

Expected Strike By Pilots Fails To Materialize

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — A pilot's strike expected early today by Western Air lines failed to materialize and all flights throughout the system were continued on schedule.

A dispatcher at the airport said morning crews checked in and were going out as usual. Reservations were being taken at ticket offices.

No Word Received
Western had prepared to close down its "entire route" despite an announcement by the pilots that the walkout over a contract would not be called this morning. Spokesmen said they had not received word from the pilot's association of any postponement.

The association and company have been involved in a contract dispute which centers around the pilots' demand for increased company contributions to an annuity pension program.

Western President Terrell C. Drinkwater said the company, which serves 45 cities in 12 Western states and Canada, was "expecting a strike at 6 a.m. because the pilots have set that strike time and we have heard nothing directly to the contrary."

The Air Line Pilots association postponed the strike yesterday in order to meet with Leverett Edwards, chairman of the Federal Mediation Board. But an ALPA spokesman added that the association was ready to strike "as soon as the Mediation Board releases jurisdiction."

Printers To Join Newspaper Strike

Detroit — (U.P.) — Printers will join the three-week strike against Detroit's three newspapers today, stalemating negotiations progress with the announcement that the Pressmen's union will sign with the publishers.

Members of the Detroit Typographical Union 18 voted 217 to 14 to join the striking stereotypers and mailers at noon today.

The Pressmen's union, one of the largest of the newspaper unions, announced that it was ready to sign a contract with the publishers.

Kenneth Hull, president of the printer's union, said the union voted to strike because of wages, hours, working conditions, contract expiration and the union's claim to jurisdiction over a new type of printing process.

Hull charged that the publishers "are not bargaining in good faith" and said several issues remained unresolved.

Soil Bank Plan Should Be Nationally Used

Corvallis — (U.P.) — A national soil bank plan to take lands out of production of surplus crops should not impose on any one commodity, according to representatives of nine Oregon farm and commodity groups.

The representatives, at a meeting here yesterday, agreed that the burden of adjustment in developing a soil bank type of crop controls should be spread over a broad agricultural range. They also agreed that payments would be made at levels that would permit retirement of land without marketing production from them.



CONGRATULATIONS ARE GIVEN Colin P. Kelly III, son of heroic Air Force captain killed after bombing Japanese battleship Haruna in Philippines, by mother, Mrs. J. Watson Pedlow, after he receives Eagle Scout award. They live in Concordville, Pa. President Roosevelt asked his successor in office to appoint young Kelly to West Point. (International)

Touring Russians Get Joyous Welcome on Return From Travels

Moscow — (U.P.) — Russia's roving rulers arrived home to a joyous welcome from their month-long Asian tour today and declared they had "exposed the policies of the colonizers in Asia."

Communist party leader Nikita Khrushchev said in a homecoming statement that he and Premier Nikolai Bulganin had found colonial regimes to be a "blot on mankind." He said in the midst of a welcome by tens of thousands of cheering Russians lining the main streets that

Standley Bookkeeper Guilty on Tax Charge

Portland — (U.P.) — Mrs. Nellie J. Hollenbeck 55, San Diego, former bookkeeper for the Standley Brothers Logging company in Powers, pleaded guilty in Federal court yesterday to an income tax charge.

Federal Judge Gus Solomon ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Mrs. Hollenbeck has been accused in a secret indictment of aiding partners of the company to evade taxes. The partners, James Adamek, Noble Standley, and Robert Wilbur Merchen, had earlier surrendered to indictments charging them with tax evasion and were freed on \$2500 bond pending arraignment.

The government claimed some \$150,000 was involved for the years 1949 to 1951.

EDDIE FISHER SIGNED
New York — (U.P.) — The National Broadcasting Co., announced last night that it had signed singer Eddie Fisher to a new 15-year radio and television contract. The exclusive pact put an end to reports that the 27-year-old entertainer might move to CBS.

Council Calls Two Public Hearings; Several Other Items Given Consideration

The Medford city council last night called public hearings on two proposals recommended by the planning commission. Both hearings will be held Feb. 7.

