

Nearly 850,000 Workers Idled By Strike Action Across Nation

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Almost 850,000 workers were idle Wednesday as strikes halted nearly all steel production, threatened to cut oil production in half, and disrupted lumber operations in the Pacific Northwest.

In addition, labor troubles hampered communications, transportation, construction and utilities.

The steel strike, if it continued, threatened to halt production of tanks, planes and vehicles needed for defense.

Transportation Endangered
Civilian transportation was endangered by the oil strike which appeared likely to dry up supplies of gasoline and petroleum.

Supplies of fuel for war machines on the Korean battlefield

were not stopped, however. By special arrangement, California oil fields and refineries continued operating to keep petroleum products flowing to the orient.

If the steel and oil walkouts continued only a few days, hundreds of thousands of other workers were expected to be laid off.

Industrial Roundup
The industrial situation looked like this:

STEEL—650,000 CIO steelworkers idled, 95 per cent of the industry shut down with a loss of 300,000 steel ingots of production daily. The steel workers are seeking wage and welfare benefit increases estimated to total 26 cents an hour.

OIL—90,000 oil workers, members of 22 AFL, CIO and independent unions, walked out at most petroleum centers and threatened to cut oil production almost in half. The strike affected pipelines that carry the oil to wholesalers. A run on service stations began almost immediately as motorists rushed to fill tanks and most civilian supplies were expected to run out within a week.

The strike also threatened the supply of natural gas to 8,700,000 homes and industries in eight Midwestern states.

Woodworkers on Strike
LUMBER—40,000 CIO Wood-

workers struck Tuesday against 700 logging and sawmill operations in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Northern California and Western Montana. They demanded an increase in employer contributions to welfare funds.

TRANSPORTATION—A strike by 2,000 AFL truck drivers for increased wages and benefits halted shipments of all food except perishables into Milwaukee. In addition, 2,000 AFL drivers were in the 58th day of a strike against Pacific Greyhound Bus Lines in seven Western states and 275 more were in their 48th

SOC Campus Day Set; Plan Clean-Up Event

Ashland—Campus day, the major all-school activity of the year at Southern Oregon college, will be held Wednesday, May 14, it was announced today by Pete Soderlund, Medford, general chairman. Undergraduates and faculty will join in the all-day program of campus refurbishing, parade, picnic and sports.

Soderlund said the campus clean-up project is the most extensive ever planned, the parade of 25 floats will be nearly double last year's entries, and the picnic schedule far more elaborate than past seasons.

Two Purposes
Purpose of the annual program is two-fold, the chairman explained. First, it provides an opportunity to clean thoroughly the campus grounds and buildings; and secondly, it stimulates closer relations between students and faculty. Soderlund said an indirect accomplishment is establishment of a keener school spirit.

Classes will be suspended for the day as students and faculty alike assemble at 8 a.m. armed with rakes, window rags, shovels and brooms, ready to carry out pre-assigned work projects. Monte Kounz, Medford, chairman of the highly successful freshman clean-up initiation last fall, will head the campus day work plans. He will be assisted by Larry Johnson, Malin, in correlating activity with the major landscaping now under way.

Plan Parade
Shortly before noon the student body will parade through downtown Ashland with bands,

day of idleness against Continental-Santa Fe Trailways.

CONSTRUCTION—12,000 AFL carpenters were in the 28th day of a strike against builders in four counties surrounding San Francisco Bay, and 1,500 AFL bridge builders and pile drivers were on strike for the 23rd day in Northern California. Construction of a \$90,000,000 steam electric project at Jopka, Ill., was halted by a walkout of 2,000 AFL workers who protested the firing of 52 iron workers.

NEWSPAPERS—About 70 AFL printers were on strike against two newspapers at Rockford, Ill. Publication of the newspapers was interrupted this week by mass picketing of the strikers who raised a dispute over the production of teletype-setter tape supplied by press associations.

The college personnel will then move to Jackson Hot Springs for a picnic luncheon, speeches by student body officer candidates, entertainment, games, swimming and dancing. Tom Coleman, Coquille, is general chairman and will be assisted by Ken Mohnney, Salem; Bob Knott, Eugene; and Hal McKelips, Ashland.

Honorary leaders of the campus day program will be "Joe College" and "Betty Coed" to be elected next week. Soderlund said. He is being assisted with over-all plans by Dick Thorpe, Ashland.

Grain Storage Deal To Be Investigated

Washington (U.P.)—Senate investigators said Wednesday they will demand that the Agriculture Department explain why one of the world's biggest grain warehouse firms got "highly unusual" treatment on a profitable storage deal.

Chairman Allen J. Ellender, D-La., of the Senate Agriculture Committee asked officials of the department's production and marketing administration to appear Thursday.

Ellender said the committee

Rural Fire District Petitions Now Filed

Central Point—Petitions for the proposed Central Point Rural Fire district were turned into the Jackson county assessor's office yesterday with 261 names on them for checking of the legality of signatures, according to Richard Krupp, city fire chief.

Only 200 legal names are needed to establish a county court hearing, Krupp explained. He said the law firm of Hanley and Manley is now drawing up an order for the hearing, when all interested parties can be heard regarding the district.

No Opposition
"We have run into no opposition so far," the fire chief stated, "and have received favorable response from the rural dwellers."

Krupp pointed to the Oregon law regarding such hearings and any changes desired in the proposed boundaries by interested

citizens by saying: "At the time and place fixed for the hearing, or at any time and place to which said hearing may be construed or postponed, any person interested may appear and present oral or written objections to the granting of the petition and the forming of the district, and the county court or board of commissioners shall hear such objections."

May Change Boundaries

"If, after a full hearing, the county court or board of county commissioners is of the opinion that the boundaries of the district should be changed by reducing the area of such proposed district, or if prior to the date of such hearing a petition signed by 50 per cent or more of the record owners of real property in any area adjacent to such district and of holders of duly recorded contracts to purchase such real property is filed with the county court or board of county commissioners praying for the inclusion of such lands in such proposed district, the county court or board of county commissioners may change such boundaries and, subject to the provisions of (another) section,

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