housing and educational facilities for veterans at the state schools. Smith said he believes the proposed renovation of the Klamath Falls Marine Barracks into a part of the state system of higher education is the answer to the shortage of existing facilities. The board is in favor of the Klamath Falls project, according to Smith, only on a temporary basis as an ideal setup for the emergency.

The higher education board stated Sunday it is willing to take over the project, offered to the state by the navy, if it gets satisfactory answers to two questions: Will the navy give the \$6,500,000 plant to the state with no strings attached? How much will it cost to convert the buildings to living quarters and classrooms and will the state emergency board put up the money to do the job?

Ashlanders Assent

Mr. Smith discussed the proposed acquisition of the barracks as a part of the state educational system with a group of Ashland business men yesterday. Establishment of a temporary school to be operated only during the housing emergency, created by the great influx of veterans in state schools, was approved by the business men. However, the group opposed any steps that would tend toward establishment of the school where only preparatory courses without issuance of degrees would be offered.

E. H. Hedrick, Medford city school superintendent, told the group that such a policy at the proposed school would be disastrous until the state is financially able to care for the needs of the present colleges and universities, which should be able to care for the situation when the veteran emergency ends.

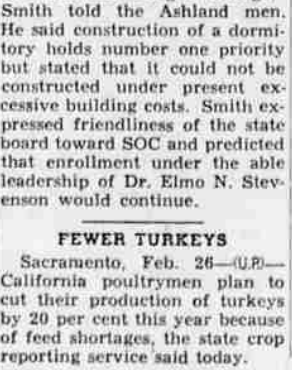
SOC To Grow

"There are good days ahead for Southern Oregon college," Smith told the Ashland men. He said construction of a dormitory holds number one priority but stated that it could not be constructed under present excessive building costs. Smith expressed friendliness of the state board toward SOC and predicted that enrollment under the leadership of Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson would continue.

FEWER TURKEYS

Sacramento, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—California poultrymen plan to cut their production of turkeys by 20 per cent this year because of feed shortages, the state crop reporting service said today.

India Natives Stop Train by Sitting on Tracks



Rebellious natives rush railroad station and sit on track to prevent movement of Calcutta express at Naihati, India, in growing Indian riots against British government.

NEGRO RIOTERS SUBDUED AFTER NIGHT-LONG FIGHT

Columbia, Tenn., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Rioting negroes who had battled police during the night were being subdued today after a night of bloodshed in which seven persons were wounded.

Acting to put down Tennessee's worst racial disorder in years, more than 500 state highway patrolmen raided a two-block negro business area known as the "Mink Slide" area. More than 40 negroes had been arrested.

The wounded included four city policemen, two white men and a negro.

State Safety Director Lynn Bomar led some 20 highway police with drawn guns as they rushed the home of James K. Morton, Columbia negro undertaker. No resistance was offered, although six shotguns, several pistols and a quantity of ammunition were found in the house.

A bar and a quantity of liquor also were found in the house, Bomar said. Maury county is a dry county. Four negro women in the house were not held.

YOUNG CHINESE VENT HATRED IN ANTI-RED MARCH

Chungking, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Twenty-five thousand Chinese students and professors from 40 schools staged a mammoth anti-Russian parade in Chungking today.

The marchers, about one-third of whom were girls, carried placards in Chinese, English and Russian asking "Russia: Friend or Enemy?"

The Kuomintang's own central political institute and the government's central police academy led the parade, second of its kind to be staged in the Chinese capital.

Russia Lamponed

The youthful marchers carried huge cartoons depicting Russia variously as a bear wrestling for Manchuria, the latter decorated with the hammer and sickle.

The parade was started a short time after Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek urged the Chinese people to "trust that the government is doing its utmost to achieve a reasonable settlement of the northeastern problems."

Chiang spoke at a morning memorial service.

NEWSBOY ADMITS BRUTAL KILLING

Los Angeles, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Leroy Harris Geiger, 24-year-old newsboy, today told police he stabbed and killed Mrs. May Despero, 31, whose nude body was found in a downtown parking lot, because he "wanted to see blood."

Mrs. Despero had been gagged, stabbed 21 times and apparently assaulted, police said. Her body was discovered in a bus company's parking lot early today with all her clothes, except a pair of blue bobbysocks, ripped off her.

The termite builds the largest structures in the world except those built by man—nests 35 feet high or higher.

