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Railroad Brotherhood Slates Strike

Locomotive Men Plan Movement To Enforce Demand

More Firemen Sought On Diesel Engines

Chicago, Apr. 17 — (U.P.) — A spokesman for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen said today the union plans to strike to enforce demands for an additional fireman on diesel locomotives, and is delaying a strike call only to clear up details of when and where it will be staged.

General Strike Unplanned

There was no indication of whether the union plans a general strike against all roads using multiple-unit diesels or confine the walkout to individual roads or regions. The strike will be called unless there is an unexpected settlement, the spokesman said.

The union today called in additional officials for a meeting here to work out details for a walkout.

The meeting adjourned until 8:30 a.m. (PST) tomorrow, pending the arrival of the additional officials.

The union claims 110,000 members on the nation's railroads.

The spokesman said no meetings have been scheduled between the firemen and management representatives.

"Determining when, where, and how we are going to strike is the only thing holding up the announcement," he said.

Sources Speculate

Railroad sources have speculated that the firemen might strike against all dieselized roads; individual roads, or all the railroads in a particular region.

The union wants the railroads to put an additional fireman on multiple-unit diesel engines.

THRONG SEES SCOUT SHOW AT ARMORY—Picture above is a general view of the main floor of the Medford armory as it looked Saturday evening when the largest "Scouting Adventure" exposition in this area's history drew a crowd estimated at more than 3,000. To the left in the foreground and middle distance are the bridge and tower constructed of logs and rope by Troop 19, Prospect, which won for them the President Christensen streamer for all-around excellence. Across the top of the picture can be seen the rope "monkey bridge," put in place by Troop 10, Medford. —(Brainerd photo).

Registration for Election Near End

Only one day remains for voters to register before the May 19 primary elections. After tomorrow, voters who have failed to register with any of the numerous registrars scattered throughout the county will have no voice in helping to determine which candidates will run for public office in the general elections next November, and in several local issues.

The registration desk in the county clerk's office will be closed at 5 p.m. tomorrow, but booths maintained by the League of Women Voters will be kept open both tonight and tomorrow night in Medford elementary schools for the convenience of Medford voters.

Those who must register are those who have failed to vote within the past two years, those who have moved to a different precinct and those who have changed their names through marriage or court action.

In addition to nominating candidates for office, voters at the primaries will be called upon to decide a number of vital local issues. A bond issue for the construction of a new pipe line to Big Butte springs, matters in connection with the improvement of the Medford fire department, and the recall of the mayor and a councilman at Ashland may all be placed on the primary ballots.

Las Vegas, Nev., Apr. 17—(U.P.) Skyscraping Actor Jerome Courtland, 23, honeymooned today with Polly Bergin, 19-year-old singer he met while taking vocal lessons.

Verdict Clarified In $50,000 Suit For Damages Here

A story in Sunday's edition of the Mail Tribune concerning the verdict in a $50,000 damage suit was subject to possible misinterpretation, it was pointed out this morning by parties involved in the litigation.

The suit was brought by Edward Gaines, seeking damages for serious injuries incurred in an accident on Jan. 23, 1948, on the Crater Lake highway near Camp White. Named as defendants were Cloyd A. Golden, driver of a truck which collided with the vehicle driven by Gaines, and B. F. Nork and the Elk Lumber company.

During the circuit court trial concluded Saturday before Judge H. K. Hanna, attorneys for Nork and Elk Lumber company contended that Golden was an independent contractor hauling lumber for Nork, and that Nork was also independent, and not an employee of Elk Lumber company.

The jury, in effect, corroborated this contention when it decided that neither Nork nor Elk were liable for damages in the case. The entire $50,000 in damages were awarded to Gaines from Golden.

Attorneys George Roberts, G. W. Kellington and Edward Branchfield successfully defended Nork in the suit, and Frank Van Dyke was counsel for Elk Lumber company. Not only were Nork and Elk cleared of liability, but under normal procedure in such cases will receive court costs from the plaintiff.

