

1954 Commercial Airline Safety Record Best in History; Much Remains To Be Done

CIO, Ford Begin Final Phase of Wage Discussions

Detroit — (U.P.) — CIO United Auto Workers and Ford Motor Co. officials today began what may be the final phase of their negotiations on the union's demand for a guaranteed annual wage proposal.

The negotiators met after a week's recess which the union used to instruct its officials strike votes among the union membership.

Doesn't Mean Strike Near — Union officials ordered the strike votes at separate meetings with the delegates of Ford and General Motors councils across the nation.

But union officials emphasized that the strike vote did not mean a strike was imminent.

General Motors is scheduled to resume negotiations with the union Monday after a 12-day recess.

Walter Reuther, president of the CIO and UAW, was among the union delegation which met with Ford officials.

Reuther announced during the recess that he would be devoting "almost full-time" to the negotiations with the two auto firms from now on.

The bargaining sessions were expected to increase in frequency as the expiration dates with the two firms approach. Ford's pact

Spring Registration At Rogue River Planned

Rogue River — Spring registration for high school students and eighth graders who will be attending Rogue River High school next year will be held Tuesday, May 12, Principal James Hayden has announced.

Registration is for juniors, sophomores, freshmen and eighth graders. A schedule will be set up for students to register which will not greatly interfere with regular class work, Hayden said.

Two Men Arrested for Burglaries at Eugene

Eugene, Ore. — (U.P.) — Three Seattle men were arraigned in Eugene District Court yesterday on charges of armed robbery, after the Amazon Market was held up here Monday night of an estimated \$1,700 in cash and checks.

The men were Benjamin Franklin Collins, 29, Richard E. Murray, 49, and Moses Moody, 36. They were captured at Junction City, Ore., 20 miles north of here, soon after the robbery according to police.

expiries June 1 and GM's contract runs out on June 7.

Although the negotiations are aimed at obtaining new contracts between the companies and the union to replace current five-year pacts, the guaranteed annual wage is the central issue in the talks and one of the union's demands for the new contracts.

Knowland Doubtful On Success of Talks

Peoria, Ill. — (U.P.) — Senate Minority Leader William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) said he had "grave doubts" over the success of proposed four power talks.

Knowland said last night he did not approve of high level talks between the United States, France, Britain and the Soviet Union. But he added that his opinion didn't matter since the decision had already been made.

"I can only hope and pray the results will be better than those obtained at Potsdam, Yalta, Tehran and Geneva," he said.

Bleeding By Brodie Boy Appears Stopped

Chicago — (U.P.) — The bleeding in the head of Siamese twin Rodney Brodie has apparently stopped, a doctor said today.

The three-year-old boy's condition was still listed as "critical" at the University of Illinois Research and Educational hospital. But a spokesman said he continued to show improvement.

Rodney Dee is the first headjoined Siamese twin in history to survive a separation. His brother died.

HEADS FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Gearhart, Ore. — (U.P.) — Edward E. White of the Mt. Scott Funeral Home in Portland was elected president of the Oregon Funeral Directors Association yesterday.

Less Than One Death for Every Billion Miles

Washington — (U.P.) — The nation's airlines have been handed the most complimentary report in the history of commercial aviation. Their safety record for 1954 was the best ever. In a way, it was better than that of the railways.

Only 16 persons were killed in accidents aboard domestic scheduled airlines during the year, while 23 persons died in train wrecks.

The actual fatality rate per billion miles traveled still favors the railroads, which have a greater mileage total, but the airline rate still comes out to less than one death for every billion miles flown. This is the lowest in aviation history.

But while the bouquets are being passed out for '54, the airlines have already had the wind taken out of their sails. In the first three and a half months of this year, 35 persons died in commercial airline crashes—more than twice the total of last year.

It is evident there is still a lot to be done in the field of aviation safety.

Electronics and improved safety devices, along with more exhaustive pilot training, have probably saved the lives of thousands of passengers in recent years. It is now possible for planes to fly in perfect safety through weather that would have caused a crash or grounded them 10 years ago.

And the effort to take the element of danger out of flying goes on. United Air Lines, for example, has ordered \$4,000,000 worth of radar equipment for its planes. This will help keep pilots informed of weather conditions as far as 150 miles ahead of their position.

Two rubber companies have come up with an airplane fuel tank that won't burst in a crash. Tests are still going on, but if perfected the fuel tank would eliminate the danger of fire in a crash landing.

Experiments are continuing with passenger seats facing the back of a plane instead of the front. Many experts believe this innovation would do more than anything in cutting down airline fatalities.

Government officials are taking a long and serious look at the techniques of investigating air accidents with a view toward learning more about how to prevent them.

For many years, a large number of crashes have been explained on official reports as the result of "pilot error." The question is raised whether such an explanation doesn't cover a multitude of other sins.

Aviation experts point out that the fatal error of a pilot may involve circumstances over which he has no control—poorly placed instruments, faulty design of some small but vital part, the work of a careless mechanic.

In other words certain circumstances may place a plane in danger and the pilot is called on to make a snap decision. If his decision is the wrong one, "pilot error" is blamed for the crash when the real responsibility might lie elsewhere.

QUITS CHAMBER POST — Boise — (U.P.) — Dale J. Hollingsworth is to leave his position as manager of the La Grande, Ore., chamber of commerce June 1 to become an assistant manager for the Boise chamber, it was announced today.

Daily Weather Report

DATE May 11, 1953
Sunset tonight 7:21 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 4:33 a.m.

