

# BULLETS FIRED IN RAIL STRIKE

## VIOLENCE FLARES AS SUBSTITUTES TAKE OVER JOBS

Chicago, May 11—(UP)—Violence broke out in the coast-to-coast railroad strike today when white-collar replacements for striking employees were fired upon from ambush at Knoxville, Tenn.

One bullet pierced a crewman's sleeve but no one was hurt. Striking locomotive firemen and engine men charged in turn that they were stoned by strike breakers.

Officials of the Southern railway, which had announced it would try to move as many trains as possible with supervisory personnel, said one bullet was fired at each of two moving freight trains.

Railway spokesmen said the bullets were fired from bushes along the right of way between a freight yard and a station.

Union officials denied the shots were fired by strikers.

### Industry Feeling Impact of Strike

Meanwhile, industry began feeling the impact of the strike, which had cut vital supply lines in 27 states. In western Pennsylvania, 13 coal mines were forced to close and 4,200 miners were thrown out of work.

At Cleveland, the Fisher Body plant and Midland Steel company had closed, but hoped to get back into partial production by using trucks to haul finished materials to rail lines not involved in the strike.

Efforts to settle the walkout were stalemated. Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman at the White House talked by telephone with Chairman Francis O'Neill of the national mediation board at Chicago and was told that no further negotiations had been scheduled.

The strike, called yesterday at 6 a.m. by the Pennsylvania, New York Central, the Santa Fe and the Southern. Indirectly, it curtailed operations of the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Colorado & Southern.

Some Trains Moving  
The New York Central, Santa Fe and Southern were maintaining as much service as possible with the aid of supervisory personnel.

But the Pennsylvania announced that "not a wheel is turning" on the segment of its system involved in the strike. But the portion east of Harrisburg, Pa., was not involved and was operating normally.

The railroads themselves had begun laying off workers. The Pennsylvania announced that it would close its Altoona, Pa., works Friday, throwing 11,000 employees into idleness. The New York Central laid off 350 roundhouse workers at Cleveland and said 15,000 additional employees throughout the system face idleness. The Santa Fe closed its Albuquerque, N.M., shops, idling 1,100.

### Saturday Deadline For Roseburg Briefs

Roseburg, Ore., May 11—(UP)—Councils in the anti-picketing injunction suit which has led to a city-wide milk strike have until Saturday to file briefs with Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

In Portland, eight Washington and Oregon dairymen asked to investigate and arbitrate the milk strike criticized fellow dairymen of the Umpqua River valley for not being satisfied with the minimum producer price of \$1.90 per hundredweight, plus 90 cents a pound for butterfat.

Yesterday testimony and final arguments were given for the Umpqua Dairy Products corporation, which wants an injunction issued to halt picketing around the plant by dairymen.

### Legal Help Claimed

Dairymen Pete Veestra and Paul Crawford charged H. V. Sullivan of the Umpqua Dairy with saying, "If this strike foolishness continues, we'll get every nickel you farmers own," and "we've been offered \$10,000 by state-wide interests to fight this thing."

Sullivan testified he had the offer of "legal help from interested parties." He said he thought he told Veestra and Crawford that "the strike will cost somebody something, possibly you farmers." Then he said "maybe I mentioned \$10,000" as the cost to the farmers.

### Proper Number Use Asked by Firemen

City firemen today cautioned residents who wish to take out a burning permit to phone Medford 2-2790 only. This is the fire department's business phone, the other number alerts firemen and it should be used only when reporting a fire.

Firefighters said that many people calling in for permits use the wrong number, evidently not realizing that the fire alarm number should not be used for business calls.

### WEATHER

FORECAST: Continued warm tonight. Cooler Friday with considerable cloudiness and a few showers.  
Highest Yesterday Temp. 80  
Lowest this Morning 44



TESTIMONY ASKED—The California senate anti-American activities committee has invited Atom Scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer, lower photo, to deny under oath that he attended communist party meetings. The charge was made by Mrs. Sylvia Crouch, (top photo) former communist, at an Oakland, Cal., hearing. (International)

### Queen Contest at Phoenix Near End

Phoenix, May 11—Wednesday night's tabulation of votes in the May Festival queen contest still left Miss Bonnie Terzenbach in the lead, with 8,611 votes. Miss Terzenbach is sponsored by Phoenix Lions club. The contest closes tomorrow.