Gaines was represented by Don Newbury.

Many Thefts from Cars Reported by Police

Numerous auto owners reported thefts of accessories from their vehicles during the weekend, city police reported. The pilfering was thought to be the work of youths.

Fender skirts, hub caps, a gear shift knob and aerials were among the items missing.

Police also had a report that light bulbs were taken from the marquee at the What Not cafe.

Prospect Boys Earn Exposition Streamer

Troop 19, Prospect, received the President Christensen streamer for all-around excellence at the Boy scout exposition in the Medford armory Saturday evening, for its display of pioneering skills. The display included a tower and bridge made entirely of rope and logs.

Wally Denkins is scoutmaster of the Prospect troop.

An estimated 3,000 persons crowded into the armory during the two-hour show, scout leaders said this morning. H. D. Christensen, president of the Crater Lake area council of the Boy Scouts of America, said that the event was the "most outstanding such exposition in the history of the council."

Awards Given

Other awards presented to scout troops included the blue ribbon to Troop 5, Medford, Scoutmaster Paul Shaffer, for woodworking, and a red ribbon to Troop 35, Jacksonville, Wayne Meisner, acting and assistant scoutmaster, for woodcarving.

Cub awards included red ribbon to Pack 10, Cubmaster Don Elliott, for cub handicrafts, and the blue ribbon to Pack 44, Lone Pine, C. Taylor, cubmaster, for their peep show.

Special mention went to the following units:

Pack 8, Medford, E. M. Cooksey, cubmaster, for dancing dolls; Troop 10, Medford, Mel Cotton, scoutmaster, for their monkey bridge; Troop 3, Medford, Wes Christlieb, scoutmaster, for camping; Troop 9, Medford, Dr. W. Roberts, scoutmaster, for advancement, and to the Sea scout ship "Rogue," Skipper Bob Prow, for their breeches buoy.

Scout Executive Cliff Hanson said today that next year's plans are for a scout circus for boys from the entire council.

125 MPH Speed by Model Plane Wins

Ray Edwards, Medford, with a speed of 124.95 miles per hour, took top honors at the control line speed model airplane contest held yesterday at the Medford high school by the Medford Prop Nuts, local gas model airplane club.

Edwards won the class CD speed event using a plane of his own design with a McCoy 60 engine for power. Albert Allen, Central Point, won second in this event with a speed of 108.39, and Dale Newton, Medford, placed third with a speed of 95.71.

In the class AB event Edwards also won first with a speed of 95 miles per hour; Edwards' son, Larry, placed second with a speed of 91; John Beardsley, Klamath Falls, came in third with a speed of 85.75; Clarence Young, Medford, fourth, with 85.5, and Allen fifth, with 79 miles per hour.

Stunt Event

Clarence Young won the stunt event with a total point value of 174. Edwards took second with 172. Dick Simonson placed third with 167 and Larry Edwards took fourth with 97 points.

The next scheduled contest will be a free flight contest to be held at Camp White May 7 and will include all classes of gas engine competition, an event for rubber powered ships which will include the Oregon eliminations for the Wakefield event. This contest is held each year in the country which won it the previous year. This year's finals will be held in Finland.

Spray Information Reported by Agent

Continuing his up-to-the minute timetable of spraying information for orchardists, County Agent C. B. Cordy said pear trees should be sprayed for blight control when 35 per cent of the blossoms are open and only when the trees are dry. They should be sprayed or dusted with a fixed copper.

Orchardists who dust should use 25 pounds per acre of a dust containing five to seven per cent of metallic copper. For a spray, they should use one of the following wettable materials per 100 gallons: one pound of copper hydro, three-quarter pound of spray-cop, one-half pound of COCS or one-half pound of copper A. The material should not be used in a concentrated form, Cordy said.

Federal Bureau Has No Evidence Of Crime Syndicate

McGrath Testifies Before Subcommittee

Washington, Apr. 17 — (U.P.) — Attorney General J. Howard McGrath said today the justice department has "no evidence" of "any great national (crime) syndicate of any size."

