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Atomic Workers Go Out On Strike

Construction on 2 Vital Projects Comes to Halt
100 Per Cent Walkout Of AFL Men Reported

Oak Ridge, Tenn., May 25—(U.P.)—Construction on two vital uranium-separation plants came to an abrupt halt today when none of the more than 3,000 AFL workers showed up at their jobs.

The 100 per cent walkout of "field force" employees of the Maxon Construction Company included members of all building crafts headed by the building trades council (AFL) at Knoxville, Tenn., an atomic energy spokesman said.

The general strike followed a wildcat walkout by about 700 laborers at the K-29 and K-31 plant projects yesterday.

Picket lines appeared at several of the gates to this atomic city this morning.

The walkout included electricians, plumbers, truck drivers and laborers, upsetting what company officials called "the delicate construction timetable" at the huge projects.

John Turner, an international representative of the AFL construction laborers union, said the walkout was not sanctioned by his union. He said he would meet with the laborers today and try to persuade them to return to their jobs.

Continuation of Dispute
The walkout of the laborers was a continuation of a dispute which idled 565 workers for seven days last month. They returned to work pending a decision by the atomic mediation panel on their demand for pay increases ranging up to 30 cents an hour. The laborers now average \$1.95 an hour in wages.

An arbitration board appointed by the panel completed hearings Tuesday and took the dispute under advisement. Observers said the walkout of the laborers was called in hopes of bringing forth a speedy decision from the arbitrators.

Chinese Nationals Beat Off Red Attack

Taipei, Formosa, May 25—(U.P.)—The Chinese nationalists beat off a Chinese communist attack on the Wanshan islands southwest of Hong Kong today and killed more than 3,000 of the would-be invaders, an official statement said.

A communiqué said a 400-ton infantry landing craft, several gunboats and more than 20 motor-driven junks were destroyed "in the unsuccessful communist invasion attempt."

However, the communists managed to land a number of troops on Chingchow and Sanchiao islands, the communiqué said. It added that those troops "now are being encircled by government forces."

Logger Electrocuted By Tangled Wires

Willamina, Ore., May 25—(U.P.)—Alex Syron of Ballston, Ore., 65-year-old logger, was electrocuted Wednesday when he tried to remove some wires tangled with machinery in a truck five miles west of Willamina.

A first-aid car was called from Valley Junction, but Syron was dead when it arrived, police reported.

Officers said Syron was helping transport machinery when overhead power lines became entangled with the machinery as the truck drove under them. Syron, wearing light gloves, tried to remove the wires and was electrocuted.

Ungrateful Bear Bites The Hand That Feeds Him

Portland, Ore., May 25—(U.P.)—A bear at Portland's Washington park zoo, apparently ignorant of the saying "don't bite the hand that feeds you," accepted food offered by Richard A. Potter, 21, and bit off the tip of Potter's index finger at the same time. Potter did not bite back.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Continued fair and warm tonight and Friday.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	84
Lowest this Morning	44

Pact Commitments May Force Defense Spending Figure Up

Washington, May 25—(U.P.)—Informed sources said today that national defense spending for the 1952 fiscal year is being planned around a \$13 billion figure but may be forced higher by Atlantic pact commitments.

These informants said the armed forces regard the \$13 billion estimate as a spending base, not a ceiling, for the 12 months from July 1, 1951, to June 30, 1952.

The 1951 defense budget now before congress started at \$13,500,000,000 but subsequently was



TO VISIT—Theodore Penland, 101 (above), last commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, will be guest of honor at ceremonies at Camp White Sunday at 2 p.m. He will arrive by air Sunday morning, and will review a parade at the veterans center which will include a number of military, veterans, musical and other entries. Sam Bowe, Grants Pass, state commander of the American Legion, will speak in tribute to Penland, and will review briefly the changes which have occurred since Penland volunteered in the Union army at the age of 16.

Truman Would Veto Voluntary FEP Bill

Washington, May 25—(U.P.)—President Truman said today that he would not accept a voluntary fair employment practices program if congress should pass such a plan.

