

Union Man Believes Settlement Near in Steel Wage Dispute

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The CIO Steelworkers Executive Board and Wage Policy Committee have scheduled a meeting for tonight, apparently to consider a wage offer by the industry. If the offer is accepted it would avert a strike by some 600,000 steelworkers scheduled to start at midnight.

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — A top union official said today he "hoped" to be able to report set-

Closures Slated Independence Day; Ashland Fete Set

The Medford post office, along with most other city, county, state, and federal government offices, will remain closed Monday for the July 4 holiday.

Only emergency services will remain open.

Stores, except a few drug and grocery stores, will close. The Medford Public Library will observe the week end as a double holiday. It will close at 6 p.m. Saturday, remain closed all day Sunday and Monday, and will reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

No Fourth of July celebrations have been announced for Medford.

Celebration in Ashland

Ashland will hold a day-long celebration from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., under sponsorship of the Lions club. The festivities will include logging contests (bucking, log rolling and others) in the Lethia Park, a parade at 11 a.m., a musical program, and an address by Sen. Wayne Morse at 1 p.m., a baseball game and tennis matches, an exhibition of fancy and trick diving at Twin Plunges, and a special band concert by the Ashland city band.

The Medford Mail Tribune, in order to enable its employees to enjoy the holiday, will not publish Monday.

City Council Holds Year-End Meeting

The Medford city council this noon adopted ordinances adjusting interdepartmental budget items. The adjourning meeting was held to close department budgets for the fiscal year 1954-55.

J. C. Compton's bid for \$7,700 for paving Capital ave., between Sunrise ave. and Valley View dr., was rejected after 82 per cent of the property owners indicated they did not wish to pay additional costs. The bid was about \$2,000 over estimates.

The council delayed action on a contract between the city and South Bear Creek Sanitary district until after the special annexation election July 5. The area involved in the contract is within the area proposed to be annexed.

The council agreed to proceed with paving East Jackson st. between Bear Creek bridge and Genesee st. following a recommendation by City Attorney Frank Farrell.

Lundeberg Offers Two Alternative Proposals

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Harry Lundeberg, head of the AFL Seafarers International Union, today offered Pacific Maritime Association two alternative agreements, one eliminating overtime pay at sea.

The union, representing 6,000 unlicensed seamen, began negotiations with the PMA from which two major members, American President Lines and Pacific Far East Lines, have withdrawn.

Lundeberg's first proposal would put some sailors on a 56-hour work week at sea and eliminate penalty pay in return for a \$148 monthly wage increase.

The other proposal was to continue the present 40-hour work week at sea for all hands with a \$35 monthly across the board pay raise. In addition, PMA was asked to bring present wages and overtime rates in the stewards' department up to the level of those paid sailors and firemen.

Three Men Missing On Prospecting Trip

Kalispell, Mont. — (U.P.) — Three Tacoma, Wash., men were reported missing on an uranium-prospecting flight in their small Stinson plane over the rugged country northeast of here yesterday.

Montana Aeronautics Administration officials said the men, Phil Myers, Clarence Hebel and Harvey Prezler, have been missing since Tuesday.

Congress Approves Measure Providing Funds for Military

Marine Corps Total Tops Ike's Request

By UNITED PRESS
Congress approved and sent to the White House today a bill providing \$31,882,815,726 to run the military establishment for a year, starting tomorrow.

The bill contains 46 millions which President Eisenhower did not ask and does not want to maintain Marine Corps strength at 215,000. The President, who plans to cut the Corps to 193,000 by mid-1956, does not have to use the extra money.

Compromise Version
The measure is a compromise of Senate and House versions. A conference committee agreed on it yesterday and both houses gave it their final okay today.

It contains \$7,329,956,000 for the Army, \$9,118,179,556 for the Navy, \$14,739,763,170 for the Air Force, \$12,760,000 for the defense secretary and \$682,350,000 for interservice activities.

As passed the bill provides slightly less than the \$32,438,815,000 total asked by Mr. Eisenhower. It does, however, contain \$206,000,000 he asked for boosting production of B52 intercontinental jet H-bombers.