However, McGrath said, there are many sizeable organizations which are "active" in local areas.

McGrath made the statement before a senate commerce subcommittee in reply to questions. McGrath asked the subcommittee to deliver a "knockout blow" to gambling syndicates by denying them use of interstate communications facilities.

"Do you know of any so-called nationwide crime syndicate?" Sen. Homer E. Capehart, (R., Ind.) asked.

"I'm not able to answer," McGrath said.

"Do you know where we might secure the answer?" Capehart pressed.

"I wouldn't know," McGrath said.

Later, Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.) asked if McGrath was able to testify about "national crime syndicates."

"No, I'm not," the attorney general replied.

"Do you have any evidence (about crime syndicates)?" Johnson asked.

"I do not have evidence . . . that there are large scale big business operations built around illegal undertakings," McGrath replied.

Then he added, "we do not know in the department of justice of any great national syndicate . . . of any size."

McGrath was the opening witness as the subcommittee, headed by Sen. Ernest W. McFarland (D., Ariz.) began hearings on legislation to outlaw interstate transmission of information which could be used illegally for gambling.

Confusion Reigns in Springfield Offices

Springfield, Ore., Apr. 17 — (U.P.)—City government came to a virtual halt in Springfield today.

Four policemen resigned, following the lead of their police chief Clell Pryor.

The city hall was locked, and nobody could be found immediately who knew the combination to the city's safe because City Recorder Kenneth Gile and his secretary-wife quit Saturday.

City Manager Fred Cheatham was fired by the city council Thursday night and City Attorney Marvin Sanders quit a week ago "to avoid any further dissension."

Four more policemen were reported to be ready to resign, and Pryor announced that he had accepted a job as police chief in Tillamook effective May 1.

The series of upheavals in Springfield's government had their roots in the battle between the city's "good government league" and Mayor B. P. Larson's administration.

Medco High Bidder on Butte Falls Timber

Medford corporation was successful bidder today in an oral sale of 7,880,000 board feet of timber in a tract of the Butte Falls O and C forest unit. The tract is north of Butte Falls.

The sale was conducted at the city hall by the Medford office of the bureau of land management. Medford corporation offered $87,476.50 for the timber, mostly douglas fir. Appraised price was $64,036.50. The successful bidder and Magnolia Lumber company and Alley Lumber company submitted a total of 34 offers.

Auction of 6,270,000 feet of timber in the Jenny creek forest unit also was being conducted today.

(Acme Telephoto)

DEMOLISHED BY CREEPING HILL—House lies in shambles on creeping Coxcomb Hill in Astoria, Ore., where in three months a slithering earth flow has demolished or damaged 21 homes. On the north side of the same hill, geologists warn of a potential slide forming that would do much more damage than the present landslide. About 50 per cent of the city's 18,000 residents live on the north slope. Coxcomb Hill damages are estimated at $150,000.

2 More Homes Added To Toll In Astoria

Astoria, Ore., Apr. 17—(U.P.)—Two homes were added today to the list of buildings that must be moved from Astoria's Coxcomb hill as it slips nine feet daily toward the Columbia river.

They brought to six the number of houses slated for moving this week. Thirteen have been moved, three were smashed to kindling last month and another is riding the crest of the phenominal earth flow.

Began In January

The slide began in January after 12 inches of rain and 30 inches of wet snow soaked through 30 feet of topsoil to a layer of clay limestone.

Lubricated by the water, the limestone shelf permitted a big chunk of topsoil to begin sliding downhill to damage or destroy 23 homes, tear up streets and sidewalks, and rip up utilities.

Meanwhile, city officials said an anonymous resident has requested permission to buy property now being ruined by the slide.

"I think that property is going to be about the most stable in Astoria when this slide stops," he is reported as saying, "and I want to build a house on it."

