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Increased Grass Production Needed, Ben Day Declares

Gold Hill Cattleman Addresses Convention

Klamath Falls, May 9—(U.P.)—A sound conservation program that will bring about increased grass production will give new life to the state's cattle industry, Ben Day, Gold Hill cattleman, today told the 37th annual convention of the Oregon Cattleman's association.

"It is now time for livestock producers, hunters and representatives of various public land interests to take up and draw up a long-range conservation program that will include reseeded thousands of acres of brush, weed and fern-covered land with perennial grass," Day said.

"Life-sustaining grass not only means more meat but is the answer to holding valuable soil in place and furnishing more water the year around."

F. L. Ritter, Oregon meat council adviser, described the state's meat inspection laws as "one of the nation's eight worst set-ups." He indicated that Oregon's independent meat packers were planning to ask the state legislature for a complete inspection service to be jointly financed by state and industry funds.

The marketing committee recommended tighter meat inspection laws but opposed compulsory federal meat grading.

Ervin L. Peterson, state agriculture director, said that assuring the public wholesome, healthy meat was the best public relations program the cattleman could undertake.

Loren Barnert, American National Livestock association president from Lone, Cal., said that his organization was still against the Brannan farm plan. He said "most American cattlemen feel they can run their business without subsidy."

Nice, France, May 9—(U.P.)—A plane carrying Princess Elizabeth back to London today after running into a heavy thunderstorm over southern France.

Elizabeth, who is expecting her second child this summer, said on landing here that she found the "whole adventure amusing."

Air Commodore Henry Fielden, commanding the Royal air force twin-engine Viking, said he decided to return to Nice because he feared the princess might find the flight rough and unpleasant in her condition.

It was expected Elizabeth would resume her journey tomorrow.

Commiss Promise To Release U. S. Airmen

Hong Kong, May 9—(U.P.)—The Chinese communists promised today to release two American airmen held prisoner since they made a forced landing in territory near Tsingtao nearly 19 months ago.

The fliers are William C. Smith, of Long Beach, Cal., a navy electrician chief, and Elmer C. Bender of Cincinnati and Chicago, a marine corps master sergeant.

They were attached to U. S. naval headquarters in Tsingtao in northern China in 1948 when that part, a base for the American fleet in far eastern waters, was surrounded by communist armies.

Murray Favors Organic Unity In Merger of Labor Groups

Atlantic City, N. J., May 9—(U.P.)—Philip Murray said today he is in favor of attaining "organic unity" with the AFL in a move that would merge 14 million unionists into one labor group.

The statement came in reply to a suggestion from AFL President William Green that the two organizations merge "on a permanent and organic basis" rather than simply work together, as suggested earlier by the CIO.

"If we can attain organic unity, then let's attain organic unity," Murray said at the opening session of the United Steelworkers convention here. "What we can do must be done in the national interest."

Teapot Dome Scandal Used By President As Warning to West

Aboard Truman Train, May 9—(U.P.)—President Truman resurged the Teapot Dome scandal today, warning the west against returning to the republican "philosophy" of "greed and privilege."

Speeding westward on his 8,000-mile "report to the people," Mr. Truman spoke early today at Casper, Wyo., 50 miles south of the Teapot Dome oil field which he described as a "symbol of the greed and privilege that underlay one philosophy about the west."

By United Press

The Pacific northwest spreads its welcome mat for President Truman in Oregon and Washington Wednesday and Thursday, climaxing the presidential visit with formal dedication of Grand Coulee dam and Franklin D. Roosevelt lake.

More than 20,000 guests are expected at the largest man-made waterfall in the world, where President Truman will view the 350-foot drop and speak to the nation on the reclamation work started by his predecessor, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mr. Truman's special 13-car train pulls into Oregon from Idaho at Huntington at 2:45 p.m. (PDT) Wednesday and from that moment he will be a busy man with platform appearances, speeches, picnics and personal appearances, on what he has called a "non-political" tour of the west.

From Huntington, the Truman special proceeds through Baker and La Grande to Pendleton, where the president plans a one-hour stop starting at 7:05 p.m. (PDT) Wednesday for his only speech in Oregon.

Crowd Expected

More than 20,000 persons are expected to jam around a platform erected east of the Union Pacific depot in Pendleton.

About 200 northwest officials will share the platform with Mr. Truman and the audience will stand in Pendleton streets which will be roped off from traffic. A network of 14 Oregon stations will carry the presidential address, originating over Pendleton station KWRC and starting at 7:30 p.m. (PDT).