Mr. Truman repeatedly has advocated congressional adoption of a permanent and compulsory FEPC.

The house has passed a voluntary plan. Mr. Truman was asked at a news conference today whether he would accept a similar voluntary system from the senate where the FEPC legislation is now stymied.

Mr. Truman said emphatically that he would not accept such a plan from congress. He added we have a voluntary plan now.

Salem, Ore., May 25—(U.P.)—Gov. Douglas McKay appointed Miss Mary Finlay Graham of Vale, Ore., as a temporary replacement for her father, David F. Graham of Vale as justice of the peace.



GOLDSEEKERS CONTINUED to rush to the Port Angeles, Wash., area today following reports that a prospector had found ore assaying \$23 a ton. The newest "find" came after Mrs. Grace Melick, shown at left with her son looking over an assayer's report on gold bearing quartz found on her farm, disclosed she had found ore samples valued at \$124 per ton. Mrs. Melick's former husband, Floyd, is shown at right standing guard over his property which is across the road from that of his ex-wife. State Land Commissioner Jack Taylor said yesterday that 33 persons have filed claims and he added that his office will honor claims on the "first come, first served" basis.

Williams Quits as Ashland Mayor at Quiet Session

Ashland, May 25—Thomas Williams quietly stepped down from his position as mayor of Ashland at a city council meeting last night. His last official act was to sign a proclamation certifying the results of the successful recall measure which removed him from office.

Williams said this morning he was uncertain whether or not he will proceed with court action challenging the validity of the election. He had said previously he would seek to have it set aside on the grounds that notice of the election did not conform to legal requirements.

Complete Canvass
The city council completed the official canvass of election ballots last night, after securing two missing tally sheets from the county clerk's office. Councilman Elmer Sheldon was also removed from office at the same election.

Fred Homes, chairman of the council who took the gavel from Williams, performed his first official act as acting mayor last night in appointing Col. H. R. Jordan as Ashland municipal judge. A unique provision in the Ashland city charter says the city judge is to be appointed by and serve concurrently with the mayor, according to City Recorder J. B. Austin.

Wilmethe Replaced
This was interpreted to mean that L. Peers Wilmethe, who has been serving as city judge, no longer holds the office due to Williams' removal. Jordan was appointed to succeed him.

The council session was quiet and without incident.

Williams was bitter in his discussion this morning of events leading up to the recall election. He said he and his wife, who has been ill, will spend several days on the coast to "rest up," and he intimated that his decision as to whether or not he will continue to challenge the election results will not be announced until he returns.

Increased to more than \$14 billion

President Truman told a news conference today that a ceiling already has been set on the 1952 defense budget now in preliminary preparation. But he refused to say whether it will be higher or lower than the 1951 military spending bill.

At his weekly news conference, the president also:

- 1—Rejected a proposal by the Washington Post for creation of a commission of elder statesmen to study the nation's internal and external security. He said he is trying to run the government under the constitution and sees no reason for a super government.
- 2—Waved off questions on the recent mission to Moscow of Trygve Lie, secretary general of the United Nations. He said he knew no details of Lie's conference abroad and consequently did not comment.
- 3—Refused to express an opinion on the possible seating of communist China in the United Nations.
- 4—Told a German correspondent that the United Nations and American occupation authorities are considering the problem of eight million refugees now in the western occupation zone of Germany.
- 5—Declined to say what he would do about continuing requests, one recently from Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.), for the dismissal of Robert L. Denham, general counsel of the national labor relations board.
- 6—Said, in response to a question, that he understood that both management and labor were pleased by the new five-year contract between General Motors and the United Auto Workers. If both sides are pleased, the president said, he is pleased, too.
- 7—As he has said repeatedly in recent weeks, he is not ready to announce the selection of a new atomic energy commission chairman.
- 8—He has no plans to see a group of paraplegic veterans who are here in an effort to reverse the White House order closing Birmingham General Hospital at Van Nuys, Cal.