Public Land Given

Officials said they would not sell the slithering land at this time. The city is giving public land to residents losing their property in the earth flow.

Dr. Harvey Rones said no one has offered to buy his home and property for $4,000 cash. He put it up for sale the day 12 feet of his backyard broke loose and headed for the river.

Toledo, O., Apr. 17—(U.P.)—Dr. Charles Joseph Bushnell, one-time president of Pacific university at Forest Grove, Ore., died here Sunday at the age of 74.

PTT To Apply for Increase in Rates On Phone Service

A "premature news break" in Portland Saturday revealed that the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company tomorrow will ask the Oregon public utilities commissioner for permission to increase rates for its services throughout the state.

The information was revealed following a similar company proposal in California, and J. H. Creager, Medford and Ashland PTT manager, said today that a full schedule of proposed rates will be released as soon as the request is filed in Salem.

If the rates are unopposed at PUC hearings they will go into effect one month later. The proposed increase would be the third in three years.

Creager said the new schedule does not provide for changes in present rates for farm line telephones, or for business or residence phones.

Day station intrastate long distance rates will not be changed, he said, except that on present 10 cent routes the initial period will be three minutes instead of five minutes. Minor increases at certain mileage steps ranging from five to twenty-five cents are proposed for night and Sunday station-to-station calls, as well as person-to-person rates.

Company officials said that "The number of telephones we serve in Oregon has increased in the last 10 years by 115 per cent, considerably more than the record-breaking 59 per cent population increase in the same period. But this outstanding accomplishment still has not been enough, and has produced grave financial problems. Our rate application is a necessity in order that our earnings can be brought to a level that will attract the millions of dollars of new capital needed to supply still more and better service . . ."

Two Jailed for Theft Of Can of Tuna Fish

Donald Clinton Hopper and Francisco Morales, both of Imperial rooms, Medford, are being held in county jail in lieu of $1,500 bail each for taking a can of tuna fish from a local store.

The charge lodged against the pair is larceny from a store building, a felony in Oregon. They were arraigned in county justice court Saturday and have waived preliminary hearing.

Catholic Church Denies Knowledge Of Agreement

Reported Agreement Amazes Vatican

Vatican City, Apr. 17—(U.P.)—The vatican officially denied any knowledge today of a purported agreement between the Catholic church and the communist government of Poland.

The official Polish news agency PAP reported Saturday that three high Polish Catholic clergymen and government officials had signed an agreement. The agency said that under the agreement the church recognized the authority of the Polish state in all but purely religious matters.

Vatican quarters noted that the Polish government announced the alleged state-church accord while Stefan Cardinal Sapieha of Poland was in Rome.

"If there was any accord," one such source said, "It must have been more a "diktat' than an accord." He added that such an accord would mean for the church "not a modus vivendi but only a modus vegetandi (not a way of living but of slow death)."

The Polish news agency reported from Warsaw Saturday that an agreement had been signed in Warsaw in which the church recognized the authority of the state in all but purely religious matters.

But Msgr. Valerian Meysztowicz, canonist consultant of the Polish embassy to the Vatican, said:

"If there is an accord, it must be a local one. It may be between a single Polish bishop and a government representative. But not with the whole Polish episcopate."

Vatican sources, who were amazed by the reported agreement, pointed out that Archbishop Stefan Cardinal Sapieha of Cracow, Poland's leading cardinal, now is in Rome for the church Holy Year celebration and had not heard of any agreement.

VA Reminds Veterans Of GI Bill Deadline

The deadline for most veterans for starting a course of education and training under the GI bill is 15 months away—July 25, 1951.

A veterans administration regulation, issued today, states that the majority of veterans will not be permitted to begin GI bill courses after that date. An exception has been made for those discharged after July 25, 1947, and those who enlisted or reenlisted under the armed forces voluntary recruitment act.

Veterans who have started and actually are pursuing GI bill training on that date will be allowed to continue the course with full benefits. He will be considered to be in training even though he has temporarily interrupted the course for the summer vacation or for other reasons beyond his control.