Mr. Truman's train will make other platform stops at Unstilla and Ayer, Ore., before entering Washington state at Wallula in Walla Walla county at 8:50 p.m.

President Truman's address from Pendleton will be carried over Radio Station KWRC, Ashland, (1400 kc) at 7:30 p.m. (DST) Wednesday.

Sample Election Ballots Available from Clerk

Ballots are now being prepared in the county clerk's office for distribution to the county's 84 precincts for the May primary election—one week from Friday. Both official and sample ballots are being prepared but a limited number of the samples will be available for pre-election distribution to the public tomorrow. They can be obtained at the main counter in the county clerk's office in the courthouse.

Murray said he has not had enough time to fully study Green's letter, and would withhold further comment until "my associates in the CIO must get together and authorize a course of action."

If all labor is welded into one group, "their decisions will best serve the interests of all the people in the United States," Murray added.

Passenger, Freight Traffic Curtailed As Strike Nears

Walkout Scheduled At 6 A. M. Tomorrow

Chicago, May 9—(U.P.)—Railroads cut service today as the deadline approached for a coast-to-coast strike tomorrow against four big rail systems in 26 states. The Pennsylvania and the Southern announced embargoes on both passenger and freight traffic, and the Santa Fe said it is curtailing some of its passenger traffic.

The New York Central, fourth system involved in the threatened walkout, was expected to announce curtailments later today.

Set for 6 a.m.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers set the strike for 6 a.m. standard time in each zone.

Hope dimmed for a settlement, but federal mediators were expected to ask the union to postpone the strike for a second day. It originally was scheduled for April 26.

The strike could cripple vital freight shipments. The roads involved span the nation from coast to coast across its southern half and serve some of the richest agricultural regions and heaviest industrial centers.

Whether the firemen could halt the trains, however, was problematical. The railroad could replace them with supervisory personnel. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers said at Cleveland that its members could cross picket lines and help keep the trains running.

The Pennsylvania announced an embargo effective at midnight tonight on all freight traffic, and President Walter Franklin said passenger traffic "also will be stopped by the strike deadline."

The embargo, he said, will curtail service west and north of Harrisburg, Pa., but passenger and computer service east and south of Harrisburg will continue.

Would Affect 38,000

The Southern embargoed all passenger and freight traffic that cannot clear its system before the strike deadline. Officials at the road's Washington headquarters said the "virtual closing down" of the 8,000 mile system would affect most of its 38,000 employees.

The Santa Fe announced that it already is curtailing some passenger service, and asked prospective passengers to contact Santa Fe representatives for specific information on which trains will be cancelled.

Missing Falls City Man Returns Home

Falls City, Ore., May 9—(U.P.)—No wonder Caesar and Cleopatra, the bloodhounds from Seattle, couldn't get a scent to get excited about in the search for 82-year-old Richard Paul of Falls City. They simply had been taken where he wasn't.

That was disclosed when Paul returned home Monday night while half a hundred men and Cleopatra and Caesar were searching for him 18 rugged miles away, in the dense woods below the isolated lumber town of Valsetz.

Paul said he'd just been out on a leisurely hike that he didn't think would concern anyone. It only concerned some 250 persons who joined in the search for him Sunday after his wife discovered he was not at home.

"I came home because I got hungry," the elderly hiker explained.

Power Line Contact Fatal to Kerby Man

Cave Junction, Ore., May 9—(U.P.)—Melvin Ray Wallace, 19, of Kerby, Ore., was accidentally electrocuted north of here Monday when an A-frame being used in a logging operation struck a 112,000-volt power line.

Resuscitation efforts failed and Dr. A. C. Colman pronounced Wallace dead. He was the son of Clarence Wallace Kerby and Mrs. Zella Hastings of Mesa, Ariz.

Body of Steward Located in Woods

Medford, N. Y., May 9—(U.P.)—A body found in a wood near here was identified today as that of John Harris, a Pan American World Airways steward who was sucked through the open hatch of a New York-bound Stratocruiser February 11.

WEATHER

FORECAST: High cloudiness and continued mild tonight and Wednesday.

America, France Agree on Plan for European Nations

Germany Would Enter Economic Partnership

Paris, May 9—(U.P.)—The United States and France were reported today to have agreed on a plan for bringing Germany into a broad economic partnership of democratic European nations.