Miss Wanda Norton, Phoenix PTA candidate, lost her second place to Miss Shirley Dudley, who is sponsored by the Neighbors of Woodcraft Thimble club. Miss Dudley now has 7,769 votes and Miss Norton, 8,517.

Miss Virginia Robers, candidate of the Phoenix Garden club, has 5,550 votes and Miss Rosalie Klassen, Phoenix Grange candidate, 4,465. Miss Barbara Barlow, candidate of the Phoenix Youth group, totaled 3,162 votes at the last counting and Miss Sally Trip, Phoenix Thursday club, 2,368.

The contest closes Friday, May 12 at 6 p.m., and the girl chosen will be crowned at 11 a.m. Saturday and reign over the two-day festival May 13 and 14.

### Medford Girl Taken Hospital; Fear Polio

A 14-year-old Medford girl was taken to a Eugene hospital by Perl ambulance yesterday after showing symptoms indicating infantile paralysis, Dr. A. Erin Merkel of the county health department reported.

He said that the girl was not paralyzed when she left Medford, but that symptoms observed while in a local hospital indicated that disease.

Expenses for the girl are being underwritten by the Jackson county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

### Hordes Flee Winnipeg Flood

Winnipeg, Man., May 11—(UP)—Thousands of women and children jammed the railroad station and remaining highways today, trying to escape Red river flood waters threatening the city with darkness, hunger and disease.

The men stayed behind to fight the flood which broke through another dike and inundated one fifth of the city.

### Evacuations Asked

The army asked that 160,000 women and children evacuate the city, give the flood-fighters more room to combat the ever-rising waters, and lessen the strain on essential services.

Troops guided the refugees in the largest mass movement of population in Canada's history. An estimated 30,000 will have quit the city by tonight or tomorrow. Many said they had no idea where they could go.

Brigadier B. A. E. Morton, flood control chief, said he wanted Winnipeg's population of 320,000 "thinned" to lessen the strain on the city's two remaining power stations. He asked all able-bodied men to stay behind to help the 20,000 organized flood-fighters shore up two major dikes still protecting the city.

Medical officials warned that sewage backed up by deepening flood waters threatened the city with disease. Flood workers washed their hands in tubs of disinfectant after contact with river water.

Morton said he feared milk and food for babies might be held up. All bridges were closed to traffic and the central heating plant was down. Residents remaining behind were asked to take as few baths as possible and turn on lights only when necessary.

While the situation here worsened, most rain-swollen

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### General News

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## Embassy Crews to Leave Czechoslovakia

### Oregon, Washington Welcomes President; Arrives At Coulee

By United Press  
Thursday is D-day—Dedication day.  
At 11 a. m. PDT President Truman arrived at Grand Coulee dam for opening ceremonies of dedication of the world's largest

eastern Oregon because "the more diversified your economy is, the better off you will be." He called for new steps to "reduce the downward trend in farm income." Particularly in the field of perishable commodities.

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Coulee Dam, Wash., May 11—(UP)—Three Oregon congressmen were at Coulee today when President Truman arrived to dedicate Grand Coulee dam.  
Reps. Harris Ellsworth, Homer Angell and Lowell Stockman, all republicans, flew in an air force plane yesterday and landed at Moses Lake, Wash. With them were Reps. Hugh Mitchell and Henry Jackson, both Washington state democrats.

The two Washington representatives shook hands with Mr. Truman, but the Oregon trio remained in the background. "Nobody invited us," said Ellsworth.

man-made structure and of Franklin D. Roosevelt lake behind the dam.  
An estimated 70,000 persons in Ontario, Huntington, Baker, La Grande and Pendleton in Oregon and in Pasco in Washington Wednesday heard and saw Mr. Truman as the 13-car special train traveled toward Grand Coulee dam.

Northwest 'Vast Arsenal'  
At Pasco Wednesday night the president said the nearby Hanford atomic energy plant was one of several areas that made the Pacific northwest a "vast arsenal." He told 20,000 persons that America would use its resources "in an effort to keep peace in the world." Mr. Truman said that the northwest was the gateway to Alaska and that he hoped "Alaska would soon enter as a new state along with Hawaii."

