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Los Angeles Busses, Trolleys Halted by Strike of Operators

Bridges Stripped Of Citizenship In Court Action

Longshore Leader Cites Reasons

San Francisco, June 16—(U.P.) Federal Judge George B. Harris today stripped CIO Longshore Leader Harry Bridges of his American citizenship.

Bridges was recently convicted of perjury and conspiracy for lying about his membership in the communist party at his naturalization hearing in 1945. Sentenced to five years in prison, his case is being appealed.

Presumption of Guilt
Harris, after lengthy consideration of a government motion to cancel Bridges' citizenship, announced:

"This man stands convicted as a felon before this court. In such instances, the presumption of innocence vanishes and a heavy presumption of guilt takes its place."

"Under the circumstances herein, he should not be privileged to retain the fruits of his illegality."

No Moral Right
"Harry Bridges has no moral or constitutional right to retain the privilege of citizenship, if, by false swearing, an imposition was practiced upon the superior court of the state of California, without which the certificate of citizenship could and would not have been issued."

Harris, who received briefs recently from the government and from defense attorneys for Bridges, handed down his decision this morning in the form of a "memorandum, opinion and order."

He said his action was based upon the nationality act of October 14, 1940.

Shriners Leave for Convention Sunday

Some 300 members of Hillah Shrine will leave by special train Sunday morning for the annual Shrine convention to be held June 19 to 23 in Los Angeles.

Herman H. Mayberry, Ashland, potentate of the Shrine, said that about a quarter-million Shriners are expected to attend the convention, the largest in the history of the organization.

The special train for Hillah Shriners will leave Eugene at 10 p. m. Saturday and will arrive in Medford and Ashland the following morning. Composed of 15 cars, the train will arrive in Los Angeles at 9:15 a. m. Monday. The return trip will begin the following Saturday.

Shriners will select a new imperial potentate at the convention to succeed Movie Actor Harold Lloyd, who has served in the post for the past year.

Corvallis, Ore., June 16—(U.P.) Lawrence Fisher Wooster, 65, retired Oregon State college professor of electrical engineering, died yesterday in a local hospital.

Oklahoma Badman Surrenders Peacefully When Captured In Girl Friend's Flat

Munich, Germany, June 16—(U.P.)—Oklahoma Badman Homer Cook, ill with blood poisoning and weak from hunger, surrendered to police without a fight today in the bedroom of his German sweetheart.

Two American military police and six German police closed in on the Munich apartment of 21-year-old Anna Sporer two hours after a German truck driver reported seeing Cook stagger into the building.

Anna was not at home. Police battered down the door of her flat and found the 8-foot-1, 200-pound Cook sprawled on the bed. He still wore the same fatigues and undershirt in which he escaped 60 hours before from Dachau prison, 10 miles north of Munich.

The 27-year-old Cook didn't seem to notice the police until one of them prodded him with a cocked revolver.

"You won't have to use that," Cook said quietly.

He appeared to be in great pain, wincing every time he moved his left arm. It was swollen and black almost to the elbow from a wound in his hand. He had ripped his hand when

Use of Extra Autos Adds To Normal Congestion; Wage Talks Deadlocked

Los Angeles, June 16—(U.P.)—A strike halted busses and streetcars of the Los Angeles Transit lines today and one million commuters in this sprawling city of two million used the family car or thumbed rides.

While business firms reported some absenteeism due to the lack of 4,000 transit workers shortly after midnight, most workers who stood on corners were speedily given rides by co-operative motorists.

Federal conciliators failed to break a deadlock over wages early today and the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees (AFL) pulled the yellow busses and street cars into the barns.

The red cars of Pacific Electric, which serve many communities in Los Angeles county with its population of four million, continued to operate. Its cars and busses were jammed with extra passengers.

Police cars cruised through the streets early today to warn persons waiting on some corners that the strike was on.

Motor car pools were hastily formed and traffic policemen were put on 12-hour shifts to help keep automobiles moving in the downtown area which normally is traffic jammed.