Other congressional news: **Dome:** The House Appropriations Committee voted \$5,000,000 to start work on a project to prop up the Capital dome. Former President Truman used to say the dome was in danger of falling down.

Bases: The Senate Armed Services Committee approved a bill to authorize expenditure of \$2,357,317,300 on military bases at home and abroad.

Conference: President Eisenhower invited Democratic and Republican congressional leaders to a conference July 12 to discuss the forthcoming Big Four "summit" meeting in Geneva.

Dixon-Yates: Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) summoned Budget Director Rowland R. Hughes to an unusual night meeting to testify on the Dixon-Yates power contract.

General Motors: Chairman Harley M. Kilgore (D-W.Va.) said General Motors Corp. officials have refused to testify before a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee studying anti-trust laws.

Air Debate: The House moved toward a final vote on the big foreign aid program. Leaders predicted no drastic changes.

Muggy Heat Covers East Half of U.S.

By UNITED PRESS
Muggy heat covered much of nation's East today, but temperatures were dropping as much as 32 degrees in the West.

Temperatures climbed into the 80s and 90s practically everywhere east of the Continental Divide late yesterday. Cool air had reached the Western Dakotas by early today, but most of the nation could hope for little relief.

At Detroit, the city's water supply was pushed to the limits in meeting what may have been a record water demand in the Motor City yesterday. Temperatures were expected to go still higher in Detroit today and the Weather Bureau said the humidity would get worse.

Other highs late yesterday included 99 at Rapid City, S.D., 104 at Presidio, Tex., 89 at Chicago and even 90 at New York City.

Four Refuse Answers At LA Red Hearing

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — More witnesses were called before the House Subcommittee on Un-American Activities today following a stormy session on a young village allegedly under Communist influence.

Four persons were questioned about their association with the Ormy Village for youth in nearby Topanga Canyon, but each refused to answer, citing the First and Fifth amendments. The four also refused to state whether they had ever been members of the Communist party.

Free Viet Nam Forces Smash Rebels Giving Diem Control

By UNITED PRESS
Free Viet Nam government forces sent the last rebel warlord troops reeling into neighboring Cambodia today in a smashing civil war victory that won firm control over the country for Premier Ngo Dinh Diem.

The anti-Communist Premier became the unchallenged master of the tiny country after government troops assaulted the last rebel Hoa Hao positions and drove the insurgents out of the country. His prestige soared at home and abroad.

It was the bloodiest battle in Indochina since the Communist siege of Dien Bien Phu, and a government announcement said staggering losses were inflicted on the fiery Buddhist warriors who numbered 25,000 only last April.

Peron-Church Agreement
Other international developments: **Rome:** Premier-designate Antonio Segni's deadline for forming a cabinet expired; political circles predicted failure. **Buenos Aires:** Santiago Luis

Weather
FORECAST: Partly cloudy through Friday. Mild temperatures. Low tonight 45. High Friday 75. S. Temp. Highest Yesterday _____ Lowest this Morning _____



IDENTIFIED—Betty McKloski, above, whose identity was being sought by Chicago police after she was found an apparent victim of amnesia, has been identified by Mrs. Blanch LaFleur, Central Point, a friend of the family.

Amnesia Victim, Pictured in M-T, Identified Here

An attractive young woman recently found by Chicago police, an apparent victim of amnesia, has been identified by a Central Point woman who is a close friend of the family, Medford police reported today.

Mrs. Blanch LaFleur, 319 West Pine st., Central Point, saw the woman's picture in Wednesday's Mail Tribune. "I knew her even before I read the caption," Mrs. LaFleur said.

The woman had in her purse a telegram addressed to Betty McKloski of Stockton, Calif., as her only identification. She was unable to talk. Mrs. LaFleur confirmed that she is Betty McKloski, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKloski, Taylorsville, Plumas county, Calif.

City police today teletyped this information to officers in Chicago.

Mrs. LaFleur explained that she has known the McKloski family for 10 years, and is a close friend of Betty's younger sister. She thinks the woman may have gone to Chicago because her mother lived there at one time.