In his fifth of six major speeches across the country, President Truman said in Pendleton that "our goal over the next decade should be to lift every hard-working American family to an income of about \$4,000 a year—not a mere dollar increase but an increase in the real standard of living."

Wants Balanced Budget  
He told the crowd of 20,000 at the Pendleton depot that he wanted to have a balanced budget for the federal government "just as much as anybody else does."

Many of the 12,000 persons welcoming the president in La Grande gave him a lesson in pronunciation. First, Mrs. Truman mispronounced the name "Wallawa." Then he slipped and said "La Grande" instead of "La Grande." Residents helped him out when he stopped his talk and asked for the correct pronunciation of "Wallawa."

He said the lumber industry was improving because of increased home building for which the federal government deserves the major credit.

Predicts Dam  
At the Baker station, the president made a prediction to 7,000 listeners. He predicted that the Hell's canyon dam project, which the senate has rejected, will be built yet to provide the area with a million kilowatts of power, flood control and irrigation.

He told the Huntington crowd that he was pleased to see the increasing industrialization of

Today, those who opposed Grand Coulee are trying to cover their tracks. They are trying to jump on the bandwagon.

The opponents of progress would have you believe that the frontiers are closed. They think we should now relax and struggle no more. Those are the men of little faith. I say to you that the American spirit which blazed the Oregon trail is not dead. Here in the northwest you are still pushing back frontiers.

What has happened here is what happens in the case of undeveloped areas everywhere in our country and the world. Sound, productive investment always makes bigger markets and more jobs.

When the dam was being built it was attacked as a colossal waste of public funds. Well, that was a colossal misstatement.

The private power lobby and other people who have selfish interest to maintain, say the Columbia valley administration would be a "super-state." Of course that is not true. Ask the people in the Tennessee valley . . . they will tell you that the TVA is the greatest thing that ever happened in their part of the country.

We have embarked, all over the country, on the task of fully developing our resources for all the people . . . We will meet opposition from the private power groups. Many of them . . . do not want the energy of our rivers put to use as power and sold to the people at cost.

This opposition of the private power companies is wrong. It would deny the people the benefits of low-cost power. They themselves have brought it about through public investment.

Letters to Fraudulent Firm Being Returned  
Acting Postmaster Moore Hamilton today said that a number of letters, addressed to "The National Radio Program Agency" in Chicago by Medford people, are being returned to their senders stamped "fraudulent."

The agency, which has given its address as 82 West Washington, Chicago, has been operating a money-soliciting racket, postal authorities said, and most of the letters returned contain \$2 or \$3. In addition, Hamilton said, postcards addressed to local people from the so-called agency have been intercepted and turned over to the postal inspection service.

Big Three Ministers Eye Stronger Defenses  
London, May 11—(UP)—The big three foreign ministers surveyed the problems of the world today and agreed they must strengthen their defenses and economies against the possibility of another world war.

The American, British and French ministers met for four hours.

Their first talks of the conference ranged all over the world, from east to west, and a spokesman said "the twain met."

The opening day of the conference was overshadowed by a sensational French proposal for pooling the coal and steel industries of France and Germany, and perhaps all of western Europe.



BING DENIES FAMILY RIFT—Bing Crosby and his wife, the former Dixie Lee, are shown in a New York night club in one of the few pictures taken of them together in public. Hollywood rumors insist the couple are splitting up, but Bing, on a "bachelor's vacation" in Paris, denies them. They have been married almost 20 years and are the parents of four sons.

## Counter-Offer Made In Forest Industry's IWA-CIO Negotiation

The employers negotiating committee of the northwest lumber industry has submitted a counter offer to the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, in the current dispute over health and welfare demands, according to B. L. "Bud" Nutting, manager of the Medford corporation here.

The offer was made by letter to J. E. Fadling, of the unions negotiating committee, by C. L. "Chet" Irving, of the Pine Industrial Relations committee.

His proposal, he said, would cost employers seven and a half cents an hour, and would involve a cent and a half per hour wage increase, three and a half cents an hour to a jointly-administered health and welfare fund, and six paid holidays each year, costing employers an estimated two and a half cents.

