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BUDENZ TIES LATTIMORE WITH REDS

Rail Brotherhood to Strike Wednesday

Seven Major Lines To Be Affected by Action of Union

Companies Not To Yield to Demands

Chicago, Apr. 20—(U.P.)—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen instructed 13,000 members today to walk off the job next Wednesday in a strike against seven major railroads serving commerce, industry and agriculture in 27 states.

The strike, biggest since the 48-hour nationwide walkout in May, 1946, would halt heavy freight and passenger traffic over a major segment of the nation's vital rail network. It would tie up thousands of miles of track in eastern, southern, midwestern and southwestern states. The area involved, which extends from coast to coast, includes some of the nation's richest agricultural regions and heaviest industrial centers.

The union, which demands that the railroads employ an additional fireman on each multiple-unit diesel locomotive in service, set its strike deadline for 6 a.m. next Wednesday in each time zone.

The union left the door open for negotiation of a settlement before the deadline, but spokesmen for the railroads said they have no intention of "yielding to the brotherhood's make-work demands."

The union said all trains, including those pulled by diesel, steam and electric locomotives, would be halted on the seven lines involved. There was no immediate hint of whether the roads would try to operate without the firemen, but a spokesman for the Associaion of American Railroads said it would be possible to use engineers in the jobs vacated by firemen.

But at Cleveland, Alvaney Johnston, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said that while engineers will stay on the job they will "work only as engineers" and will "perform no other duties and take no one's job away from him."

The engineers have demanded that an additional engineer be assigned to each big diesel, but they have issued no strike call.

Railroads involved are the Atchison Topeka Santa Fe and one of its two subsidiaries, the Panhandle and Santa Fe; the Southern Railway and eight subsidiaries; the Ohio Central; the Big Four, the Pennsylvania west of Harrisburg, Pa.; and the New York Central west of Buffalo, N. Y., and the Michigan Central west of the Detroit river.

The only sections of the nation not directly involved are the New York metropolitan area and New England, the north central states, part of the far west and the Pacific northwest.

Wilson Brothers Plead Innocent to Charges

Vancouver, Wash., Apr. 20—(U.P.)—Turman Wilson and his brother, Utah, today pleaded innocent to charges of kidnaping and murdering 18-year-old Jo-Ann Dewey and offered to act as their own attorneys if the lawyer of their choice is not available.

The Wilsons entered their plea of not guilty to two counts of first degree kidnaping and first degree murder in an arraignment hearing before Judge Charles W. Hall. Judge Hall set the trial date for Monday, June 19, in Judge Eugene G. Cushing's court.

It Never Pays To Be Too Hasty About Making Confession

Paris, Apr. 20 — (U.P.) — An Argentine husband made the mistake of confessing his sins to his wife early today when he thought he was about to be killed in an airplane crash.

But the plane, an Air France Constellation from Buenos Aires carrying 33 passengers and a crew of eight, made a safe crash landing at Orly airfield after circling for more than three hours with a blocked landing gear. No one as injured.

An Argentine woman, who would not give her name, said her husband thought they were spending their last moments together as the plane circled over the airport in the predawn blackness.

"He asked my forgiveness for a lot of things I never knew he had done during our married life," she said. "He was very angry about it when the plane landed safely."

Temperature Soars to 1950's High Mark Here

Medford had the highest temperature in the state when the local thermometer soared to 87 yesterday, the weather bureau here said today. This was the highest point so far this year, surpassing Tuesday's previous 1950 high of 79.

This was not the warmest Medford has seen on April 19, however, as the mercury reached a high of 92 in 1939 the highest mark on record for that date.

The humidity reached a low of 24 at 3:30 p.m. yesterday.

Northern Plains Floodwaters Drive 1,650 from Homes

Bismarck, N.D., Apr. 20—(U.P.) "Walls of water" rolled across the northern plains today and created inland seas that drove 1,650 families from their homes, isolated whole towns and flooded thousands of acres of fertile farmland.