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Mostly cloudy late tonight and early Thursday. Clearing in afternoon. Low tonight 43. Cooler Thursday with high 70.

Western Oregon: Cloudy with a few scattered showers tonight. Partly cloudy Thursday with showers in vicinity of mountains. Low tonight 42-52. Cooler over interior Thursday with high 60-72 inland, 55-60 along coast.

Northern and Central California: Fair tonight and Thursday except increasing coastal fog and partly cloudy in extreme north. Drizzle on coast. Ft. Bragg northward tonight. Cooler over interior Thursday.

LOCAL DATA
TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday 68; above normal 4.
Record high this date 93 in 1936.
Record low this date 28 in 1916.
PRECIPITATION: 24 hours to midnight, none. Midnight to 10 a.m., none. Total this month .09 in., .31 in. below normal.

Total since Sept. 1, 8.72 inches, 7.28 inches below normal.
HUMIDITY: Lowest yesterday 19%; highest this a.m. 80%.

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Brookings 59 47
Crater Lake 58 31
Grants Pass 85 46
Klamath Falls 75 49
MEDFORD 82 49
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Seattle 54 50 .08
Spokane 65 44
Yakima 76 44
Eureka 53 48
Red Bluff 86 56
Sacramento 87 38
San Francisco 87 49

Los Angeles 62 55
Phoenix 87 63
Denver 63 41
Chicago 58 42 .01
Miami 86 68
New York 63 54
Washington, D. C. 70 54

Prospect

Prospect — Prospect Lions club is sponsoring a "country store shoot" the morning and afternoon of May 15, starting at 10 a.m. As all people who have been to such a shoot know, they are a barrel of fun. There will be prizes galore including hams and bacon, as well as complete grocery orders given away.

Events will include rifle matches, hunting rifle matches, as well as a shotgun match and a trap shoot. There will also be target rifle matches for the younger set.

After several weeks of planning and many hours of work decorating, the Junior-Senior prom for 1955 was held in the Prospect High school gymnasium Friday, May 6. Junior class members, who acted as hosts, chose the popular theme of "Over the Rainbow," and carried out this idea with rainbow colors in the decorations. A false ceiling and walls were made of crepe paper streamers, and the curtains were covered by a huge paper rainbow with a large pot of gold at the end. In the middle of the dance floor was a large ivy-covered wishing well.

Approximately seventy couples danced through the varicolored lights to the music of Vic's Orchestra of Medford. William Schulz, industrial arts teacher and advisor to the junior class, and Jim Martin, junior class president, were largely responsible for the success of the affair.

Members of the Prospect High school swing band played in Medford for about two and one half hours May 7, advertising the band and chorus concert which is being presented by the music department of the elementary and high schools on May 10. A large flatbed trailer, donated by a store in Shady Cove, was decorated with crepe paper and taken to town behind the car of the music teacher, Darrell Langevin, to

New Lincoln School Principal is Named

Ashland—Verne Speirs, Klamath Falls elementary school principal for the past 11 years, has been chosen to head the Lincoln training school at Ashland where Southern Oregon college students do their elementary practice teaching.

Speirs will succeed Florence Allen, who will begin new duties as field supervisor for SOC starting next fall. She will replace Mrs. Betty Lou Dunlop, who will be on sabbatical leave.

serve as a bandstand. This was parked by Bakers Men's store at the corner of Main and Central.

The crowd appeared to enjoy the music, and some of them threw money into the trailer. Tickets to the concert were also sold. Total receipts from the day's activities amounted to \$76, which will be used to purchase band uniforms and choir robes for the Prospect music department.

Old-fashioned fun will reign supreme at Prospect Thursday evening, May 12, at the 4-H club box social. The local livestock club, the Tailtwisters, will be in charge in an effort to raise money for their summer projects. The big event will be held in the Prospect Community hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies will bring gaily decorated boxes with their names hidden inside. An auction will then be held wherein the gentlemen will bid on and buy what cash surmises to be the most tasty lunch.

Games and dancing will complete the evening. The whole community is invited.

TO ATTEND CAMP — Rogue River—About 12 members of the Rogue River Veterans of Foreign Wars post will attend the annual spring encampment of district seven at Brookings this Sunday.

Senate Action Asked On Farm Parity Bill

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), called on Senate Democrats today for early action on the House approved bill to restore 90 per cent farm price supports.

He made his appeal in letters to Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson and Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), of the Senate Agriculture committee. Senate Democrats have indicated there probably will be no action this year on the House bill.

Humphrey said Johnson had promised last year that if the Democrats recaptured control of Congress, as they did, they would seek to overhaul the administration price support program.

Although most Democrats in Congress favor the 90 per cent program, they probably lack the votes in the Senate to pass the legislation. If it should be passed it almost certainly would run into a veto which neither house could override.

Liberace's Mother Decides to Keep Name

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Liberace's mother, Mrs. Frances Casadonte, 62, yesterday dismissed her petition to change her surname back to that of her piano playing son's.

Mrs. Casadonte divorced the television star's father, Samuel Liberace, a retired French horn player from Madison, Wis., in 1941, and two years later married Alexander Casadonte, who died 10 years ago.

The elder Liberace sent his attorney, Glen Henry, of Madison, here two months ago to protest the petition. At that time, Superior Judge Arnold Praeger indefinitely postponed a hearing on the petition when Mrs. Casadonte's attorneys reported she was ill.

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