

Bridges Renews Denial of Being Commie Member

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Harry Bridges, leftwing West Coast labor leader, returned to the stand today in the Government's civil trial which seeks to strip him of his United States citizenship.

The 54-year-old president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union took the stand as a defense witness yesterday to reiterate his emphatic denial that he had ever been a member of the Communist Party.

He was called as a Government witness earlier in the trial, but denied any connection with the Communists—as he has done through four other government attempts to have him deported to his native Australia.

Reasons Offered
However, during yesterday's session, Bridges offered some reasons why he did not join the Party, although he admitted having invitations on several occasions.

"From the time I was first asked, there were certain aspects of their program that I disagreed with—they were organizing aspects and their preachments," Bridges said.

"Then, I was an alien and had been a member of the IWW (Industrial Workers of the World). I knew people had been deported, and—well, I was busy," he added.

The bulk of Bridges' three-hour testimony before Federal District Court Judge Louis E. Goodman was a definitive history of the waterfront labor movement during the turbulent 1930s. Only briefly did Bridges assault the Government's charges by frontal attack.

The labor leader answered with a simple "No" when asked if he had ever attended a meeting of the Communist Party in November, 1933; had ever paid dues to the Party; had ever held a membership book; had ever been a member of the Party's "District Committee" or had ever been known as "Comrade Rossi."

This testimony was in direct contradiction to that of the Government's key witness John Schomaker, an admitted ex-Communist who testified that Bridges was not only an active Party member, but took orders from the Party in union affairs.

The trial resumed yesterday after an 11-day recess. The defense unsuccessfully argued for a dismissal of the suit, charging the Government had not presented sufficient evidence to support its case.

The Government charges that Bridges obtained his 1945 citizenship by fraud when he swore he had never been a Communist Party member.

Grange
Upper Rogue Grange met in regular session Thursday, July 7, with worthy Master Herb Carlton presiding. Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Smith of Central Point Grange and Mr. and Mrs. Densmore of Phoenix Grange were guests and Mr. Smith gave a talk on the history and habits of the bees. After the business meeting a supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Shimik.



TOP MODELERS—John Foley, (upper right) of Central Point won first place honors in annual Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild junior division model car competition for Oregon. His sleek-styled efforts took \$150 cash award. Winner in the senior division was John William Bennet of Eugene (below).

Restraint Urged in Use of Hardware for Repair of Fractures

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New York — (U.P.) — The American College of Surgeons has told its members that "vast quantities of dangerous metals" are being buried in human bodies, and it's high time for surgeons to practice self-restraint.

These metals are like "unexploded firecrackers," according to Dr. Harold A. Sofield, of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, and editor-in-chief of the college's scientific organ, "Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics."

Metal pins, rods, and screws are widely used to hold broken bones while they knit together by natural processes. Sofield reminded surgeons that with most broken bones, splints held the ends together quite effectively—and so with those fractures the old ways are still the best ways.

They are Foreign Bodies
No matter how inert a metal may be, it still is a "foreign body" to human tissues. Metal will hold bone-ends all right, but metal has no other "desirable" features whatever and it possesses the undesirable quality of irritability," he said.

On the other hand, "The world knows no more prejudiced evangelist than he who invents a mechanical gadget, and, as the hardware business is a fairly profitable commercial enterprise the pressure comes not alone from the inventor."

Dr. Sofield was by no means an anti-"mechanical gadget" man in the repair of broken bones. He based his sermon to surgeons on a dictionary definition of conservatism—"within safe bounds—Adhering to sound principles believed to involve little risk."

Sometimes Best
Where metal pins and rods represented the soundest principle and involved the least risk, he was very much for their use. Then they stood for "conservatism" in bone-setting. Otherwise, operating on a patient in order to pin broken bones together with metal was "radical" and he was against radicalism.

Therefore, his editorial was a "warning" "that the vast major-

ity of fractures does not need operative attack and buried metal is not required in the bulk of fracture work. Far too many operations are performed."

Bone-setting surgeons must remember, he said, that the treatment of a broken bone must be designed to fit the broken bone—the fracture must not be "adapted to the treatment."