Raging rivers, fed by melting snow and shackled by ice jams, caused widespread suffering in North Dakota, northwestern Minnesota and southern Manitoba.

South Dakota Hit

Floodwater also plagued northwestern South Dakota and northern Wisconsin.

North Dakota was hardest hit by the spring floods. State agencies rushed evacuation equipment while Gov. Fred Aandahl awaited President Truman's reply to his appeal for a declaration of emergency.

The Red River of the North, at its highest level of the century, spread over wide areas of its table-like valley. On the North Dakota side of the river, nearly a score of towns were flooded from Neche on the Canadian border to Hillsboro, more than 100 miles south.

Tributaries Contribute

Tributaries of the Red, including the Pembina, Tongue, Park, Forest, Turtle and Goose rivers, poured their burdens into the soggy valley.

The Red and its feeder streams also spread over rich lands in five northwestern Minnesota counties.

Downstream to the north, the worst flood in 50 years, inundated six southern Manitoba towns. Up to three feet of water from the Red or its tributaries drove hundreds of residents from their homes and two of the towns were isolated.

Fraternity Convention Set at SOC Tomorrow

Ashland, Apr. 20—The Southern Oregon college chapter of Theta Delta Phi will be host for the annual national convention of that group April 21 and 22, when about 50 delegates will attend the conference.

Theta Delta Phi is a teachers college honorary scholarship fraternity. Visiting faculty members will be Dr. Joseph Gaiser of Eastern Oregon college, Dr. Victor Phelps of the Oregon general extension division, and Prof. Oscar Christenson of Monmouth. SOC faculty members are Dr. A. S. Taylor, Dr. Wayne Wells, Dr. Ray Hawk, David Barker, Ted Schopf, and Elliott MacCracken.

Friday afternoon delegates will register, and on Friday evening there will be a banquet and initiation of new SOC members. On Saturday morning, there will be a business meeting, with conference meetings Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening the convention will close with a banquet honoring newly elected officers.

Four Persons Injured In Highway Crash

Grants Pass, Ore., Apr. 20—(U.P.)—Four persons were injured late Wednesday in a head-on automobile collision one mile south of Selma on the Redwood highway.

The injured were Mrs. Sylvia Seelos, 64, Pocatello, Ida.; Mrs. Mary Dearmond, Serena; Raiford Dearmond, Wilderville; and George Seelos, husband of Mrs. Seelos and driver of the car.

State police said the cars collided when the Seelos automobile attempted to pass a lumber truck. Seelos was cited for using insufficient passing clearance. Mrs. Seelos suffered chest injuries and face lacerations and Mrs. Dearmond suffered face and head cuts.

(Acme Telephoto)

SPRING FLOOD—Floodwaters of the Pipe Stem River inundate bottomlands in Jamestown, N. D., where scores have been driven from their homes. Some 5000 persons have been made homeless by floods in North Dakota and Minnesota, but a "cold snap" is expected to halt the thaw that sent ice and snow gushing into already-swollen streams.

City School Budget Total Near $1 Million

The completion of the Medford district school budget for 1950-51, prepared by the board of directors and the budget committee, was announced today by E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of city schools.

The budget calls for a total expenditure of $998,886.26 for all purposes and $213,617.60 of the total will be in excess of the six per cent limitation. Approval of the voters to exceed the limitation will be asked at a special election set for May 23 at the senior high school from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. (DST).

$592,696 From Taxes

Revenues from state, county, tuition, cash on hand and other sources will total $424,439.55, leaving $592,696.71 to be raised by taxation. Bonds and interest payments are $119,201.26 while operation costs are listed at $879,685.

The present budget is $47,443.76 over that of last year. The increase, Hedrick said, is caused mainly by increase in the amount of bond payments and additional teachers necessary to meet the growth of the student population. No increase in teachers' salaries was granted, except for the annual increments provided, in some cases, by the salary schedule.