One is on vacation of a north-south alley in the Edwards Place addition, and the other is on a change of zone from multiple family to commercial for property north of the YMCA. Both requests were recommended by the planning commission last summer following public hearings.

The recommendations were accepted by the council, but no action was taken.

Grants Set-Back
The council adopted an ordinance granting a set-back change on a piece of property in Eastwood subdivision after a public hearing at which there was no opposition. The set-back change was requested for construction of a car-port and was recommended by the planning commission.

Another ordinance authorized assessments for a sanitary sewer line along Oregon ave. from Keene Way dr. to Oregon Terrace. The cost will be \$3.65 per front foot, compared to engineer's estimates of \$5.04. City Manager Robert Duff said the difference in actual cost and engineer's estimates was because of relocation of the line.

The Oregon ave. sewer project was accepted with another ordinance, as was the Eastwood-Capital ave. sanitary sewer line.

Assessment Ordinance
An assessment ordinance for paving Park st. between West Jackson and West Second sts. also was adopted. Based on linear foot basis, cost will be \$6.44 per front foot, compared to \$6.39 estimated by city engineers.

The council also adopted an ordinance authorizing preparations of plans and specifications of a sanitary sewer area south of Capital ave. between Sunrise ave. and Valley View dr.

The council tabled an ordinance authorizing preparation of plans and specifications for a sanitary trunk sewer southeast of Medford. Members of the council believed action should be deferred until after an annexation election in the area Jan. 16. The council will meet Jan. 17 to canvass ballots and councilmen believed consideration should be given a sanitary sewer then if residents approve annexation.

Retirement Compensation
Authorization was given for revision to public employees retirement system to provide coverage for policemen and firemen who retire at the age of 60 and before 65 when social security becomes available. Duff pointed out that under the present system, a policeman or fireman may retire at 60, but cannot collect retirement compensation until 65.

Duff was authorized to sign proof of loss regarding an adjustment of \$70 from insurance

companies for covering half the cost of repairing the roof of the Boy Scout building in Hawthorne park. The roof was damaged by hail about two years ago, but was not discovered until construction was started on the annex to Girl Scout quarters in the building, Duff said.

The council granted conversion of a private hangar lease at the airport to Bartholomew, Collins and Skinner. The arrangement is one in which the city charges land rental fees for private hangars.

Rental Space Granted
Rental space was also granted Avis Rent-A-Car system in the airport terminal. The lease is effective Jan. 1, and will expire Dec. 1, 1960. Terms are \$60 per month the first two years, \$65 per month the third year, \$70 per month the fourth year, and \$75 per month the fifth year.

The council authorized installation of a stop sign at Leland st. and Stewart ave. to conform with other intersections along Stewart ave. Leland st. is in the Wilson Park addition just south of Columbus ave.

City Attorney Frank Farrell was instructed to prepare an ordinance calling a public hearing on a change of zone of the Marris Gibbons property at the corner of Clark st. and McAndrews rd. The planning commission recommendation was accepted.

The request was submitted to change the section from two

family residential to heavy industrial so an industry now operating there will conform.

Accept Recommendations
A planning commission recommendation "that the facilities of the City of Medford be made available only to those areas that are within the corporate limits of the City of Medford" was accepted and placed on file. No action was taken.

Duff reported that city-owned property at the corner of 10th and Washington sts. was zoned for two family residences and in the opinion of Farrell could not be used to house the Jackson county disaster car. Farrell said the association which owns and maintains the car, is not considered a public organization, although the purpose of the car is public.

Duff said the city owns a lot on Beatty st., which is zoned for light industrial uses, and which could serve to house the car. Officials of the association indicated they would consider the property.

The association requested housing facilities for the car, which is practically furnished. (Other Council Stories on Pages 1 and 15)

Filipino Soldiers Killed By Underground Gunmen

Manila, P. I.—(U.P.)—A band of gunmen, believed to be members of the Communist-led Huk, ambushed and killed four Filipino soldiers in Laguna Province south of here, according to Army reports today.

It was the fourth attack in five days in Luzon blamed on remnants of the outlawed underground organization. Fifteen persons have been killed and 26 wounded in the attacks.

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