The employers would also consider substituting an outright wage increase at the same cost for either paid holidays or the health and welfare provision, or both, according to Irving's letter.

The IWA-CIO has threatened a strike, involving some 40,000 workers, on Monday if their demands have not been met.

Two firms in this area, Medco and Fir Milling and Planing company in Ashland, are the only ones employing IWA members, about 250 in all.

Portland, Ore., May 11—(UP)—J. E. Fadling, president of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO), said today northwest logging and sawmill operators have not offered the union "an acceptable plan."

Fadling added that "we hope to settle negotiations without a strike." Contract talks will resume tomorrow morning in Portland. The IWA represents about 40,000 northwest lumber workers in 700 operations in five states.

The lumbermen's industrial relations committee, which represents about 160 lumber and logging operators in the northwest, "had gradually inched up its offer," Fadling said, "but still the plan it offers is not worthy of recommendation to our membership."

The lumbermen have offered a 2½ cents an hour wage increase and a medical program to employees.

### Washington Posse Catches Bank Robber

Carnation, Wash., May 11—A posse of state citizens and volunteer firemen driving a fire truck caught a bank robber shortly after he held up the Washington State Bank branch here today.

The bandit was overtaken six miles south of this city of 400 persons. It was not immediately known how much money he had obtained.

A bank employee said the gunman shoved a paper sack through the teller's cage window and said "Fill it up right now."

Ethel Bagwell, a bank employee, described the man as "small and young, wearing a cap and khaki clothes."

He entered the bank and pointed a gun at a woman teller and demanded the money and ran out the door and sped west in his car toward Monroe, Wash.

Sheriff's Capt. Adam Lyskoski said the federal bureau of investigation entered the case immediately because federal funds were involved.

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## Skeleton Force Will Remain on Diplomatic Staff

Removal Complies With Czech Demand

Prague, May 11—(UP)—The United States instructed all but 15 of the American employees at its embassy today to leave the country after Czechoslovakia warned it would not be responsible for their safety beyond Sunday.

The instructions were issued by Ambassador Ellis O. Briggs. American officials said Briggs had decided to comply with the demand made on April 28 that the United States cut its diplomatic staffs in this country by two-thirds.

Demand Supplemented  
The Czech government supplemented the demand last night by informing Briggs orally that it would not be responsible for the safety of American diplomats if the staff cut was not completed by Sunday.

The Czechs said that unmarried members of the embassy staff affected by the reduction should leave Czechoslovakia before midnight Friday.

The Czech note of April 28 accused American diplomats of "anti-state activities" and charged that they had aided persons who worked against the "security of Czechoslovakia."

Only 15 Left  
These activities have nothing in common with the usual activity of diplomatic and consular officers—looking after the interests of their state in Czechoslovakia, activities which, of course, they have only pretended," the note said.

The reduction would leave in Prague only Briggs, political adviser James K. Penfield, two air attachés, two military attachés, two political officers, five office workers and two air crew members, American officials said.

Road Mix, Oil for Streets Available  
The city engineering department is now accepting applications from property owners for street oiling and for application of road mix surfacing of decomposed granite and oil.

The city council has set a price of one cent per square foot for street oiling and four cents per square foot for the road mix. City Superintendent Vernon Thorpe said the public works department will be responsible for "shaping up" streets and alleys prior to the application of the oil and the city now has two contracts for the maintenance work will not be delayed by construction programs.

Application for spreading of the road mix on streets will be considered separately, he said, because surfacing of that type should not be placed on a street that does not have at least a fair base and drainage. Thorpe said he hopes to begin the road mix program as soon as possible so that the prime coat can be laid in June or early July. Several days of curing and drying are required.

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McCarthy has said the diplomat, now U. S. minister to a small central European nation, was contacted by a Russian agent here who in turn relayed secret documents to the Soviet embassy.

John E. Peurifoy, deputy under-secretary of state, who knows the identity of McCarthy's latest target, told reporters:

"In so far as the state department is concerned we have no evidence to even remotely substantiate such charges."

TWO MORE DAYS  
There are still two more days for property owners to register complaints about property valuations with the county board of equalization. The board is meeting each day this week at 11 a.m. (DST) in the office of County Assessor C. A. Myers and is accepting theses valuations, provided they are submitted in writing.