Members of the budget committee are R. F. Kyle, Eugene Thorndike, James F. Campbell, Chester Hubbard and Herb Grey. School board members are E. Ronald Rice, John P. Moffat, Evelyn Nye, Frank C. Bash and Otto J. Frohnmayer.

Storm Moves Inland To Break 'Heat Wave'

By United Press

A light storm moving inland from the Pacific Thursday broke the northwest's first spring "heat wave" in western Oregon and Washington, but the weatherman forecast another day of fair skies for areas east of the Cascade mountain chain.

Clouds spreading into western sections cooled areas which had high 70s and 80s Wednesday and brought mid-morning showers to some sections, including the Portland area.

Summery weather brought two items into the day's news:

At radio station KRKL's remote control studio near Bellevue, Wash., Disk Jockey Jerry McCumber said the afternoon sun shining through a plate glass window melted records as they revolved on the turntable.

And in Bend, Ore., protective fire crews for the Deschutes National forest were alerted for possible fresh outbreaks of a fire that swept through 150 acres of young pine five miles west of Bend. The blaze was believed to be the first in the northwest this year.

Yesterday's maximum temperatures in Oregon were:

Roseburg, 84; Portland, Salem and Klamath Falls, 78; Eugene, 76; Bend and The Dalles, 72; Newport, 71; Burns, 70, and La Grande, 69.

Oil Lease Makers Swarm Kansas Town

Jetmore, Kan., Apr. 20—(U.P.) Jetmore, with a normal population of 1,000, became a boom town today as oil lease makers swarmed into the community.

Editor Howard Wilson of the Jetmore Republican said the influx of outsiders started after Shell oil made a discovery on a farm two miles north of the town last Saturday.

Wilson said drillers told him the well would be a good commercial producer.

Jetmore was so jam-packed today that visitors had to drive 40 miles to Dodge City for their meals and to use telephones.

Soil Conservation Discussion Set Today

A meeting to sound out sentiment on a proposed soil conservation district in the Sams Valley, Table Rock and Beagle districts is set for 8 p.m. today in the Sams Valley school.

Petitions are being circulated in the three communities and if public support is assured, the state soil conservation committee will be asked to set referendum machinery in motion.

A similar district for most of the county was killed by a light vote in a referendum election March 22, but residents in the central part of the valley have revived the issue for their area alone.

Youth Saves Mother From Tub Drowning

Portland, Ore., Apr. 20—(U.P.) Youthful Jack Curtin told police today that he saved his mother from drowning in a bathtub last night.

He said he couldn't locate his mother, Mrs. Effie Curtin, 53, when he arrived home at 10 p.m. but heard muffled gurgles from the bathroom. He said he found her submerged in a nearly full tub. After pulling her from the tub, he said he gave her artificial respiration and had her pulse and breathing back to normal when a fire department first aid crew arrived.

Curtin said his mother was slightly crippled and usually needed assistance in taking baths. Police said they believed she had become exhausted in trying to get out by herself and had slipped under the water.

Ingrid Bergman Scores Victory in Custody Battle

Rome, Apr. 20—(U.P.)—Roberto Rossellini said today that he expected to get a green light from Sweden for his marriage to Ingrid Bergman within the next five or six days.

"We intend to marry as soon as possible thereafter, but no date has been set yet, nor do we know where we will get married," the Italian movie director said.

Hollywood, Apr. 20—(U.P.)—Actress Ingrid Bergman has won her bitter trans-Atlantic fight for joint legal custody of her 12-year-old daughter Pia, but Attorney Isaac Pacht said today he will "vigorously oppose" any effort to take the child out of the United States.

Pacht, representing the girl's father, Dr. Peter Lindstrom, and Attorney Greg Bautzer differed violently over the meaning of a "complete, mutually agreeable" property and custody settlement signed less than 24 hours ago.

The agreement provides that Pia shall "reside and be educated in California." Bautzer jubilantly described that phrasing as a victory for Miss Bergman, who wanted permission to take the girl to Italy for summer vacations.

"We refused to sign an earlier draft that prohibited the child to be taken out of the country," Bautzer said.