SCHOOL PLANS SHOWN

Rogue River, Apr. 17—In the Hill building window on Depot street has been placed the architect's drawings of the first six rooms in a proposed grade school, and of the proposed addition to the high school building. Birth rate charts also show the increased population in Oregon and the United States. A community meeting to discuss the plans and the coming bond election will be held in the high school gym tonight at 8 p.m.

Ashland Cabinet Factory Destroyed By Sunday Fire

Ashland, Apr. 17—(U.P.)—The 30-year-old plant of the Ashland cabinet works was destroyed by fire last night with an estimated damage of between $20,000 and $25,000.

Spreads Rapidly

The flames, feeding on the tinder-dry wooden structure and stored supplies, razed the building in half an hour.

Fire Chief Harry McNair said firemen and volunteers prevented the flames from spreading to a new addition to the cabinet shop and to a tank car on a siding at the rear of the building.

Flames shot 90 feet into the air, but lack of a wind prevented their spread to the thickly congested residential district of Ashland across the street.

McNair said the fire may have been started by hoboes resting underneath the shop.

Ihil Stansburg, shop manager, said the loss was covered by insurance. He said work will continue from the new, modern plant recently erected adjacent to the old building.

Crowds Hamper Firemen

Firemen said crowds jamming around the fire hindered the work of the firefighters and some alarm was felt when high tension lines burned out but did not fall.

The last big fire in Ashland was exactly a year ago tomorrow, when a sawmill at the Lumber Mills corporation burned to the ground at a loss of $100,000.

(Acme Telephoto)

MYSTERY SUB—This mystery submarine was photographed by a crewman aboard the racing yacht Westward Ho during the San Clemente races to Catalina Island. The Westward Ho approached to within about 75 yards of the sub when two khaki-uniformed men on the conning tower jumped inside, and the submarine submerged, according to crewmen of the yacht. Comdr. John F. Currie, submarine officer at Treasure Island Naval Base, San Francisco, thinks it's a U. S. sub of the Chara type. Comdr. Currie, who made the last war patrol on the Charr in 1945, said U. S. subs were operating in the Catalina area when the scene sub was sighted.

Coastal Residents Dislike Oil Washed Up On Beaches

Seaside, Ore., Apr. 17—(U.P.)—Two principal beach resorts of the northwest were literally swimming in oil today and coastline residents didn't like it.

More than 30 miles of Oregon and Washington beaches face ruin as vast stickey smelly patches of oil threaten to disrupt a multi-million-dollar tourist business.

No one knows where the unwanted stuff comes from, but residents here and on the 27-mile Long Beach, Wash., peninsula have placed the blame on everything from Russian submarines to freighters scuttling waste oil as they enter or leave the mouth of the Columbia river.

Damage from the mystery oil has ranged from killing migratory birds to being a health menace to swimmers, ruining clothing and creating a fire hazard to piers and pilings.

Presence of the oil has been noted in this area and at some California points during past years, but observers rate this spring's tide as the greatest by far.

Coast guard and corps of engineers observers said the worthless oil might come from sunken tankers off the coast or from freighters illegally pumping out bilge oil within the three-mile limit.

The sunken tanker theory comes from reports that a number of sinkings occurred near here during the war. Once water broke through a tanker's sides, its load might flood the beaches with as much as five million gallons of oil.

A few more theories about the northwest's worthless "oil strike" included:

Russians Blamed

Oil-drilling operations at Grays Harbor, Wash., some 60 miles north of here, have caused seepage from the ocean floor and currents have swept the oil to sea and back on the beaches.

Russian agents are dumping the stuff to promote domestic discord.

A sub-ocean oil deposit has erupted.

In Portland, shipping officials said passing ships couldn't dump enough oil to blight such a large area. Law requires ships to jettison waste oil outside the three-mile limit and the ocean would assimilate the waste before it could reach Oregon-Washington shores.