

Employment in Hong Kong Industry More Than Doubles

Hongkong—(U.P.)—The number of persons in this refugee-jammed British colony who are employed by local industries has more than doubled since 1950.

A government survey said the sharp jump was due to a 40 per cent increase in the number of registered industrial firms. Exports of locally made goods, for instance, account for some 30 per cent of the colony's trade, compared to one per cent before World War II.

The magazine, Far Eastern Economic Review, in commenting on the government statistics, said:

"About 92,000 persons were employed by 1,752 factories and workshops at the end of 1950, and these figures increased to 111,879 workers and 2,418 establishments by the end of September, 1954. Besides, there were about 100,000 persons engaged in unregistered workshops."

"New industrial developments during 1954 included the establishment of a large flour mill and the manufacture of aluminum hand torch cases by the cold extrusion process," the Review said, adding:

"At the recent exhibition of Hongkong products, more than 50 kinds of new and improved products of 46 factories were displayed. The most notable ones were electric clocks, biscuit making machine, refractory blocks, air-conditioning equipment, steel wire ropes, waterproof watch cases, safes, detergents, 'stretch' type nylon socks and shirts."

"The outlook for Hongkong industries is reasonably bright. So far there has been not too much difficulty in getting raw materials."

"As a free port, no customs duty is paid in Hongkong on imported raw materials or the export of industrial products. Besides, the rate of income tax levied in Hongkong is much lower than in Britain, the United States and Japan. In other words, manufacturing costs are lower than in many countries."

"Wage rates for employees in Hongkong are much lower than those prevailing in Europe and America and not higher than those in Japan and Southeast Asia. On the whole, the machinery and equipment of Hongkong factories are more advanced than those of factories in Indonesia, Burma and Thailand."



OPEN RAILWAY OFFICE—Robert Burnett, left, will be in charge of a new sub-agency office of the Denver and Rio Grande West railroad opening here this week. Miss Dorothy Van Atta, above, will be his assistant. Here for the opening of the new office was J. T. Hull, Eugene, general agent for the line. A number of other executives of the railroad were in Medford today in connection with the opening of the office at 34 North Central ave.

Denver and Rio Grande R.R. Opening Office in Medford

A sub-agency office of the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad opened in the Davis building, 34 North Central ave., this week, with Robert L. Burnett, traveling freight agent, in charge.

Announcement of the opening was made by J. T. Hull, Eugene, general agent for the railroad who, with several executives of the line is in town this week for the event.

Expanding Operations
The Rio Grande is expanding its traffic department operations in Oregon, Hull explained. Other offices are located in Portland and Eugene. He said the railroad "is cognizant of the continued development in the field of lumber, produce and industry in this area, and desires to keep pace with it."

With the Medford office, Hull added, the railroad will be in a position to provide complete transportation service, both freight and passenger.

Burnett will be assisted by Miss Dorothy Van Atta, stenographer, who was transferred here from the Eugene office. Burnett has represented the Rio Grande in this area for more than a year, and before that was chief clerk in the Eugene agency. Earlier he spent some three years in the general offices in Denver.

Miss Van Atta has had about eight years of service in Eugene with the Rio Grande and with

Southern Pacific and other railroads in Portland and Chicago. Among officials of the railroad now visiting here are R. K. Bradford, vice-president, traffic; J. C. Borg, freight traffic manager; C. J. Harbeck, western traffic manager; W. M. Kirpatrick, assistant traffic manager, and Hull.

Grange

Roxy Ann Grange

Roxy Ann Grange met on July 1 with Master Orrie Moore presiding. The attendance was rather small.

Ken Shaw announced that the dances have been discontinued for the summer months.

Kathryn Gott gave a report of her visit to State Grange in Klamath Falls. She was a youth delegate.

Charlie Whitcher gave an agricultural report.

Roscoe Roberts gave the main happenings on legislation at the State Grange.

Next meeting is to be on July 15. The Camerons, Hoovers and Offords are to serve.

The lecture hour was a 4th of July presentation.

The lecture hour at the July meeting is to be after Grange, and the Laro Feed Co., will put on the entertainment.

Irene Burns, Reporter.

Willamette Funds Seen as Minor Political Miracle

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Washington (Special)—Capitol Hill observers are rating congressional approval of funds to start construction of two new Willamette basin flood control-power dams as a minor political miracle that will be hard to top in this Congress.

This can be appreciated only when seen against some background detail of how compromises are generally reached behind the closed doors of congressional committees when it comes to doling out federal funds for projects all over the country.

Funds to start the Cougar and Hills Creek dams east of Eugene in the upper reaches of the Willamette river system had been advocated initially by Oregon's three Democrats in Congress, Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger and Rep. Edith Green, early in May during hearings on the public works money bill by the House.