Some parking lots raised prices as the cars streamed downtown.

Woman Uses Roller Skates To Reach PE Station
One woman used roller skates to get to a P. E. car. The Santa Monica municipal bus lines ran a shuttle service to a P. E. junction in that district.

Taxis did a rush business. But Taxi Driver J. W. Hetzner moaned that some riders felt they shouldn't pay more than they would on a bus. Recalling the 26-day transit strike in 1946, Hetzner said: "In the last strike I went days without a tip."

Department stores reported a drop in business. Today was the final day of school. About 30,000 school children normally use street cars but most of them were having no difficulty hitchhiking rides.

The strike came as the city prepared to entertain 100,000 Shriners for their national convention next week. Mayor Fletcher Bowron had hoped that the strike would have been delayed until after the Shrine convention.

Ed Oliver, international secretary of the union, said the company had rejected an offer of arbitration and had made no offer that the union could accept. Transit workers will hold a mass meeting tomorrow morning.

Would Boost Fares
"Of every dollar paid into our fareboxes," said a company statement explaining rejection of the union's 20-cent-an-hour wage boost demand, "58 cents now goes to the employees in wages, pensions and other related items. Any further increase can result only in some increase in fares."

No Serious Damage Caused by Storm Here
The electrical storm about midnight last night blew out a large number of transformer, line and substitution fuses from Central Point to Brownsboro, California Oregon Power company reported this morning.

Several crews were assigned to replace fuses. No large area of any consequence was affected, it was stated.

No other damage around the valley has been reported.

Handicap Seen
The president also said the bill might seriously handicap the federal trade commission and diminish the effect of the Robinson-Patman act which protects small enterprises against price discriminations.

It was President Truman's second veto of a major bill passed by this congress. The first was the Kerr bill to exempt independent producers of natural gas from federal regulation. Mr. Truman in vetoing the Kerr bill said it would not have been in the national interest.

Controversial Issue
The basing point bill was one of the more controversial bills on which the president acted in this congressional session. He had been under heavy pressure both to sign and veto it. Party lines were split when it passed congress.

The act would have permitted manufacturers to absorb freight costs to quote identical delivered prices at different points of delivery to meet the price of a competitor. The manufacturers would have had to act independently and the absorption of the freight rate would have had to be done in good faith.

American police, Cpl. Albert Levison of Ashland, Ky., and Pfc. Emil Skaggs of Ansted, W. Va.

He told police little about what he did during his 60 hours of liberty that followed his third prison break in two months.

The former GI from Muskogee, Okla., said he had spent last night in the Nuernberg area but had not heard a radio appeal which his sweetheart made for him to surrender.

He said he hoped he would be able to see Anna, who spent the night with friends and had left by train for Nuernberg, 100 miles north, an hour before Cook was captured in her apartment.

Anna's trip north was made in answer to an appeal from police, who thought they had Cook trapped in a small woods five miles outside Nuernberg. The police wanted her to call upon Cook to surrender.

Anna fainted when told of Cook's capture on her arrival in Nuernberg. When she recovered she said: "I prayed all the way up here. I prayed for just that. I know they would have killed him. You can tell the world I still love Chuck and I will be waiting for him."

Week-End Log Hauling Banned on Highways
State police said today that no log hauling is being permitted on public roads after noon on Saturdays during the summer months.

The measure has been decreed by state highway officials in steps to reduce accident peril during the heavy travel on week-ends.

The regulation is effective until September 8.

Rescue Crews Dig Through Debris For Trapped Men

Five Miners Buried By Flood Waters

Cadomin, Alta., June 16—(U.P.) Tired, muddy coal miners dug through tons of mud, silt and rock today in an effort to save five of their buddies trapped 350 feet underground by river flood waters.

They kept working although they had all but abandoned hope for the men imprisoned since Wednesday night behind a deluge from the MacLeod river.

Hope Dwindles
"We're praying that we'll get them out," one of the 20 spade-wielding workers said as he labored in the narrow tunnel being dug through the blocked mine shaft.