American Motors, CIO Resume Talks

Detroit — (U.P.) — American Motors Corp. today resumed major contract talks with the CIO United Auto Workers for the first time in almost three weeks.

The company and the union adjourned talks June 23 on a central contract covering 22,000 employees in Michigan, Wisconsin and California. During the recess the company bargained with local units of the UAW and two other unions at plants in Detroit and Grand Rapids, Mich., Milwaukee and Kenosha, Wis., and Ed Segundo, Calif.

The central contract covering the bulk of AMC's employees expires Aug. 12.

The union is seeking a contract closely resembling those granted by Ford and General Motors recently. Such a contract would include some from of guaranteed wage.

Woman Dies in Wreck On Way To Visit Mate

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) — A 29-year-old Santa Paula, Cal., woman, on her way to visit her soldier husband at Ft. Lewis, Wash., was killed last night when the motorcycle on which she was riding collided with a pickup truck on Highway 24 near the Courtland bridge.

The Highway Patrol said Mrs. Wanda L. Aait, 29, was riding on a motorcycle operated by Donald W. Wells, 25, Elk Grove. It struck a truck driven by Glen S. Kunkel of Courtland as the truck pulled onto the highway. Kunkel told officers he did not see the motorcycle until "it was too late." Wells and Kunkel were not injured.

Mrs. Aait, the mother of two small children, died at Sacramento County hospital two hours after the accident.

Wyoming Forest Fire Control Seen Shortly

Laramie, Wyo. — (U.P.) — Hundreds of tired men, with the aid of wet weather, expected to gain control today of two unruly forest fires which have burned off 4,000 acres of timberland in Medicine Bow National Forest west of here.

The big factor was the weather and the stamina of the 800 men, many who have been on the lines since last Thursday when the Rock Creek fire erupted 30 to 40 miles northwest of here. Showers yesterday enabled them to stop the forward progress of both fires.

Fire in the Brush Creek area, located 20 to 30 miles southwest of the major blaze at Rock Creek, broke out Saturday. Both were believed to have been caused by careless campers.

Medford Men To Attend Osteopathic Convention

Dr. J. S. Heatherington and G. A. Dierdorff have been selected members and Dr. W. W. Howard an alternate in the house of delegates during the 58th annual American Osteopathic association convention to be held in the Biltmore and Statler hotels in Los Angeles this month.

The house of delegates is the policy making body of the association, and will convene July 17. The Medford men will represent the Oregon Osteopathic association.

Air Force Cadets Begin Drilling At New Academy

Denver — (U.P.) — History's first 306 U.S. Air Force academy cadets, still aglow after yesterday's impressive dedication ceremony, began today the less dramatic four-year course designed to educate them for leadership of a future air age.

The "order of the day" including drilling, preventive shots and more drilling outside the news spotlight that shone so brightly yesterday when the nation's third military academy opened its interim site on Lowry Air Force base. Actual classroom work won't begin until Sept. 15.

Airmen Grounded
They won't be allowed to leave the 133-acre temporary academy this year unless escorted by parents or officers, and they'll be in "quarantine" for two weeks. Marching, training with firearms and a general Air Force indoctrination will keep the cadets from every state in the United States busy for the next two months.

This class and the next one will begin their training at the Lowry site, but the permanent, \$126,000,000 ultra-modern academy north of Colorado Springs will be ready for the 1957 class.

Each cadet was required to bring \$300. It will be used for uniforms, books, laundry, cleaning and incidentals. The base pay is \$111 a month.

No Hazing Allowed
There will be no hazing at the academy if Lt. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon has his way, and he should, for he is the superintendent. Harmon "abhors" and "won't allow" hazing such as sometimes is practiced at the Naval and Army academies.

The academy will have 15 athletic endeavors, including a football team which will play eight games this fall against other freshman teams.

13 Cases of Measles Lead Disease List

Thirteen cases of measles led the list of 18 communicable disease patients in Jackson county reported to the health department for the week ending July 8.