Cancer Salve Maker Given Jail Sentence

Portland, Ore., May 25—(U.P.)—Otto Soles, 69-year-old creator of his so-called "cancer salve," yesterday was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$500 by District Judge John R. Mears for practicing medicine without a license.

Soles treated a woman for 2½ years. She is near death in a hospital with cancer.

L. B. Sandblast, Soles' attorney, said he would appeal because he questioned the constitutionality of the law under which Soles was convicted.

Judge Mears refused clemency and said:

"Evidence shows that a comparatively young wife and mother, treated by him is now approaching death."

Soles operated the Keystone laboratory.

San Francisco, May 25—(U.P.)—Sea scouts from Nevada and Utah were to sail today for Hawaii on a training cruise aboard the United States navy transport Thomas Jefferson.

Largest Portland Tunnel Nearly Ready

Portland, Ore., May 25—(U.P.)—City workers expect to complete one of the city's largest tunneling operations sometime today and 160 feet underground.

Nearly a year ago, workers began the three-mile-long bore from each end of the proposed tunnel, which is to be part of the sewage disposal system. Its cost is estimated at nearly \$3 million.

The horseshoe-shaped bore is 8 feet high and 8 feet wide. About 35,000 man-days have been spent on the tunneling operation.



FRIEND of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, convicted British atom spy, Harry Gold (left), 39, chemist, is held in \$100,000 bail after admitting he gave priceless atom secrets to Russia. Eyes down (right), he leaves Philadelphia court under guard. (International Soundphoto)

Frost Warnings To End Tonight, Smudge Near End

Roy J. Rogers, federal meteorologist, will make his final broadcast of frost warnings to Rogue Valley orchardists tonight. The nightly service has been broadcast over all valley radio stations during the frost danger season. Rogers will remain in Medford until June 1 in case an emergency develops in the way of untimely cold.

The prospect of any more frost this season is highly unlikely, however. Robert Church, official in charge of the Medford weather bureau, said today it would be "very exceptional if temperatures were to drop below freezing this late in the year. The latest date on record here that orchardists were forced to light smudge pots was May 26."

Pears in local orchards are now in the midst of a normal heavy spring drop. Though an accurate crop report will not be available until around June 1, County Horticulturist C. B. Cordy said today that present indications lead orchardists to expect a light but not a bumper crop. A heavy anjou crop. Cold nights have produced some fruit markings "in a few areas."

Lack of Water Faces Residents at Bend

Bend, Ore., May 25—(U.P.)—Most of the northwest is worried about too much water in Columbia basin streams, but Bend residents have been told to take it easy on their water.

Domestic water in storage tanks hit a low mark because of heavy demand and orders were limited to 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Home owners must irrigate only on alternate days and no water can be used on May 31 for irrigation purposes.

Bend now is looking for new water sources for domestic and irrigation use. Although the Deschutes river rolls right through the heart of this Central Oregon city, all of its water already is portioned out for irrigation district use.

Europe Wants Peace, Trygve Lie Declares

Lake Success, N. Y., May 25—(U.P.)—Secretary General Trygve Lie told 3,000 cheering members of the United Nations secretariat today that Europe wants peace—"Both those in eastern Europe and those in western European countries."

The entire staff of employees at UN headquarters turned out to welcome Lie when he returned to his office after arriving this morning from his "pilgrimage of peace" that carried him from the White House to the Kremlin.

Obviously touched by the enthusiasm of the demonstration, Lie told the secretariat gathered on the lawn before headquarters: "Europe wants peace—both those in the eastern European and those in the western European countries."

Russian War Plane Expenditures Said High

London, May 25—(U.P.)—Sir Richard Fairry, pioneer British aircraft designer, estimated today that Russia is spending \$5 billion a year to build war planes.

That is twice as much as the United States and five times as much as Britain and "may well be an underestimate," Fairry said in the 38th annual Wilbur Wright memorial lecture here.