"But it looks like only a miracle will get them out."

Thirty miners were working deep in the Cadomin coal mine when the flood waters poured into the workings and blocked the shaft with rubble from the sodden ceilings and shaft walls. All but the five escaped.

They were believed to have clambered through the rubble by the light of the headlamps and reached a point about 270 feet from the mine entrance.

The rescue crews believed that by now the men probably had drowned or died from fumes after the water cut off the underground ventilating system.

No sound of life came from the flooded section. But the digging went on, with ears of the crew cocked for the slightest knocking or scratching that would indicate signs of life.

None of the volunteers or mine officials knew just how far they were from the trapped men.

Rural School Districts To Name Directors

Besides voting for directors of their individual school districts next Monday, residents in the districts outside Medford, Ashland and Central Point will be called on to name directors to the county rural school board.

In the rural school board election, Dr. George B. Dean is seeking re-election to another term as director from Zone 4 which includes Jacksonville, Griffin Creek, Ruckel-Stein, Applegate, Oak Grove and West Side districts.

H. F. Padgham Jr. is a candidate for the directorship of Zone 3, comprising Lone Pine, Dewey, Kenwood and Howard districts. There are five directors on the rural school board.

Carl Quackenbush has filed for the job as director from Zone 5 of the non-high school district. His zone consists of Lone Pine, Wagner Creek, Pinehurst and Colebrook.

All school districts in the state will hold their annual elections Monday.

Redding Arrest Solves Burglary in Medford

A man apprehended by Redding, Cal., officers has admitted the burglary of the residence of Dr. George S. Jennings here on June 8 and three guns taken have been recovered, Medford city police were informed yesterday.

Redding police said that the arrest of Charles Adam Slawson, 26, and Velma Coren Henningsen, 22 also cleared up four burglaries in that district. Another man, reportedly involved in the Medford theft, escaped capture and was said to have a watch taken from the Jennings' home.

Medford officers have placed a hold on the couple but it was thought they will be prosecuted in California.

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Sheriff Fred Eaksecker of Clackamas county said two boys discovered the body in a clearing near the county park on an old log road. A gunshot wound behind the left ear caused Rucker's death, Rillance said.

Driver Uninjured In Truck Smashup
Central Point, June 16—Raymond Arnold Gibson, Trail, escaped serious injury about 5:45 p.m. yesterday when the loaded lumber truck he was operating was involved in an accident with a Southern Pacific company switch engine here, according to local police.

The truck was carried 90 feet from the point of impact at the Main street crossing and badly damaged, police said. A Southern Pacific official reported some damage to the front end of the engine. Police said the engine was derailed.

Ties Torn Up
A number of ties were torn up and the track had to be re-leveled and relined. The track was cleared in about an hour and a half and the northbound passenger train was not delayed. Auto traffic was held up about 45 minutes. The accident attracted a large crowd.

The truck was owned by John Paudos, Central Point, for whom Gibson was hauling to the Southern Oregon Sugar Corporation mill. The lumber vehicle was west bound and the southbound engine hit the rear wheels, police reported.

Otto Layton, Ashland, was train engineer.

Patients Move to New County Farm Home
Patients at the Jackson county farm home at Talent are now in their new quarters, County Judge J. B. Coleman said today, and the public will be given an opportunity to view the recently completed building as soon as workmen have improved the grounds.

The patients have been moved from their dark first-floor and basement rooms in the old farm home into the light and airy rooms in the new 32-bed facility. The staff at the home said the patients were delighted with the new accommodations and equipment and only one aged man said he was homesick for his room in the basement of the old building.

Women patients who have been cared for in private homes during the year-long building program at the farm are now being returned to the county's care at the home.

BULLETINS
Washington, June 16—(U.P.) President Truman today appointed W. Averell Harriman as his special assistant on international problems arising from the cold war.

Harriman is now special U.S. representative in Europe for the economic cooperation administration.