A government spokesman disclosed that the cabinet at a meeting today approved a plan hinging on an association of the basic industries of western European countries.

Announcement Waited

Reliable sources said Foreign Minister Robert Schuman might make an announcement about an American-French agreement in that field at a press conference this evening.

Only yesterday Secretary of State Dean Acheson announced after talks with government officials here that the United States would give France aid in fighting its war against communism in Indo-China.

Schuman told the cabinet today that the United States put no political strings onto its offer of dollars and arms for the Indo-Chinese campaign.

Plan Polished

Informants said of the reported agreement on Germany that the plan was polished by Acheson and Schuman yesterday.

They said it was designed to strengthen the economic basis for the integration of western Europe which American officials have urged repeatedly.

The sources said Germany, France and Great Britain would be the first members of an association of basic industries, but later it might be extended to include Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and other nations.

17 Taxpayers Appear At Equalization Board

Seventeen taxpayers appeared before the Jackson county board of equalization yesterday to seek corrections or reductions in valuations placed on their property by the county assessors' office. Assessor C. A. Myers said many of the complaints were the result of misunderstanding or misinformation and that when that was cleared up, no written complaints were filed.

The board will take no action on the complaints this week but will wait until all applications for reduction of valuations have been received before meeting to consider individual cases. The board, composed of the assessor, the county judge and commissioners and the county clerk, will hear protests from taxpayers for the remainder of this week.

They meet at 11 a.m. (DST).

Ashland Council OKs City Ballot Subjects

Ashland, May 9—The question of recalling Ashland's Mayor Thomas Williams and City Councilman Elmer Sheldon was certified to a special election ballot by the city council at a special meeting here last night.

The election will be held in conjunction with the May 19 primary election.

One other matter—a proposed charter amendment to permit sale of city timber lands—was also placed on the ballot by councilmen. The estimated \$32,000 from such a sale would be devoted to water department improvements.

The council also voted to change city voting precincts to conform to recent changes made by the county clerk.

Kidnaper of Stepson Faces Life in Prison

Montesano, Wash., May 9—(U.P.)—Mechanic Frank Chase, 53, Oakville, Wash., today faced possible life imprisonment for holding his one-legged, war veteran stepson a "prisoner of fear" for 18 months.

Chase was convicted by a superior court jury on charges of kidnapping and assault. The jury of eight women and four men returned the verdict last night.

Chase was accused of holding his stepson, Henry Chum, 29, a prisoner in the Oakville ranch-house which Chum purchased with a veterans' loan. Chum, who lost a leg in World War II, testified that Chase beat him and forced him to crawl on the floor "like a pig."

Chase was arrested last August by a posse of American Legionnaires who learned of the victim's plight.

Return of Vessels By Russia Demanded

Washington, May 9—(U.P.)—The United States demanded today that Russia return by June 30 two ice breakers loaned to the Soviets under wartime lend-lease.



CAPTURED COWBOY — "Betcha my boots I'm stuck," says little Jimmy Anderson, 7, whose mother, Mrs. Lois Anderson, comforts him in Long Beach, Calif., as they wait for police and rescue squads. Playing cowboy, he hid in a trash barrel and then couldn't get out because of the boots he was wearing. Pried out by rescuers, he suffered only slightly skinned knees.

Senate Post Office Committee Votes for Service Restoration

Washington, May 9—(U.P.)—The senate post office committee voted unanimously today to cancel Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson's recent curtailment in postal service.

The committee approved, 9 to 0, a bill directing Donaldson to re-establish full mail deliveries and "other essential postal services" which he ordered curtailed on April 18 as an economy measure.

The committee acted after hearing President William C. Doherty of the National Association of Letter Carriers denounce the postmaster's order as a "rape" of the postal service.

Donaldson's order was "ill-timed, ill-advised, unnecessary, unwarranted and obnoxious," Doherty said.

Donaldson had ordered the cuts in service to take effect by July 1 at the latest. He acted on advice of the house appropriations committee.

Meatmen, Council, Discuss Inspection

No definite conclusions were reached last night when city and county officials met with meat packers and retailers to discuss the possible enactment of a city meat inspection ordinance and the factors involved in such legislation.

It was indicated, however, that the various groups involved will choose representatives forming a smaller committee to continue study on the matter. About 30 men attended the meeting.

Much of the discussion last night concerned the need for inspection, possible consumer reaction, cost and how it will be borne, the burden on small operators and the possible extent and effectiveness of city legislation.