He reminded the western world that Adolf Hitler built up his Luftwaffe for World War II while the United States and Britain cut aviation expenditures.

Motorcycle Rider Victim of Injuries

Salem, Ore., May 25—(U.P.)—Clarence Horn, 56, of Longview, Wash., died early today of injuries suffered Wednesday when he was thrown from his motorcycle into a rock beside the Pacific highway six miles south of Salem.

State police said Horn's machine apparently skidded out of control and crashed alongside the highway. Horn is survived by his widow, Frances, who came to Salem Wednesday night from Longview.

Squire Gun Robber Takes Money From Man

Portland, Ore., May 25—(U.P.)—Perriel L. Dolph of Portland complained today that he was robbed of \$30 by three men after one of them shot him in the face with a squirt gun.



New Water Pipeline Construction Slated To Begin in August

Construction of the second pipeline from Big Butte springs to Medford should start some time in August, according to the tentative time table reported today. Robert A. Duff, superintendent of the Medford water commission.

The line is being financed by the \$2,800,000 bond issue voted by residents last Friday.

Duff stated that a transcript of the election is being sent to a Portland bonding attorney for approval before bids on the bonds will be called. He said it is possible that bond offers will be asked in about three weeks, with bids to be open three weeks later.

To Call Bids
Construction bids should be called about July 15 with the opening a month later, the superintendent reported. However, it is hoped that the procedure can be expedited to permit earlier start of construction, he said.

Bulk of the engineering on the pipeline has been completed. The location survey began early last December and is finished, but some easements must still be secured. Specifications are ready to be written.

Preliminary work on the earth-fill storage dam is slated this year, including preparation of outlet structures, spillway work and stripping the humus layer off the area where clay for the dam will be obtained. Exchange of land with the forest service may take some time, according to Duff. Part of the proposed dam site is on federal land.

Projected completion time of the pipeline and dam is the summer of 1951.

Lane County Fire Jumps Control Line

Eugene, Ore., May 25—(U.P.)—A 200-acre fire 25 miles east of here that was temporarily under control last night jumped a fire trail early today and burned over 30 more acres.

Sparks fanned by a light breeze jumped the western fire trail, according to Jake Smith, in charge of the eastern Lane county fire patrol.

The fire's jump had spread to 30 acres at the last report and was threatening holdings of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. Employees of the firm have joined the crew fighting the blaze, bringing the total to more than 100.

The fire, largest so far this season in Oregon, is believed to have started from sparks in a logging operation's rigging equipment at the Rasmussen company holdings Tuesday.

Load Limits Placed On County Bridges

The county court, considering certain bridges in the county unsafe for the maximum load limits permitted by state law, has imposed reduced load limits on 28 spans throughout the county.

Traffic loads are limited to 11 tons on the following bridges, according to a recent court order: McLeod, Big Butte Creek No. 275, Peyton, Nederland, Cobleigh, Big Butte No. 261, Evans Creek, Snider Creek, Miller's Ford, Wimer, Minthorn, Rogue River, Riley, Thompson Creek bridges Nos. 459 and 460, Cameron, McKee, Copper, Little Apple, Vale, Phoenix, Oak street and Military bridge on the old Camp White reservation.

Limits of eight tons have been imposed on Bigham, Bear Creek No. 168 and Lost creek bridges. Fifteen ton limits are in effect on Bybee and Wards Creek bridges.

Red River Flood Level Drops Foot and a Half

Winnipeg, Man., May 25—(U.P.)—The Red river flood level dropped a foot and a half from its crest today and the army said it no longer was necessary for residents to leave town.

At the height of the flood crisis an estimated one third of Winnipeg's 320,000 population had been evacuated.

Authorities warn, however, that the flood level would not be down to a safe level for several days and dikes still were being patrolled.

The official level today stood at 28.5, still 10.5 feet above minimum flood level. The level hit a peak of 39.3 feet last week.