Coos Bay, Ore., June 16—(U.P.)—A three-week-old strike involving some 900 members of the CIO International Woodworkers of America was settled here late Thursday when the Coos Bay Lumber company agreed to a modified union shop.

WEATHER
Forecast: Thunder showers tonight. Partly cloudy with light showers Saturday. Little change in temperature.

Highest yesterday 75
Lowest this morning 55
To 4:30 a. m. today 55



FAITHFUL FRIEND—Four-year-old Clarence Swope shows the strain of spending a night in the densely wooded Buckhorn area near Altoona, Pa., while a search party beat through the brush in a heavy rain to find him. With him is his faithful mongrel dog Teddy, who remained with him and was at his side when searchers found them.

Fingerprints Found On Beer Bottle Said To Be Utah Wilson's

Vancouver, Wash., June 16—(U.P.)—A state witness in the murder-kidnaping trial of Turman and Utah Wilson testified Thursday that a beer bottle found near the abduction scene definitely bore Utah's fingerprints.

Edwin S. Doss, fingerprint examiner for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, said copies of prints on the bottle mailed to him had been established as those of the 20-year-old defendant.

Defense Objects
The brothers are charged with kidnapping and murdering 20-year-old JoAnna Dewey last May 20.

Defense Counsel Irvin Goodman objected to the admission of the bottle as primary evidence because the expert had not examined the bottle itself. The court overruled the objection.

Earlier in the day Goodman vehemently asked a Vancouver detective, Floyd W. Borgan, whether he had threatened either of the defendants during questioning. Borgan was one of two officers who went to Sacramento to return the suspects after their arrest.

The detective denied that he had threatened the pair. In his cross-examination, Goodman alleged that Borgan had threatened to reveal to the public certain facts harmful to the Wilson family.

Most of the other witnesses called were officers who attempted to establish the time that Miss Dewey was dragged screaming from the street in front of a Vancouver apartment house into a black sedan.

One officer, Sgt. Adolph Forebeck, was asked by Goodman how many suspects were questioned in the investigation. He said about 10 or 12 had been grilled but that there were no suspects other than the Wilsons for some time.

Short Change Artist Said at Work Here
City police said that a short change artist was reported in Medford last night.

Police were told that a small dark complexioned man purchased a 15-cent candy bar at a local restaurant with a \$20 bill. When an employee handed the man his change, he asked that it be given him in different denominations. In the exchange the restaurant was shorted \$10.

Mail Tribune Carrier Boy Completes Route Despite Broken Arm
There's one Mail Tribune carrier boy who goes the post office department one better. The post office has a motto to the effect that "neither rain nor snow nor dark of the night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

The motto says nothing about broken arms.

This particular carrier boy—Eight Grader Jimmy Conner, son of the Rev. and Mrs. John Conner, 342 Mae street—broke a left arm bone last night, just after he started delivering papers. Instead of rushing home or to a doctor the youngster called a friend of his to help, and the two of them completed the route, with the injured boy showing his friend where to throw the papers.

Then—and only then—did the boy go home to have his arm set and splinted.

Salem, Ore., June 16—(U.P.)—A 94-year-old lifelong resident of Oregon, James H. Simpson, died here yesterday.

Pretoria, South Africa, June 16—(U.P.)—Field Marshal Jan C. Smuts, 80, had a fair night with no deterioration in his condition.

Conspiracy to Deliver Secrets To USSR Charged

Accused Worked at Los Alamos Plant

New York, June 16—(U.P.)—The FBI today announced the arrest of Army Veteran David Greenglass, 28, on spy charges and said he admitted conspiring to give atom bomb secrets to Russia because he believed she deserved them as a wartime ally.

Greenglass, who was a technical sergeant in an army engineering detachment at the Los Alamos, N.M., atom bomb assembly plant, was charged with being the third American member of a spy ring that betrayed United States atomic secrets to the Soviets.

