

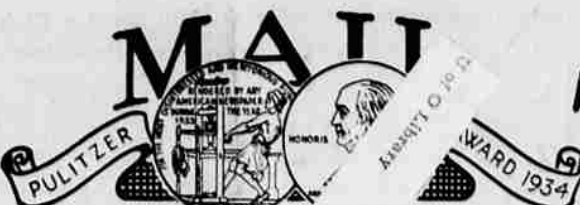
WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional light rain in valley and snow over mountains tonight and Wednesday. Slightly warmer tonight.

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PHONE WORKERS AGREE TO DELAY STRIKE 16 DAYS

Washington, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—The CIO Telephone Workers today agreed to a government request to postpone for 16 days the nationwide telephone strike that had been scheduled to begin tomorrow morning.

The postponement was asked by Cyrus S. Ching, chief of the federal mediation service, to permit more time for collective bargaining in the contract dispute between the union and the Bell System.

The new strike deadline is now February 24.

The union had threatened to pull out 100,000 telephone workers across the country tomorrow. And union officials said if they struck picket lines would be thrown "around every tele-

phone exchange, to make the strike nationwide."

But Ching told both union and Bell System officials yesterday they should make one more attempt to "peaceably resolve" their dispute and he asked for the postponement.

In accepting Ching's proposal, Union President Joseph A. Beirne said he was postponing the strike "with the firm intention of bargaining with the companies night and day to bring the issues to a mutually satisfactory conclusion."

The union is demanding "a substantial wage increase, the shorter work week, and nearly a dozen other improvements in its contract with the Bell companies."

In a telegram to Ching, Beirne once again accused the Bell Systems of bargaining in bad faith and said that if the dispute is not settled by February 24 "there will be a strike."

Ching, meanwhile, has ordered all federal labor conciliators to step up their efforts to bring locals of the Communications Workers union and the Bell Systems closer to a new contract.

11,000 Directly Involved
The dispute involves directly only the 11,000 installation and repairmen employed by the Western Electric company, a Bell System affiliate. But if these workers strike, the remaining 310,000 CWA workers intend to respect their picket lines.

The walkout would be the second nationwide telephone strike in history. The last one, in 1947, ended in a defeat for the old National Federation of Telephone Workers, an independent union that was replaced by the CIO affiliate.

\$200,000 Damage In Oakland Blaze

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—A three-alarm fire razed a half-block of wooden buildings, including a hotel, in downtown Oakland early today, causing an estimated \$200,000 damage.

Fifteen persons were led to safety from the two-story Eagle hotel after they were aroused by two navy shore patrolmen and a police officer.

Patrolman William O. Hecker, 25, and Police Officer Robert Leen entered the building while Patrolman James A. Correll, 25 turned in the alarm. Correll then returned and assisted Hecker and Leen.

Three Firemen Hurt
Three firemen were injured, two of them when a roof fell around them and trapped them in the blazing building. They were Captain Barney Muldowney, 63, and Hoseman Ralph Wailes, 22. They were taken to a hospital where they were reported in good condition after treatment for shock and inhalation of smoke.

The fire started in the West Coast Paint factory about 12:45 a.m. It apparently caused a boiler explosion, which sent the flames upward through the frame buildings at 16th and San Pablo avenues, only a block away from the Oakland city hall.

Pneumonia Epidemic Feared In Palestine

Jerusalem, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—Authorities feared today that a pneumonia epidemic might sweep Israel and Jordan-held Palestine as the Middle East struggled under the heaviest blanket of snow within memory.

The freak storm, with snow, wind and cold, has battered the Middle East since Friday, bringing misery to thousands of refugees and immigrants in camps in Israel and Arab territory.

In the Jerusalem area, which was covered with a three-foot blanket of snow, hundreds of roofs collapsed under the weight of the snow.

Rogue River Girl Rescued From Drowning In Millpond

Rogue River, Feb. 7.—Della Randleman, 10, is alive today because of the efforts of Douglas Combs, 25, who almost lost his own life while rescuing the girl from a frozen millpond here after she broke through the ice.

The incident occurred Sunday afternoon when Della and her brother, Dickie, nine, and a playmate, Carol Pinkle, 10, went out on the ice of the old mill pond here. All three children broke through the ice, but Dickie was near shore and waded out unassisted, and spread the alarm for the girls.

Rescue Party
Sydney Deselle, who lives across the river, heard Dickie's yell, and quickly gathered a rescue party of 10 men, which rushed to the pond. Carol was about eight feet from the shore, and was pulled in without difficulty.