Pacht said the intent of the agreement still is that Pia shall "reside and remain" in California.

Not Going to Europe

"This is a new and novel idea in Mr. Bautzer's mind which we will have the courts put at rest," he said. "Pia will not be going to Europe."

Dr. Lindstrom has insisted that any custody agreement must prevent Pia's being brought in contact with Italian Director Roberto Rossellini, who Miss Bergman intends to wed.

Hollywood, Apr. 20 — (U.P.) — Film Actor Cornell Wilde was in a hospital today for treatment of an eye infection resulting from a dust storm in Santa Fe, N.M.

Far East Expert Claimed Member Of Espionage Cell

Charges Based on Others' Statements

Washington, Apr. 20 — (U.P.) — Louis F. Budenz said today that Owen Lattimore was a member of a communist espionage "cell," but said he did not know the Far Eastern expert as Russia's "top agent" here.

Budenz, a former communist leader, testified before senate communist investigators in connection with Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's charges that Lattimore was a communist and Russia's "top espionage agent."

Based On Hearing

Budenz based his charges on what other communist leaders had told him.

Toward the close of his appearance, Chairman Millard E. Tydings of the investigating subcommittee asked Budenz for a direct answer on whether he had personal knowledge of Lattimore's alleged communist affiliations.

"Outside of what I was officially told by the communist leaders, I do not know of Mr. Lattimore as a communist," Budenz replied.

Under oath, Budenz swore that Lattimore participated in a communist "cell," with other members who were "Soviet espionage agents to my knowledge."

Technically Inaccurate

Edward P. Morgan, chief counsel for the investigating sub-committee, asked Budenz if he could support McCarthy's statement that Lattimore was Russia's "top" spy.

"Well, to my knowledge, that statement technically is not accurate. From my own knowledge I would not say that he was the top Soviet agent," Budenz said.

Asked if he knew that Lattimore was a communist, Budenz said that Lattimore was referred to as a communist by such top reds as Earl Browder, since-deposed boss of the communist party, and Jack Stachel, one of the 11 red leaders recently convicted in New York for conspiracy against the government.

Budenz said he himself never met Lattimore.

Gebhard Hearing Scheduled Tuesday

Enterprise, Ore., Apr. 20—(U.P.) Allen Gebhard, Medford cabinet maker, will go on trial Tuesday on a charge of manslaughter for the "mistake" shooting of Reed Wade, Lostine, during an elk hunt near Troy last fall.

Gebhard and Wade accompanied two separate hunting parties down the Grande Ronde river between Minam and Troy. Gebhard fired into the brush, mortally wounding Wade, after mistaking noise of the latter's progress as the movements of an elk.

Gebhard is being represented by Edward Kelly, Medford attorney.

Truck-Trailer Fire Blocks Coast Route

Gold Beach, Ore., Apr. 20—(U.P.)—A truck and trailer load of lumber caught fire on the coast highway south of Gold Beach last night and the flames blocked the route for more than four hours.

Driver Ed McComb, Los Angeles, jumped from the truck and put safety blocks under the wheels just as an emergency tank of butane exploded and spread the flames to the lumber. McComb was uninjured.

Dr. Sander Undecided On Future After State Board Revokes Medical License

Concord, N. H., Apr. 20—(U.P.) Dr. Hermann N. Sander, stripped of his right to practice medicine in New Hampshire despite his acquittal as a mercy slayer, tried to decide today what to do next.

The 41-year-old Candia physician conferred with Attorney Louis E. Wyman who won him his freedom at the recent murder trial. He may appeal the decision of the state board of registration in medicine of the state supreme court. Or he may wait for the opening left him when the board said it would consider his reinstatement two months from now.

The five-man board said Sander's conduct was "morally reprehensible" last December 4 when he injected air into the arm of Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto, 59, a Manchester patient dying of cancer. Sander was acquitted of first degree murder March 9.