Lt. C. W. Lacy of the Medford police expressed the department's appreciation for Mrs. LaFleur's help. "It is an instance of when information given by the public, even though it may be slight in some cases, has enabled police to complete a case which otherwise might never be solved," he said.

Eagle Point Youth Suffers Eye Loss

Eagle Point — Robert Hayes, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hayes, route 1, box 87, Eagle Point, was dismissed from Sacred Heart hospital yesterday after being treated for the loss of his left eye.

He was injured Monday while shooting his cross bow, according to his family. He was experimenting with a new type of arrow he had made when the accident occurred.

Last September the youth was awarded a \$100 prize by the Ford Foundation industrial arts and crafts department for a cross bow he made. He used his award money for materials for an outboard motor boat he made and which he has used on the Rogue river. He learned to make archery equipment and the boat in classes at Eagle Point high school where he will be a junior this fall.

Portland — (U.P.) — The body of Arthur H. Weber, 48, was recovered from the Willamette river by Portland harbor police yesterday.

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Agrees To Discuss Restoring Normalcy

Bonn, Germany — (U.P.) — West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today turned down Russia's invitation to visit at this time to discuss Soviet-German relations.

But he agreed, in a note handed to the Soviet embassy in Paris, to discuss restoring normal relations between West Germany and Russia.

The chancellor's rejection of the invitation to visit Moscow came as a surprise. All previous indications had been that he would travel to the Soviet capital for a conference with heads of the Russian government.

Instead, Adenauer said a number of issues must be "clarified" in preliminary talks between the West German and Soviet ambassadors in Paris before he could consider a Moscow trip.

If these issues are settled to the Chancellor's satisfaction, a government spokesman said, he will agree to go to Moscow, probably in September.

Adenauer's reply did not spell out the issues he feels must be clarified.

DA May Appeal In Hank Case

Portland — (U.P.) — District Attorney William Langley said today his office was considering a possible appeal to the State Supreme Court of an order yesterday which gave Wey Him and Sherry Fong a new trial and upset their conviction of the first degree murder of 16-year-old Diane Hank.

Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson issued the new trial order, suggesting the jury failed to give mature consideration to the case. He also found the case against the Fongs was not convincing.

Deputy District Attorney Howard Lomanger asked for a hearing on a motion for reconsideration. This was set for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Meanwhile, an impromptu meeting of 11 of the Fong murder trial jurors was held last night which attorneys said may be unprecedented in Oregon legal annals.

The jury met to protest reversal of their conviction of the Fongs.

Reporter Tells of Party Membership

Washington — (U.P.) — Charles Grutzner, veteran reporter for the New York Times, testified today that he was a member of the Communist Party from 1937 to 1940 while working for the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Daily Eagle.

Grutzner told the Senate Internal Security subcommittee he was not a very active member and that his fellow Communists in the Daily Eagle unit complained because he did not attend meetings regularly.

"I finally just stayed away for good" in 1940, he said. Grutzner has been a Times reporter since 1941.