Pledgings Rejected
But the House committee rejected their pleadings, and the bill was passed and sent to the Senate without any money to build these two new dams—nor any funds to construct the Tal-

ent division irrigation project, Ice Harbor dam in Washington, or to deepen the Columbia river at its mouth as the Democratic trio had urged.

It was no surprise that the Senate, which is traditionally more generous, put these items into the bill—but the expectation among reporters who've watched this operation year after year was that in the ensuing compromise worked out between House and Senate, about half the requested new projects would be deleted.

The outlook for Oregon was particularly doubtful, because for the first time in many years the state had no personal representative sitting at the bargaining table—the role filled until this year by ex-Sen. Guy Cordon (R-Ore.). Oregon and the Northwest generally had to rest its hopes on the bargaining skill of two Washington state Democrats, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson and Rep. Don Magnuson.

First Priority

It was no secret that Sen. Magnuson, a shrewd operator who is up for reelection next year, was giving new projects in his state first priority. Nor has it ever been any secret that Cordon

gave top priority to Oregon projects during his tenure. So by the same natural course of events which often saw Washington state projects bargained away in favor of Oregon when Cordon was the key man, it

Plywood Workers Vote on Proposal

Portland—(U.P.)—Some 1500 striking plywood workers in Oregon and Northern California plants of the M. and M. Wood working company voted today on a proposal to end a strike that started July 1.

The company's refusal to renew an old contract without certain modifications brought about a walkout which the company labeled "unlawful."

The five struck plants are located at Eureka, Calif., and at Portland, Albany, Lyons, and Idanha, Ore.

The union voted on a proposal calling for operation of the plants on "identical terms and working conditions as existed as of June 30, 1955" while strike issues are being negotiated for the next 30 days.

seemed reasonable to expect that new Oregon projects might get lost in conference by Magnuson in his efforts to safeguard those in his own state.

To a degree that is what happened—but not nearly to the degree that might have been expected. Magnuson held every project in his own state, including Ice Harbor dam which Cordon had always lost. The only Northwest projects that were lost were the Talent project construction funds and planning money for Bruce Eddy dam in Idaho.

It is anticipated by some observers that if Magnuson were able to hold Ice Harbor as a "new start" he would have to give ground on either Cougar or Hills Creek dams in Oregon, if not on both. No one expected with any confidence that Congress this year would scrap the "no new starts" policy of the past four years by approving funds to start three new dams simultaneously.

But when Senator Magnuson emerged from the closed door session, perspiration standing out on his forehead, his coat off and shirt wilted from the all-day grind of hammering out an ac-

ceptable compromise bill, he had three new dams and was proud of it.

The Talent project was lost after Magnuson and Magnuson fought hard to save a threatened new reclamation project in their own state, the Roza powerplant of the Yakima project. When the House delegates to the conference insisted on deleting Talent construction funds, after agreeing to the Roza project, the Magnusons gave their only ground.

But they achieved what in advance appeared the "impossible" by saving both Hills Creek and Cougar dams that will keep Willamette basin development moving progressively ahead.

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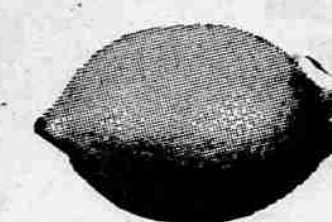
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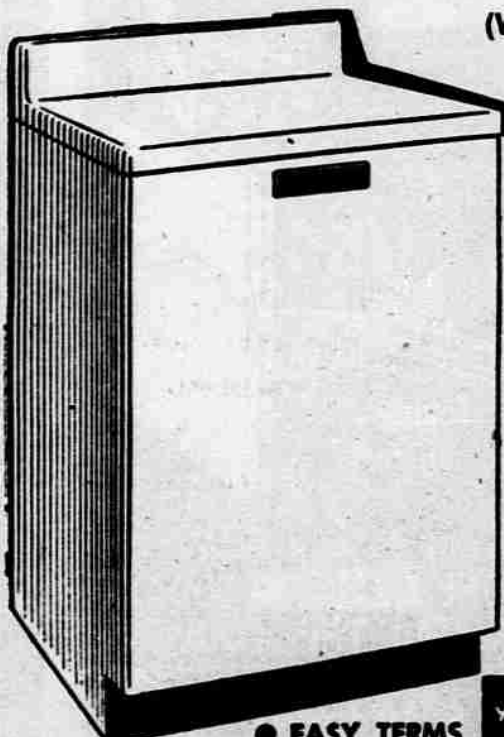
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