DIPHTHERIA REPORTED
Grants Pass, Feb. 7.—Three cases of diphtheria have been reported in Josephine county in recent weeks, with the most recent one a woman living in the Hugo area.

Radio Highlights

Radio Station KWIN (1400 kc) will broadcast the Oregon-Washington State basketball game from Pullman, Wash., tonight, starting at 7:30.



JAILED AS ATOM SPY—Dr. Klaus Emil Julius Fuchs (above), a top British atomic scientist trusted with some of America's biggest A-bomb secrets, was arrested by Scotland Yard agents in London on a tip from American FBI agents investigating Russian espionage. He was charged with giving unidentified agents information useful to an enemy.

Harris Ellsworth Sees Delay For River Development

Congressman Harris Ellsworth believes that the proposed Rogue basin reclamation project will receive no congressional action during the current session of congress.

In his weekly letter to the press of his district, the Roseburg representative said that a delay in the completion of additional data on the project slowed the reclamation bureau's report, and that there is much routine to be completed before the matter can be presented to congress.

His letter said:
All field reports on the Rogue river reclamation project will be in the hands of department of interior officials here within a few days. This project, which if approved by the department and authorized by congress, would provide flood control, irrigation and power in the Rogue river valley. The survey has been under way for ten years but thus far no formal recommendation has been made by the department. Department action is now expected within two or three weeks.

Last fall the department told me their study of the proposal would be completed and ready for submission to congress early in January. The failure to meet that schedule was due, I am informed, by delay in the completion of data from the field offices.

Much Detail
After all data is in the Washington office the project will then be reviewed by the program committee of the department of interior. That committee is made up of the bureau heads of the department. It then goes to the secretary for his approval or rejection. If it is approved it is submitted to the governor of the state and to interested government departments for their comments and suggestions. Following the completion of this procedure the report on the proposed project is sent to congress.

There is no way of accurately estimating how much time all this routine will take, but I am ready to guess now that there will be no congressional action on the project during this session.

Fate Of Carol Paight Rests With Jury

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—The fate of 21-year-old Carol Ann Paight, who killed her best pal, her father, to save him from a torturing death by cancer, was placed in the hands of a middle-aged jury of nine mothers and three fathers today.

The jury began deliberations at 3:16 p. m. EST after a charge of 1 hour and 12 minutes by Presiding Judge John A. Corneil.

Then Combs, who operates a nearby tavern, tied a rope around his waist and swam out to Della. He collapsed from exhaustion when he reached her, just as she lost her hold on the ice. But she was able to cling to his clothing, and both were pulled ashore with the rope.

They were taken to the Josephine county hospital, and were all released except Della, who is reported to be recovering.

WORST DELAY OF TRAFFIC EASED AT RUSSIAN BORDER

Berlin, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—The Russian slowdown of traffic on the Berlin truck highway produced its worst traffic jam today and then unaccountably eased off.

Around midday more than 200 German trucks were backed up on each side of the Russian zonal border check point at Helmstedt, 110 miles west of Berlin. Helmstedt reported it was the biggest tieup since the big blockade of 1948-49.

Situation Eases
Just as the traffic jam was paralyzing all movement over the zonal border, the Soviet guards and their German police assistants began passing 10 to 14 trucks an hour.

American officials said the situation had "eased considerably" by midafternoon, but that about 200 trucks still were lined up for clearance.

"The jam is still pretty bad," said Charles A. Dix, U. S. transport chief in Berlin, "but the Russians are letting through from 10 to 14 trucks an hour—just about the number queuing up each hour."

Air Force Limbers Up
The record squeeze by the Russians came in the wake of big events. The U. S. air force in Germany had just started maneuvers to see that its blockade-ready transport units were ready to go again if necessary.

Talk of a communist putsch against the west Berlin government circulated here. The West German government had decided to stop the shipment of steel to East Germany. A new American policy for Germany was set forth yesterday by U. S. High Commissioner, John J. McCloy.

Charles A. Dix, U. S. transport chief in Berlin, said that 150 trucks bound for western Germany were damming up behind the Helmstedt check point at midday.

More than 60 were held up for clearance along the highway east to Berlin.

Through an official publication the Russians invited the western powers to use more trains if they wanted to avoid congestion on the Berlin highway.

The invitation appeared in the Soviet newspaper Tagliche Rundschau.

The paper said there was no blockade of Berlin but that truck traffic must be thoroughly checked because of smuggling.

Ex-Associates Of Mickey Cohen Held In Blast Inquiry

Los Angeles, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—The former associates of Mickey Cohen with long police records were arrested early today in connection with the dynamiting of the little mobster's home.