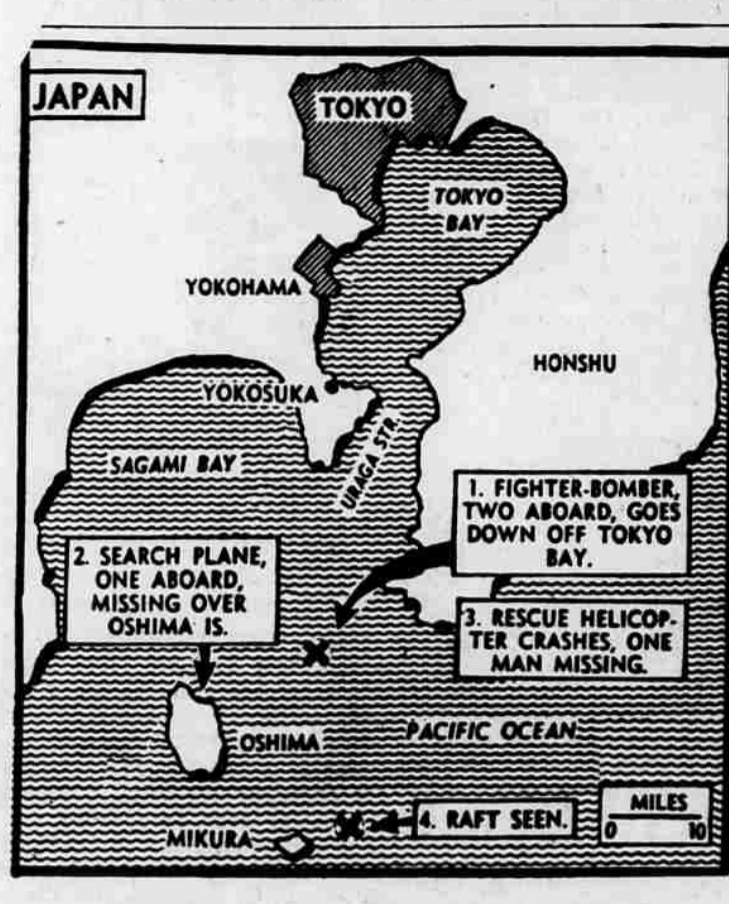
The Times reporter took the stand after Victor Weingarten, former reporter for the Eagle, refused to testify about whether he was a Communist prior to 1940 or to give information about his associates.

Low Bids on Highway Projects Announced

Portland — (U.P.) — A Creswell firm, C. R. O'Neil, today was apparent low bidder at \$278,899 for a Josephine county highway project when the State Highway commission opened bids.

The job calls for grading 3.14 miles of new four-lane route for the Pacific highway near Merlin hill from about half a mile north of Grants Pass to Louse creek, also for building frontage roads.

receives Controversial Issue of Public Power



WHERE AIRMEN WENT DOWN—Newsmag locates (1) area where fighter-bomber with two Marine airmen aboard crashed off mouth of Tokyo Bay Sunday, June 26. Volcanic Oshima Island (2) over which pilot of a search plane was last heard from. Area where rescue helicopter went down (3) with almost certain loss of one man of three-man crew, when returning to mother ship after flight to investigate sighting of a life raft (4) on fog-shrouded seas.



MISSING — Marine 2nd Lt. David Winton Bell, Wayzata, Minn., is believed to be one of two jet pilots downed in a fog blanketed sea south of Tokyo. An air-sea rescue armada of 50 planes and seven ships is combing water off Shima where the two Marines went down.

Search for Missing Airmen Fruitless; Signals Continue

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Rescue planes returned to Johnson Air Force base tonight after a fruitless search, often dangerously close to the ocean's surface for three missing U. S. Marine airmen who may have heard the motors of the planes from rubber life rafts.

Pilots of the 36th search and rescue squadron told the United Press that they had to take their four-engined planes down to 500 feet above the churning heavy seas to duck under low clouds. Some of the pilots, who had remained as long as seven and a half hours in the air, said visibility was "fair today."

The rescue pilots said they would be ready to take off again at dawn to push the hunt. The search was intensified because of distress signals heard off and on since Monday, apparently being sent from rubber life rafts.

Meanwhile, a U. S. Navy spokesman at Yokosuka announced that the 12 searching vessels from three nations had seen nothing during the day but are to continue the hunt throughout the night.

Capt. Raymond A. Day of Gilman, Ill., said that the search planes could have gone right over the fliers and missed them.

Very Rough Seas
"The seas are very rough," Day said, "and the rafts could have been at the bottom of a swell or a wave might have broken over them when we flew over."

A weak and garbled voice broadcasting on a distress channel was picked up in late afternoon.

Two other "Mayday" signals were heard during the day.

Military Construction Bill Gets Approval

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate Armed Services Committee today approved a bill authorizing \$2,357,317,300 in construction of military bases within the United States and around the world.

In keeping with the emphasis on air power, more than half the authorized construction, \$1,205,170,000, will be for Air Force bases. The Navy would receive \$571,620,300 and the Army, \$527,027,000.