Gave Papers To Gold
He worked on "highly confidential" matters at Los Alamos, the FBI said. He was charged formally with turning over secret documents and information to Harry Gold, Philadelphia chemist who has admitted delivering to Russia the atomic secrets stolen by Dr. Klaus Fuchs and other spies.

Edward Scheidt, special agent in charge of the FBI office here, revealed that Greenglass was picked up yesterday for questioning. Formal charges were filed against him today.

Greenglass was taken into federal court for arraignment and placed under \$100,000 bond pending removal to New Mexico, where he was alleged to have given Gold secret atomic papers, diagrams and other information in the summer of 1945.

The FBI said he told its investigators:

"I felt it was gross negligence on the part of the United States not to give Russia the information about the atom bomb because she was an ally."

He was the second American arrested in less than 24 hours on charges of giving wartime secrets to the Russians. Alfred Dean Slack, 44, Syracuse, N.Y., was arrested yesterday on charges that he gave data on the secret explosive, RD, to Gold for delivery to his Soviet superiors.

Now married and the father of two children, one four years old and the other one month, Greenglass has been working here as a machinist. The FBI said he operated a machine in the atom bomb plant at Los Alamos.

His family retained O. John Rogge to defend him.

Face Death Sentences
Greenglass, Gold and Slack all face possible death sentences if convicted of spying in wartime.

Another scientist, Sidney Weinbaum, 52, a research fellow at the California Institute of Technology, was arrested by the FBI today at Los Angeles on charges he had been a communist in seeking employment at a secret jet propulsion laboratory. There was no immediate indication of a direct connection with the atomic spy ring arrests.

Phoenix Voters Okay City Budget, 46 to 9
Phoenix, June 16—Phoenix voters yesterday approved the 1950-51 city budget, 46 to 9, according to Mrs. Marie Fisher, recorder.

The budget, which totals \$24,282, was larger than last year's, which amounted to \$18,685. The new budget exceeds the six per cent limitation on increases by \$13,544.81, requiring the vote of three people for approval.

Out of the total budget, \$11,610 will be raised by estimated receipts during the year, leaving \$13,798.72 to be raised by taxes. For the first time this year, the budget makes provision for a police department, and funds will be used to purchase a new police car and construct a city jail.

Many Contests Scheduled At Catfish Derby Sunday
A wide variety of contests for young and old, in addition to the anglers' competition, is planned for the 14th annual National Catfish derby on Sunday, June 18, at TouVelle state park at Bybee bridge on Rogue river.

Committeemen of the Medford 20-30 club, sponsoring organization, said today that plans were virtually complete for the derby. They stressed that the derby is a "give-away" affair. Entrance to contests is free to participants.

Old-Style Picnic
The program will be in the form of a day-long country-style picnic with families bringing their own lunches. For those who do not wish to take much, the 20-30 club will operate a concession stand. The public is invited to attend the derby.

Twenty-Thirtians will start registering catfish entries at 1:30 p. m. at the north end of the stage and will continue this until 4 p. m. The program and other contests will get under way at 2 p. m. Abby and Jeanne Green, Rogue Valley Country Club musicians, will be entertainers.

Variety of Contests
There will be contests with prizes for pie eaters, bald-headed men, freckled individuals, red-haired girls and bubble gum blowers. Other awards will go to the boy with the shortest hair, girl with the longest hair, newest married couple, largest family, youngest and oldest twins and oldest man.

Additional events may be included as the afternoon program progresses. Actress June Storey will award prizes.

In the catfish rivalry awards will go for the biggest fish, largest number of fish caught by one contestant and the oldest and youngest competitors. A grand sweepstakes trophy will go to the fisherman with best overall fishing ability. Scoring will be based on number of fish, average weight, length and condition of fish and originality of entrant's costume.

Court Listed
Queen of the 1950 derby is Miss Donna Smith. Princesses are Miss Frances Frazier, Miss Tressa Barr, Miss Wanda Dixon and Miss Bonnie Pruitt.

An airplane is scheduled to drop 10,000 leaflets over the valley Saturday advertising the derby.



HOMER COOK
Dachau Escapee Captured