Police charged Joe Sico, 38, his brother, Fred, co-owners of a health center and a shirt store and Salvatore Piscopo, 54, alias Dago Louis Marli, on suspicion of assault with intent to commit murder.

Arrest Follows Blast
They were arrested less than 24 hours after would-be assassins touched off "between 20 and 30 sticks of dynamite" at Cohen's west Los Angeles home. The blast ripped open his bedroom and knocked the fashionable residential district for blocks around.

Cohen escaped death only because he was in his wife's room. Neither she, Cohen, a maid, their boxer dog nor residents of seven neighboring homes that were damaged suffered injuries.

Inspector Jack Donahue said arrests of the Sica brothers and Piscopo were part of a roundup of underworld figures.

Free On Bail
The Sica brothers were free on \$7,500 bail after their indictment with 14 others January 19 in connection with a west coast narcotics ring.

Two men seen prowling in Cohen's neighborhood when the homemade bomb went off had been sought as suspects in the assassination attempt. Officers said they were seen roaming the streets in a black sedan at the time the dynamite exploded.

Police said the sedan was seen about 4:20 a.m. yesterday at the time the dynamite exploded.

Asked To Move
Although Cohen maintained he was a legitimate businessman without enemies, his neighbors demanded that he move.

"It has become frightening here," Mrs. William Gude said. "Something should be done to give us 24-hour protection so long as the Cohens are living here."

Strauss Resigns As Member of AEC

Washington, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—President Truman today accepted the resignation of Lewis L. Strauss as a member of the atomic energy commission.

The resignation is effective April 15.

Strauss, in a letter dated January 31, said he is quitting to return to "my private affairs from which I have been separated for so long."

He said that between now and April 15 he will give all possible help to the new AEC chairman who has yet to be named by Mr. Truman.

SEVERE FLOODS IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY POSSIBLE

Portland, Ore., Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—The flood potential of a record Willamette valley snowpack is "high" and a "severe winter flood" could occur with heavy rains and abnormal temperatures, the soil conservation service warned today.

The Willamette valley in northwestern Oregon takes in the major cities of Portland, Salem and Eugene.

Water Content High
Partial snow survey reports showed the pack at scattered stations had the highest water content in the region's records.

Saniam Junction reported 33.8 inches of water compared to the average of 14.4 for this time of year. Marion Forks had 27.8 compared to an 8.2 normal. Still Creek station noted 31.8 against 12.7 for 10 years' surveys.

In each case the readings were all-time records.

W. T. Frost, in charge of snow studies, said his figures indicated a potential flood hazard "somewhat greater than last February, when heavy rains and melting after mid-February sent the Willamette and many of its tributaries well above flood stage."

Meanwhile, the weather bureau forecast rain for two days with maximum temperatures ranging between 42 and 52.

The bureau's river predictions for the next three days called for "normal to substantial" rises of northwest Oregon streams, with a statement that warm weather and continued rains could speed up the runoff to a threatening rate.

Damage caused by one of the coldest and most snow-filled Januaries in Pacific northwest history continued to mount.

Republican Party Adopts Platform For 1950 Campaign

Washington, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—Republicans campaigned to recapture congress today with charges that the Truman administration has failed to stop communism abroad and that its domestic program is socialist.

They promised that a GOP victory in November would put new meaning into bi-partisan conduct of foreign affairs and halt the homefront trend toward socialism.

Platform Adopted
The platform on which the republican party is pitching its 1950 campaign was adopted by the GOP national committee as well as the house and senate membership late yesterday after several hours of wrangling over some of its provisions.

As finally approved, the platform—or re-statement of party principles, as republicans prefer to call it—provided for:

1. A foreign policy which follows the spirit and letter of the constitution, opposes secret reductions of our full support to the United Nations, and strong policy against the spread of communism.

2. A strong national defense and promotion of world trade "on the basis of fair and reasonable competition."

Principles Threatened
3. A definite stand in favor of individual liberty against socialism. Basic American principles are threatened "by the administration's program for a planned economy modeled on the socialist governments of Europe, including price and wage control, rationing, socialized medicine, national authorities and the Brannan (farm) plan with its controls, penalties, fines and jail sentences."

4. An end to deficit spending and a return to a balanced budget; adoption of the Hoover report for greater government economies; a policy of general tax reductions; and a study of federal-state taxes to secure the sovereignty of the states.

5. Retention of the Taft-Hartley labor act, with needed improvements.

Asks Farm Program
6. A farm program which provides for fair prices and government supports without the "nationalization" effect of the Brannan plan.