18,753 Committeemen Told Wrong Tourist Answers

John Snider, whose title is chairman of the subcommittee on tourist information of the tourist and convention committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, today announced the creation of a new agency—the "Special committee on 'You Go This Way!'"

Snider has appointed some 18,753 persons to serve on the committee—every man, woman and child in Medford. He has thus, he said, dramatically increased the staff of the chamber of commerce from three to nearly 20,000—largest increase on record.

Snider estimates that each committeeman will be asked at least 10 questions by visiting tourists during the coming summer, and he today provided a check-list of wrong answers to possible questions.

Wrong Answers Given
Here's what not to say:

1. "Look, Buddy, this is a grocery store, not the chamber of commerce."
2. "Jacksonville? I think it's up around Eugene."
3. "Well, I'll tell you. If you're looking for mosquitoes, that's the place to find them. Man, they'll eat you alive up there."
4. "N-a-a-a-h. You can't get to Phoenix from here."
5. "Crater lake? Get on highway sixty-something and stay on it. Not much up there but a lot of scenery, though. I'll take Lake Tahoe anytime."
6. "Why ask me? I ain't no Duncan Hines."
7. "You tourists ask the silliest questions."

Snider, who is cooperating in the statewide tourist host week observance, said that any one of these answers is guaranteed to get tourists out of the Rogue valley. And his tourist dollars, which could benefit the entire community, would go with him, Snider pointed out.

Israel and Arab Nations Will Get Help From Big 3

Promises Exacted On Aggression

Washington, May 25—(U.P.)—The United States, Britain and France took joint responsibility today for maintaining peace in the near east by agreeing on a unified policy of sending arms to Israel and the Arab nations.

The Big Three exacted promises from the new Jewish state and the six Arab nations that any arms sent to them would not be used for aggression against one another.

Would Use Joint Action
Any threat of aggression, a Big Three agreement said, would be met by joint action by the Big Three both within and without the framework of the United Nations to prevent any violation of frontiers. Presumably, that would mean cutting off economic assistance.

The agreement was announced simultaneously here, in London and in Paris. President Truman, in making the American announcement, hailed the agreement as a step that should promote peace and security in the area.

American officials, in explaining the agreement, said it did not mean that arms shipments to the area would be stepped up. In fact, they hoped it might have the opposite effect.

Hope to Calm Fears
By asserting the Big Three's determination to prevent aggression, these officials hoped to calm the fears of both Israel and the Arab nations.

Each side—since end of the Jewish-Arab fighting two years ago—has charged the other with arming for new hostilities. Arabs and Jews both have been buying arms in the Big Three countries. Officials thought these arms purchases now may decrease.

One American official denied that the big three stand was directed against Russia. But he stressed that the area is a "great strategic prize" and that it would be against American policy for it to exist in "a military vacuum."

Taxing of Coops Aired by Committee

Washington, May 25—(U.P.)—The house ways and means committee came to grips today with the political touchy question of whether to tax the earnings of farm and other cooperatives.

Rep. Noah M. Mason (R., Ill.) contended that tax-exempt co-ops do a \$14 billion to \$15 billion a year business in competition with tax-paying private business firms.

He said they should be subject to business taxes and estimated this would add \$600 million a year to treasury revenues.

Many members of congress are wary of disturbing the tax-free status of cooperatives. In many parts of the country they can speak with authority at the ballot box.

Buzzing Belays Briscoe School Students Study

Ashland, May 25—A furious buzzing threw the Briscoe school here into confusion yesterday. A swarm of bees chose the new brick school's playground as a temporary home, and academic procedure was suspended—to the delight of most students.

Order was restored shortly, however, when a fireman with experience in beekeeping lured the swarm away.

New York, May 25—(U.P.)—The Chinatown tenement area will be transformed into a modern China village with "Pagoda-touched" architecture by 1955.

New York, May 25—(U.P.)—The longest and deepest underwater motor car tunnel in the western hemisphere opened today.

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Philadelphia	3	11	0
Chambers and Turner; Miller and Seminick.			