Mayor Presides

Mayor Diamond Flynn, who presided at the session, emphasized that the city administration was not trying to "sell a bill of goods." He inferred that city officials looked to meatmen to determine the issue and take the lead in the matter, and that the session was to learn meatmen's views on inspection. It was brought out in other discussion that inspection will come about eventually and will be less burdensome on the meat industry if it rather than consumers initiated the measure.

Typhoon Skirts Guam, Heads for Open Sea

Tokyo, May 9—(U.P.)—A typhoon, with winds of 125 miles an hour near the center, skirted Guam today and headed into the open seas in the direction of Okinawa, the air force typhoon warning network reported.

The winds were expected to increase to 135 miles an hour by tonight, but no land lay in the immediate path of the storm.

If the storm keeps to its present course, it would cross Okinawa Thursday or Friday. However, air force weathermen said there was a good chance it will lose its intensity or change its course before then.

Reports from Guam said residents of Inarajan village in the southern sector of the island have been forced to flee their homes to higher ground because of flood waters.

HEATING MODERATE

The temperature dropped to about 29 degrees in the coldest orchards last night with readings of 30 and 31 degrees more general, according to R. J. Rogers, federal meteorologist. Moderate smudging was necessary, but it was not general.

Whistle Blowing Topic

The surprise hearing, ordered by subcommittee Chairman Andrew Jacobs (D., Ind.), was called yesterday.

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Normally Placid Streams Go Wild In Heavy Rainfall

Three Automobiles Swept Off Highways

By United Press

Flood waters rampaged in Nebraska today, leaving five dead and 12 or 13 missing, while at Winnipeg the rain-swollen Red

Cabano, Que., May 9—(U.P.)—All residents of this town of 4,000 population were ordered to abandon their homes today when a wind-whipped fire swept out of control and threatened to destroy every building here.

The flames already had destroyed 30 houses, three hotels and two lumber yards and were licking at other buildings directly in their path.

There were no reports of casualties.

Fire Chief Elie Grandmison said the mayor had appealed for military help. He said residents were being sent to nearby villages.

river threatened to spill a 12-foot wall of water into the city.

Residents of a half-dozen southeastern Nebraska counties said that normally-placid small streams suddenly went wild bringing the area its worst flood in history.

Autos Leave Roads

The rushing water swept at least three automobile off highways and left some persons clinging to telephone poles and trees. One farmer was found atop a cow.

At Wilber, Neb., seven and a half inches of rain were measured in a five-hour period and the little Nemaha river was surging two miles wide. Normally, it is about 500 feet wide.

A five-hour rainstorm cut serious leaks into the last three dikes around the Canadian city and officials said a collapse would drive thousands of residents from their homes.

Emergency radio appeals went out for more workers to join the 1,800 soldiers and thousands of volunteers who are sandbagging the dikes. An estimated 12,000 have been made homeless by the floods.

Iowa had high water, too. Five families were evacuated and three national guard companies were called out when two creeks spilled their banks near Glenwood. The streams were reported subsiding.

In nearby Red Oak, Ia., a small tornado struck an airport and damaged six planes and a large hangar. Lightning that accompanied the storm knocked off a cornice from a Red Oak bank building.

Craft Warnings Up

Forecasters said the rains would lessen but small craft warnings were hoisted over Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and part of Lake Superior. Diminishing winds up to 30 miles per hour were predicted over the lakes.

Most other places had clear weather and temperatures in the 80's were predicted north to Ohio.

Dead Indian Road Reports Uncertain

Reports of road conditions between here and the Lake of the Woods via Dead Indian are still uncertain, since official reports from the Klamath county side of the route are indefinite. Some Ashland reports say there has been travel into the lake from this side and that the road is in good condition though narrow in spots.

Jackson county road crews have opened up the road as far as the county line and apparently Klamath county crews have done the same on their side.

Last week-end's storms disrupted the original schedule for the road-opening work and the route is to Fish Lake has still not been plowed out.

'Little Guy' Promises Kick In Pants for John L. Lewis

Washington, May 9—(U.P.)—A self-styled "little guy" in John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers union said today he will "either kick the mine union boss in the pants—or get kicked."

Lloyd Sidener, ex-shovel operator for the United Electric Coal company of Canton, Ill., and Lewis have been subpoenaed to appear next Monday before a house labor subcommittee. The group is investigating a charge that Lewis used a secret code to get miners to disobey a federal judge's back-to-work order during the recent coal strike.

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