7. Expansion of social security and other federal programs of aid for the aged and needy without government socialization.

8. A complete overhaul of the government's loyalty program to get all communists, fellow travelers and party sympathizers off the payroll.

9. Civil rights legislation guaranteeing equal opportunity for all to work, vote and enjoy all other protections of United States citizenship.

Regular City Council Meeting Here Tonight

Hearings on proposed grading and graveling Grant avenue between Belmont and Stewart avenues and Monroe street between Holly and Fir streets are on the council agenda for its regular meeting at 7:30 p. m. today at the city hall.

Other matters currently being studied by the council are proposed Sunday closure of used and new car agencies, new garbage rules and regulations and enlargement of the public library.

The closure and garbage matters may be considered at tonight's meeting, it was reported today. A group of dealers asked for the Sunday law but two petitions opposing such a measure have been received by the council.

LOADS REDUCED
Load limits have been imposed on another county road to prevent damage from heavy truck traffic on thaw-softened roads. County Engineer Paul Rynning said restrictions have been placed on the Dead Indian road, the first road in the southern part of the county to be restricted. Reduced load limits have also been put in effect on the Meadows and Ramsay canyon roads in the Sams Valley area.



Harry Bridges Testifies at Trial

Bridges Takes Witness Stand In Perjury Hearing

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—The long and turbulent perjury-conspiracy trial of Harry Bridges and two other longshore union officers reached its climax today when the labor leader went to the witness stand to testify in his own defense.

The Australian-born chief of 75,000 west coast longshoremen and warehousemen is accused of lying in 1945 when he denied he was or ever had been a communist.

J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt, two officers in Bridges' union, are on trial on conspiracy charges for backing up their leader's sworn oath.

Witnesses
Bridges, wearing a gray suit, a two-tone red tie and loud red socks, took the stand faced with testimony by nine government witnesses who placed him in the communist party during a 10-year period from 1933 to 1943.

Three of the government witnesses claimed he not only was a card-carrying, dues-paying member of the party but that he held a place on the executive committee, the communists' top-ranking policy-making body.

Bridges came forward to tell his own story as the trial moved into its 13th week.

Indicating he planned to spend a considerable period of time, possibly four days, on the stand, he launched his testimony by reviewing his personal history.

Family In Australia
He said he was 49 years old and that his mother, Julia Bridges, one brother and three sisters all live in Australia. His father, he said, died in 1947.

Leaning back in the witness chair, Bridges unbuttoned his coat, crossed his legs and with almost no prompting from Defense Counsel Vincent Hallinan told his story of how he went to sea in 1916 and for the next several years performed every possible task as a seaman except to cook.

The acquaintance, Uga Zatterin, said the condition of the actress and her son made it impossible for them to be photographed now.

Zatterin, employed by a magazine owned by one of Rossellini's film backers, spoke at a meeting of newsmen and photographers which Rossellini was scheduled to attend. However, Rossellini said the boy was weak because it had been born ahead of schedule.

"You understand that a premature birth affects the condition of health," he said.

Washington, Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Israel E. Hervis, Portland, Ore., was nominated today for director of the League of Women Voters. Mrs. Hervis and other director nominees will be voted on by the league's national convention at Atlantic City, April 24-28.

San Franciscans Held On Narcotics Charges

Portland, Ore., Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—Two San Franciscans were held on charges of possession of narcotics today after police trailed them to a Portland auto court.

Officers said they nabbed Carmen Anthony Bosco, 41, ex-convict, and Domingo Carrier, 39, at the end of a 26-hour stakeout. Police said the pair had 10 one-ounce packages of heroin, five more ounces loose, and about 1,000 morphine tablets in a small bottle—all worth about \$80,000 in the narcotics trade.

Both Bosco and Carrier denied selling the drugs in Portland.

Missouri's Skipper Freed Of Command Temporarily

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 7.—(U.P.)—The skipper who ran the battleship Missouri on a mudbank was relieved of his command today, "at least" temporarily, the navy said.

Adm. William H. Fechteler, commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet, said the Big Mo's former skipper, Capt. H. Page Smith, would take over the navy's only active battleship again for the time being, and at least until the legal proceedings of a naval court of inquiry are completed.

Capt. William D. Brown, who was taking the Missouri out on her first cruise under his command, faces a four-member board of inquiry which seeks to place blame for the Big Mo's humiliating 15-day stay on a Hampton Roads mudbank.

The Atlantic fleet announcement said "it is fair and proper that the commanding officer, navigator and other officers defending themselves should not have the additional burden of the responsibility of the ship during the present legal proceedings."

Admiral Fechteler said if dock