Dr. John S. Wheeler of Concord, secretary of the board, said the decision was "unanimous," but that Sander could appeal to the state supreme court for reversal of the finding.

The stipulation that Sander could apply for reinstatement after June 19 was described by several New Hampshire doctors as "most unusual." They said under ordinary circumstances when the board revokes a license "no such door is left open."

Dr. Hermann Sander

Nursing a black eye suffered in a skiing fall, Sander greeted the board's decision from his Candia home last night with a curt "no comment." He added that he was "going out to play canasta."

Dr. Sander has refrained from practicing since his acquittal, awaiting the board's decision. Friends said the doctor was borrowing heavily to maintain living expenses. His defense at the trial was reported to have cost $40,000 and a defense fund started by sympathetic friends raised only $21,000.

Last March 20 two Catholic hospitals at Manchester permanently banned him from entering or treating patients there.

The doctor still faces a report from the three-man board of censors of the Hillsborough County Medical society which has been considering whether he violated the Hippocratic oath with his action. The report is expected about the middle of next month.

President Signs Housing Draft

Washington, Apr. 20—(U.P.)—President Truman today signed the $3,500,000,000 housing bill intended to spur home building and development of rental dwellings for lower and moderate income families.

Mr. Truman signed the legislation although it did not contain a provision which he sought—a $1 billion program of direct federal loans to housing cooperatives.

But his signature set in motion the stalled operations of the Federal Housing administration and the Federal National Mortgage association. It will make it easier for ex-GI's to get home loans. It provides, too, for limited direct federal loans to schools and colleges for housing.

FHA has been crippled since the first of March by a combination of an empty purse and expired laws. The new housing legislation puts up $2,250,000,000 more for the FHA to insure mortgages for private home building under its title II program.

Maturity Extended

One provision in the new legislation will permit ex-GIs to buy larger homes with a relatively small down payment. The veterans' administration now is authorized to guarantee up to $7,500 on a loan for a house that costs a veteran more than $12,500. Previously, it could only guarantee up to $4,000 on a house costing $8,000 or more. The maturity time on VA-guaranteed loans is extended from 25 to 30 years.

The housing bill is a compromise.

In turning down Mr. Truman's co-op proposal, however, the senate and house did approve continuance of the present government program of mortgage insurance for privately-financed cooperative developments.

Other main provisions of the bill:

1. The Federal National Mortgage association (so-called "Fannie May") gets $250 million to buy up VA and FHA insured mortgages on homes already completed.

2. Two hundred fifty million dollars more for the FHA's mortgage insurance program for modernizing and repairing private homes and for building very low cost homes in suburban areas. The program would be extended for five years.

Loans to Veterans

3. A total of $150 million in long-term low cost federal loans to veterans to build homes when they cannot borrow money from private lenders but are certified by the VA to be good credit risks.

4. A maximum of $300 million in direct federal loans to schools and colleges for student and faculty housing at an interest rate of about 2.55 per cent.

5. The government would dispose of all the war and temporary housing it owns—about 389,000 units. About 43,000 of the units could be turned over to communities for public housing projects.

6. Authority for the reconstruction finance corporattion to lend up to $12,500,000 for distribution and construction of prefabricated homes.

Profanity Receives Cussing by Governor

Salem, Ore., Apr. 20—(U.P.)—Gov. Douglas McKay today cussed out cussing in a transcontinental lecture on profanity.

The governor set forth a detailed indictment against swearing in answer to a request for moral support from 14 Hi-Y clubs in Knox county, Tenn. The southern Hi-Y's are about to launch a clean speech campaign aimed at tidying up the language of adults and high school students who lean too heavily toward the lousy side of the king's English.

The governor in an airmail letter to officials of the Knox county clubs said he dislikes that &£!/""?-&£!! kind of language as much as they do.

Government Spending Cut Billion Dollars

Washington, Apr. 20—(U.P.)—The administration reported today it has cut government spending $1 billion this fiscal year but said the savings have been practically wiped out by tax losses.