Other diseases and number of cases were chicken pox, two, and infectious mononucleosis, infectious hepatitis, and trench mouth, one each.

Four Plan Assaults On Victoria Strait

Victoria, B.C. — (U.P.) — Four persons today planned assaults on the Strait of Juan de Fuca which has been conquered only by Bert Thomas of Tacoma.

Pat Russell, a co-ed from the University of British Columbia, Bill Muir, surveyor from Saanich, B.C., Biggerstaff Martin of the Queen's Own Rifles and Charles P. Day, Long Beach, Calif., will be out to beat Thomas' record of 11 hours and 17 minutes.

Miss Russell swam nine miles out from Victoria on her first try before giving up. She said she would try again in either

August or September. Muir, 36, has been turned back twice by leg cramps.

Martin, 35, said he would attempt the swim from the American side at Port Angeles, Wash., in August.

Day said he would make his attempt during the last two weeks of August.

ONION TRADING CONTROLLED

Washington — (U.P.) — The Senate passed and sent to the White House yesterday a bill making trading in onion futures subject to regulation under the commodity exchange act.

Oregon Woman Killed In Nevada Auto Wreck

Tonopah, Nev. — (U.P.) — Mrs. George Milwain, 37, Portland, Ore., was killed and three other members of the same family were injured Sunday afternoon when their car blew a tire and crashed off Highway 95 south of here.

Mrs. Hazel Holt, daughter of the dead woman, was in critical condition with injuries suffered in the accident.

Less seriously injured were the husbands of the two women, Lindell Holt and George Milwain.



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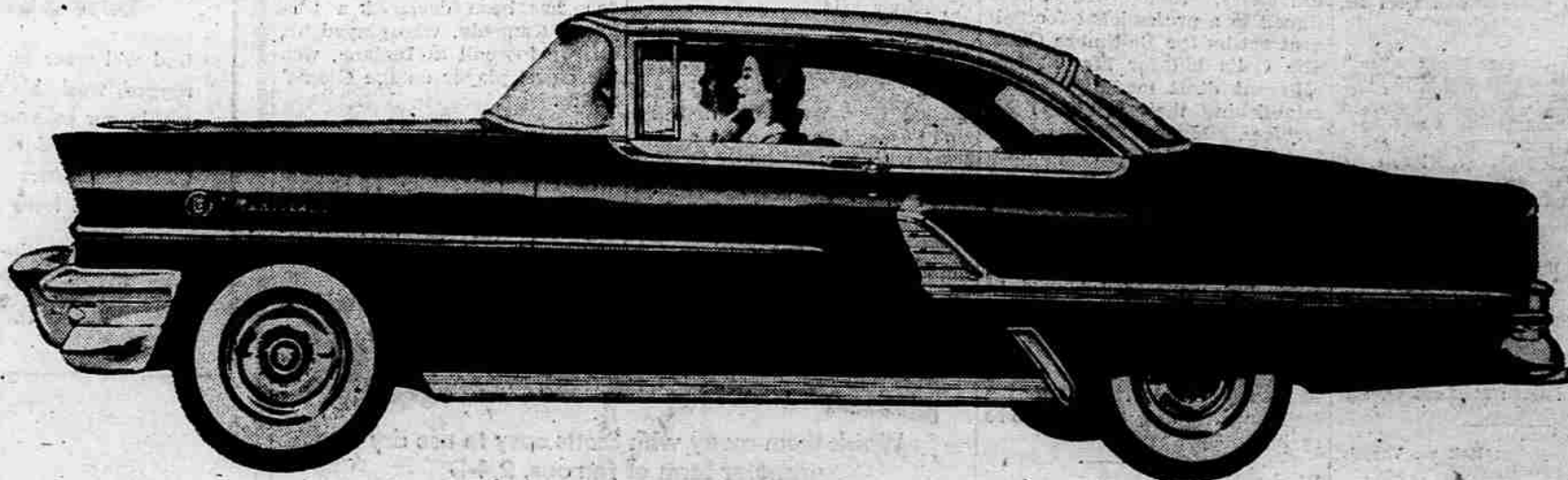
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