ICKES SUCCESSOR IS PUBLIC POWER EXPERT, J. A. KRUG

Washington, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—President Truman in a surprise action today named J. A. Krug, 38-year-old public power expert, to be secretary of interior.

Krug, if confirmed by the senate, will fill the post that was held for 13 years by Harold I. Ickes. Ickes, challenging Mr. Truman's veracity, quit in a dispute over the appointment of Edwin W. Pauley to be undersecretary of navy.

The president, in announcing selection of Krug, said he had considered a large number of names.

On Duty March 15

Assuming that he is confirmed—and Mr. Truman seemed to have no doubts on that score—Krug will take over the cabinet post on March 15.

Krug never has held political office, but has spent most of his career in the public utility field, where he specialized in electrical power. Long an advocate of public distribution of electrical power, he became a key executive in the Tennessee Valley Authority in the early stage of its development.

Krug is a legal resident of Wisconsin, where he was born and educated.

Father Release Effort Rejected

Washington, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—The senate military affairs committee today rejected a bill to force prompt release of all drafted fathers.

Chairman Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah, said the vote was 8 to 5.

JAMES H. OWEN IN CRITICAL CONDITION

James H. Owen, 15 Keene Way Drive, remains in a critical condition as a result of injuries suffered yesterday afternoon. It was reported this afternoon at Sacred Heart hospital. Owen was struck by a Rogue Valley bus on South Central avenue while he was crossing the street.

There are 215 inmates in the Wyoming state penitentiary.

S. F. BAY WORKERS EXCHANGE BLOWS IN UNION MEETING

International Officers Told To "Suspend Us and Be Damned"; Return Balked.

San Francisco, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Striking AFL machinists openly rebelled against their international officers today, demanded to be suspended and broke up a meeting called in an attempt to end their 121-day strike after several brief and bloodless exchanges of blows.

Edward F. Dillon and Harry Hook, business agents of lodge 88, were backed by a strong majority of the approximately 6,000 machinists present, as they took control of the meeting away from Harvey Brown, IAM international president, and adjourned the meeting before a return-to-work vote could be taken.

Fights Break Out

During a hectic 30-minute session, a number of fights broke out on the auditorium floor and machinists shook their fists at Brown, shouting "Suspend us and be damned."

The meeting had been called by Brown when attempts to negotiate the strike for wage increase were unsuccessful. Brown had planned to take a secret ballot to determine whether the membership supported the strike.

Brown said the IAM executive council would hold a special session today, but refused to say what disciplinary action might be taken.

By United Press

A threatened transit tieup in New York city was averted today, and striking city workers at Houston, Tex., were reinstated after an AFL demonstration. The CIO Transit Workers union had threatened to walkout an hour after midnight tonight but officers conferred with Mayor William O'Dwyer and a compromise was reached whereby the union arranged to withdraw its demand for exclusive bargaining rights for the city's transit workers.

At Houston, a city of half a million, 10,000 AFL unionists staged a mass demonstration to protest the firing of 700 striking city employees. The demonstrators sent representatives to state their case to Mayor Otis Massey. Massey promised to return the city workers to employ status.

Elsewhere in the nation strikes and shutdowns kept 789,000 workers idle.

JURY SUGGESTS ESCORT PATROL

The new grand jury, J. Frank Carson, Butte Falls, foreman, adjourned yesterday afternoon after a short session. No criminal matters were brought to their attention.

In a report to the court, the grand jury stated it had inspected the county jail and found it well managed and clean. They said they also inspected the courthouse and found it well kept and in good condition.

The grand jury also investigated a number of motor vehicle fatalities the past two months, on the Pacific highway in the Siskiyou and the Green Springs Mountain road between Ashland and Klamath Falls, and recommended, when these roads are a menace to motorists by reason of ice and snow, that motorists be stopped or provided with an escort patrol.

Berserk Driver Slashes Three For Criticism

San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Going berserk because of "back seat driving" was blamed by officers today for John Laakso, 52, of Boreen, allegedly knifing his wife and two friends.

After the slashings, Laakso jumped from the car, and a mounted posse lost his trail in Lucerne Valley.

Undersheriff Harry W. Heap said Mrs. Laakso and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Martin of Santa Ana were riding with Laakso when he became enraged at criticisms of his driving over mountain roads. He drew a knife, slashed at Martin, then wounded the two women. The three were treated at San Bernardino county hospital.