

Strike Threatened At Firm Making Polio Vaccine

Detroit — (U.P.) — Parke, Davis & Co. and union officials met today in an effort to head off a threatened strike which would cut off a major supply of Salk vaccine.

The talks were broken off last week when an official of Local 176 of the CIO Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers union charged the company with refusing to bargain in good faith.

Vaccine on Order
The National foundation of infantile Paralysis ordered 60 per cent of the 18,000,000 cubic centimeters of the vaccine needed for its "no charge" program this year from Parke, Davis and Eli Lilly & Co., of Indianapolis, Ind., the firm's major producers among six firms licensed to manufacture the vaccine.

The union, which represents 2,000 Parke, Davis production workers, has filed a 60-day notice of contract termination but has set no date for a strike vote. It seeks a 10-15 cent hourly pay increase and reclassification of jobs.

Company officials said production of the vaccine and other pharmaceuticals is proceeding without interruption but a strike would cut off the production.

Proposal Discussed
Representatives of both sides met with federal and state mediators to discuss a company proposal which the union has termed "unfair."

Harold K. Daniels, director of personnel relations for the firm, called the company offer, which included an improved pension plan and a three-and-a-half to four-and-a-half cent hourly wage increase, "the most liberal proposal we've ever been able to offer our employees."

Representatives of both the company and the union said they would seek a peaceful settlement of the issue in order to avoid any interruption of the vaccine production.

PUBLISHER CRITICAL
Rochester, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Newspaper Publisher Frank E. Gannett, who suffered a broken vertebra in a fall recently, was reported in critical condition today at Highland Hospital.

**Judge Reprimands
Bakers' Convention**
Miami Beach, Fla. — (U.P.) — Circuit Judge Pat Cannon, who weighs 300 pounds, greeted the 37th annual convention of the Associated Retail Bakers of America with this reprimand: "Look at what your cookies have done to me."

Churchill Ends Sicily Vacation

London — (U.P.) — Sir Winston Churchill, impatient to return to the political wars, ended his Sicilian vacation today and headed home to help out Prime Minister Anthony Eden in the impending British elections.

The 80-year-old statesman left Catania, Sicily, by private plane to fly back to London.

On his way to Catania Airport, Churchill stopped over at a British military cemetery a mile from Syracuse to pay his respects to soldiers killed in the Allied landing in Sicily in 1943.

Churchill, accompanied by Lady Churchill, stood silent and bareheaded before the graves and then laid a laurel wreath on one of the tombs in the bright sunshine.

Then he returned to his car to continue to Catania. With him were three pictures painted during his vacation. They were a general view of the peninsula of Syracuse, a view of rope-makers at work in an ancient grotto and a characteristic old Sicilian farmhouse.

Eden, who succeeded Churchill three weeks ago, was fighting what politicians concede will be a close contest.

Brookings Accident Kills One, Hurts Four

Brookings, Ore. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Mildred Molino, about 50, of Brookings, was killed and four other persons including her husband, Roy, were seriously injured in an auto-crash two miles south of here Sunday.

The injured included Emile Stienhauer of Brookings and Ernest Ellis and Clay Vaughn of Crescent City, Calif. The two California men were in a second car involved in the crash.

Dead line for Sunday classified is noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Actress Susan Hayward Fails In Suicide Attempt; To Recover

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actress Susan Hayward attempted suicide early today by gulping sleeping pills and was taken unconscious to Cedar of Lebanon Hospital where attendants said she would recover.

Detectives were summoned to the star's house after a frantic telephone call from the actress' mother, Mrs. Ellen Marrenner. They found Miss Hayward, 35, sprawled on her living room floor. A movie script, "I'll Cry Tomorrow," based on the life of singer Lillian Roth, was found by her side.

Detective G. W. Wilkerson said, "If she hadn't gotten treatment right away she would have been a goner. She was really out when we got to her."

Divorced Last Year
Valley Division Police Headquarters listed the incident as "attempted suicide" and said "there was no melodrama here." Investigating officers said there was "no indication of domestic strife" despite reports of friends that Miss Hayward and her ex-husband, actor Jess Barker, recently quarreled over custody arrangements of their twin sons. The couple was divorced last year.

Friends said the two met last Sunday in an attempt to iron out differences over the children. Barker reportedly "blew up" at the session. Miss Hayward was quoted as saying, "We are two diametrically opposed people. In the past when we have been alone, violence has resulted."

Detective Charles Glazer said he got Mrs. Marrenner's call at 2:30 a.m. (PST).

She said she had received a call from her daughter, telling her she was taking her life.

Glazer said Mrs. Marrenner said "My daughter is Susan Hayward and I'm afraid she is going to commit suicide. She called me and told me 'Don't worry mother, you will be taken care of.'"

Detectives Kenneth Brownell and Wilkerson sped to Miss Hayward's Coldwater Canyon home. When no one answered, they broke in a patio door and found the actress in the living room. She was taken to North Hollywood Receiving Hospital and then transferred to Cedars of Lebanon. A doctor said her heart and pulse "are good" and that she would "sleep off" the effects soon.

Attendants said Miss Hayward regained consciousness shortly before 7 a.m. "and is resting comfortably."

Police said they found the actress curled on the floor, dressed in a quilted white house coat and powder blue pajamas decorated with red hearts. In the bathroom were two empty bottles, one a prescription for a sedative and the other labeled "belladonna."

Her twin boys were asleep upstairs, as were three servants. She married the 35-year-old Barker in 1944, and separated from him several times before the marriage finally ended.

Miss Hayward was born as Edith Marrenner, daughter of a wire chief with the Brooklyn Transit Company.

She first came to Hollywood to try out for the part of Scarlet O'Hara, for which she was a serious contender until the role was



SUSAN HAYWARD
Actress Found Sprawled on Floor

awarded to Vivian Leigh.

New Orleans — (U.P.) — Jess Barker, former husband of Susan Hayward, was badly shaken today upon learning that the actress may have tried to commit suicide.

Chill Wills, close friend of Barker, said that Miss Hayward's divorced husband was terribly affected by the news and could

not immediately talk to reporters.

"I don't think anything like this would happen," Wills said. "He's been carrying the torch for her so long, and she's still in love with him."

Wills, who is here with Barker to publicize a film, said it was "a shame that people in love have to have this happen to them."

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

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Salem — (U.P.) — An unseasonal mountain snowstorm caused the State Highway Department to

day to recommend chains on most mountain routes. Willamette pass had 18 inches of snow for the most reported.

Washington — (U.P.) — The government so far has approved enough Salk vaccine to protect more than 5 million children against polio, officials said today.

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