The revised report of the government's red-ink fiscal picture came from the budget bureau as the republican-led house economy bloc lost its first important attempt to cut future government outlays.

In its first revised figures since January, the budget bureau said the 1950 deficit will run $5,400,000,000. This was down $100 million from the January report.

However, it added, savings of some $1,300,000,000 in expenditures have been practically all offset by an anticipated fall of a billion dollars in income tax collections. The bureau said total spending for fiscal 1950 will be approximately $42,000,000,000.

Searchers Fail To Find Body in River

Grants Pass, Ore., Apr. 20—River guides and fishermen searched without success today for the body of Walter Crouse Sr., irrigation district employee who drowned Monday when a skiff plunged over the brink of the Savage Rapids dam on the Rogue river. Two other employees carried over the dam in the boat were saved.

QUOTA REACHED

Portland, Ore., Apr. 20—(U.P.) The Oregon division, American Cancer society, announced today that Lake county is the second Oregon county to obtain its goal in the annual campaign.

New York, Apr. 20—(U.P.)—Dr. Wallace E. Howell turned back from his fifth rainmaking attempt today when his plane was unable to climb to the top of the clouds he wanted to seed with dry ice.

Residential Area Burning Permits Needed for Fires

Acting Fire Chief Leo Weidner today pointed out that with the beginning of the dry season, the city ordinance regulating trash burning is now in effect, requiring Medford residents to obtain fire department permission before starting trash fires in residential areas.

"Your fire department is asking cooperation of the people of the city to help reduce fire losses," Weidner said. "One of the most important ways in which this can be accomplished is by abiding by our city laws pertaining to outside burning" he said.

May 'Phone Department

In accordance with the city regulations, the chief added, it is necessary that anyone wishing to do any outside burning must first telephone the department, give their address and receive verbal permission to burn.

The only other limitation on burning is in the high-value sections of town, where no outside-burning permits will be issued.

This area includes the congested downtown district, roughly bounded on the north and south by Jackson and 13th street, and by Bear creek and Oakdale avenue on the east and west. Those wishing to know the specific boundaries of the restricted district may do so by asking the fire department, Weidner said.

To Start Cell Block At State Penitentiary

Salem, Ore., Apr. 20—(U.P.)—Warden George Alexander told the state board of control today that construction of a second new cell block at Oregon state prison will start within a week.

Alexander said the center of the old building will be torn down and a new unit will be built.

A new medical division at the prison is now in operation with a full-time doctor and two male nurses, Alexander told the board. Also in operation is a school, with an average daily attendance of 210 inmates.

Alexander said the board of control will be asked to recommend to the 1951 legislature authorization to build a third cell block, a field house to be used by guards in bad weather and new quarters for women prisoners.

Medford Geologist Assigned to India

George C. Taylor Jr., 11 Modoc road, a geologist with the United States geological survey, has been detailed to New Delhi, India, to confer with officials of the central government and the nation's geological survey on ground water problems, the interior department said today.

Taylor was originally scheduled to go to Saudi Arabia for similar researches, but a shortage of personnel made the India trip necessary first.

Taylor is a native of Virginia, a graduate of the University of New Mexico, and has done graduate work at Harvard. He joined the geological survey in 1937, where his special field is ground water geology and geomorphology.

Arm Military Planes, Representative Says

Paso Robles, Cal., pr. 20—(U.P.) American military planes flying in "danger" zones should be armed and instructed to return fire if attacked, says Rep. Richard M. Nixon (R., Cal.).

"Notes of protest have been sent before, but they have not brought back the lives of our boys who were shot down," Nixon said here yesterday in a campaign speech for the United States senate.

He referred to state department charges that Russian planes downed an unarmed United States navy plane over the Baltic sea.

Vestal, N. Y., Apr. 20—(U.P.)—Six of a party of eight gay, joy-riding teen-agers were killed last night when their borrowed sedan skidded on wet pavement and crashed head-on into a tractor-trailer.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy tonight and Friday. Cooler in afternoon.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	87
Lowest this Morning	44