The bill, which will probably come up for Senate approval tomorrow, would only authorize construction of the bases. Separate legislation is needed to provide the actual money.

County Non-High and Rural School Boards Pick Officers

Jackson County non-high and rural school boards met yesterday to canvass board elections and appoint officers for the coming year.

Dunbar Carpenter, the incumbent and only candidate filing for office, received 67 votes and will serve another five-year board term from Zone 5. He represents Pinehurst and Lone Pine districts.

A. E. Brockway, Medford, was unanimously reelected chairman of the board for 1955-56. Carpenter was named vice-chairman.

Agreement Approved
In other business, the board approved an agreement with Ashland District 5 on transportation of non-high students from Pinehurst District 94 to Ashland. Jacksonville, Central Point, and Eagle Point districts received approval for advances of non-

high tuition. Payment for home instruction of a handicapped child and social security coverage for the board's clerical help were also granted.

Vote Canvassed
The rural school board, meeting in the afternoon, canvassed elections from Zones 2 and 5. The incumbent and sole candidate, Lyle VanScoy, received 162 votes for a three-year term representing Eagle Point, Prospect, and Butte Falls districts. Jeannette Grove, Phoenix, also the incumbent and only candidate filing, received 120 votes to serve another term from Pinehurst, Phoenix, and Talent districts.

Glen W. Smith was unanimously chosen chairman, Lyle VanScoy vice-chairman, and Alf B. Mekvold, county superintendent of schools, secretary of the board for the next year.

Sharp Increase in Rates Advocated in Hoover Studies

Says States Should Take Over Projects

Details of how the recommendations of the Hoover commission would affect Northwest hydroelectric developments appear in a story by A. Robert Smith on Page 1 of Section 2 of today's issue of The Mail Tribune.

Washington — (U.P.) — The Hoover Commission urged today that the government jock up sharply the prices it charges for taxpayer-subsidized federal power.

In a controversy-loaded report to Congress on the explosive public power issue the commission also proposed that:

1. New government steam generating plants be banned.
2. A special board be created to chart future federal water resources policy.
3. Private utilities be permitted to buy a "fair share" of public power.
4. The Tennessee Valley Authority and similar projects be required to issue public securities to finance any future expansion.

On the price issue, the commission declared that the government has been selling electricity for only about 60 per cent of what it's worth.

States Could Take Over
The commission said it would be desirable for the states to take over federal projects in the great power regions. But though it discussed how it might be done, the commission said it was making no recommendations on this score.

The report, sure to touch off a storm in Congress, said the entire water resources program needs overhauling. It said the present program evolved haphazardly during a century of changing needs and is riddled with "competition, duplication, and waste."

Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr., and Defense Mobilizer Arthur S. Flemming filed partial dissents. They voiced concern that the proposals would "impede the government in exercising its proper role" in water resources development.

Another member, James A. Farley, said it came "dangerously close to inviting an abdication by the federal government of its responsibilities" in the water resources field.

15 Suggestions Made
In all, the commission made 15 recommendations. Other major proposals entailed relaxation of the 160-acre limit on western reclamation holdings, transfer of upstream flood control dams to the Army Corps of Engineers, and a special tax on commercial boats using the inland waterways.

In addition to TVA, the recommendations would drastically affect the future of such big hydroelectric projects as Columbia River Basin, Central Valley, Hoover Dam, Missouri River Basin, and the Southeastern and Southwestern Power Administrations.

The commission said a "desirable alternative" to its proposals would be for the states in the seven major federal power regions to set up authorities to take over the federal projects.

Would Pay Interest
The commission also said federal power projects should be forced to pay interest on the government's investment plus payments on the principal. They also should pay state and local taxes and an amount equal to the federal taxes paid by private utilities," it said.

While the commission did not say how much this would raise public power rates, informed sources said such a formula might involve an increase of up to 50 per cent in TVA rates and 30 to 40 per cent for other federal power projects.

Bulletin

Rome — (U.P.) — Premier-designate Antonio Segni tonight asked and received two more days to decide whether he can form a new government.