

Safety Conference Planners Meet; Select Chairman

Six panel committees made progress reports and a new chairman was appointed at a meeting of the planning committee of the Southern Oregon regional industrial safety conference at the Jackson hotel last night.

The conference, open to all firms of the area, will be held at the Medford Senior high school Dec. 9 and 10.

Committeemen reporting in for the panel discussion groups were John Kirby of Columbia Pacific, utilities; Lloyd Silva, Grants Pass, logging; Chan Drew, Medford Corporation, sawmill; George Wells, Grants Pass, plywood, and John Holmer, Barnhardt Construction Co., Central Point, construction.

The report for the general panel was given by Frank Sutcliffe of Ideal, Cement plant.

The new chairman is Roland L. Palmer of California Pacific Utilities Co. Palmer also is chairman of the Medford Safety Council.

The conference will be sponsored by firms in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties with assistance from accident prevention division of the state industrial accident commission.

The Medford meeting will be the third of seven regional industrial safety conferences in the state. Conferences have been held in Dallas and Roseburg with others to be held in Coquille, Pendleton, Eugene and Portland.

Emphasis in last night's discussion was made concerning the problem of gaining attendance from craftsmen as well as key plant men. It was pointed out that the conference will be set up to cut the accident rate with discussions of practical, on-the-job safety problems in southern Oregon industries.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
George Howson of Sacramento, celebrating his 100th birthday, says he made one bad mistake in his long life. He quit work at 90.

He added:
"That's too young to retire. I'd have gone on working if people weren't so touchy about hiring old men."

FOOD for thought:
Maybe if the minimum wage fixed by law weren't so high, people wouldn't be so touchy about hiring old men. And handicapped men. And old women. And handicapped women.

Under our American system, it's quite all right to require by law that relatively high wages must be paid to able-bodied and competent workers. But I can't help wondering about older people and handicapped people. If they could supplement their pensions and their social security with a reasonable amount of work at moderate wages it seems probable they would be happier and better off and would live longer.

SPEAKING of old men, there is Chancellor Adenauer of Germany, who is going on 80. He is one of the world's great statesmen. He had an attack of bronchial pneumonia the other day that scared the free nations out of their boots and filled the Kremlin bosses with rosy hope.

I'm glad Adenauer is able to go on working and I'm happy to learn that he appears to be recovering from his illness.

BOUNCING back from old age to youth, you've probably noted that a large share of Southern Oregon's United Fund money will be expended for the support of youth training and character building agencies.

You may ask (particularly if you have no young children): "Why should I put up money for the support of youth training and character building agencies?"

THIS is the best answer I can think of:

It is the proud boast of the Boy Scouts that no Eagle Scout (Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Scouting) has ever been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.

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FROM the Eugene Register-Guard:

When France walked out of the United Nations in a fit of pique, this newspaper said France "picked up its doll rags and went home." Leafing through the exchanges, we note that the Coos Bay Times, same day, said France picked up its ball bat and went home. The Albany Democrat-Herald, the same day, said France picked up its marbles and went home.

WELL, if United Nations had voted to consider whether or not Alaska and Hawaii belong to the United States, or should be set up by UN as SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT NATIONS, we'd have picked up our tools and walked off the job.

Let's add that phrase to the others.

ALGERIA is a part of the French Republic. It is as much a part of France as Alaska and Hawaii are of the United States. It sends representatives to the French assembly, just as Alaska and Hawaii send representatives to the U.S. congress.

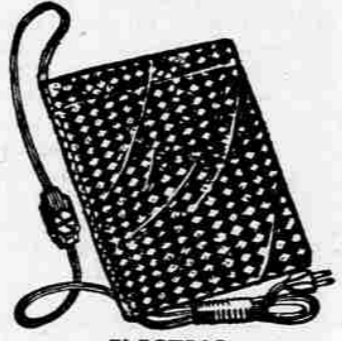
No American can blame France for walking out when United Nations (with all the Communist members supporting the motion) voted to consider whether or not Algeria should be divorced from the French Republic.

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