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Labor Fight Rages At Westinghouse

Strikers Tangle With Police at Gates of Plant

One Dead, 80 Injured; 86 in County Jail

Columbus, O. —(U.P.)— Police and strikers fought a pitched battle at the Westinghouse plant here today, leaving one man dead of a heart attack, eight persons injured, and 80 arrested.

The outburst at dawn began when officers tried to clear entrance into the plant, where about 2000 members of the striking International Union of Electrical Workers massed at the plant's gates.

Sheriff Ralph J. Paul said when he arrived at 5:30 a.m. "there were 25 to 75 pickets at each gate armed with clubs. They had cement blocks stacked across the driveways. We restored order."

Nine persons were taken to a hospital. Troy Tadlock, 34, of nearby Grove City, died enroute. The coroner said he suffered a heart attack, Tadlock was a Westinghouse employee but had not worked since the strike began.

Picket Line 'Murder' Charles Clark, president of the local union, and Robert Christoferson, a union international representative, said the union "charges that murder was committed on the picket line Tuesday morning. Troy Tadlock was the victim of police brutality invoked by Westinghouse management."

Gov. Frank J. Lausche said the union's leaders in calling for the strikers to gather at the plant in defiance of a court order limiting picketing was "indefensible." He said the state would step in to maintain law and order if necessary.

The 86 strikers who were arrested were held in the bullpen of the county jail on charges of inciting a riot. Company attorneys said charges of contempt of court probably would be filed later.

All available police and sheriff's deputies were sent to the scene.

The company claimed some 1,700 hourly workers had returned to their jobs during recent weeks. A court order had been issued limiting pickets at each plant gate following earlier violence at the plant.

Company officials charged the union with a "complete disregard for law and order" in staging the mass demonstration.

"Cars were turned over, windshields and car bodies were battered and destruction was aimed at anything coming in view of those pickets at each of our plant entrances," a company statement said.

Union Charges Brutality The union countered that the company had refused to "bar gain in good faith" and had spent "millions of dollars in strike breaking."

The union called Sheriff Ralph J. Paul's handling of the situation "one of the worst cases of police brutality ever seen in such a situation."

Traffic Accidents Claim 356 Persons

By UNITED PRESS
An all-out campaign for safety was credited today with saving almost 70 lives on the nation's highways during the New Year's week-end.

The traffic death toll set a new record for a three-day New Year's holiday, but fell far below the grim predictions. The United Press tally from 6 p.m. Friday until midnight Monday showed that 356 persons died in traffic accidents. There were 72 deaths in fires, 12 in plane crashes, and 71 in miscellaneous accidents for an overall holiday death toll of 511.

"It wasn't as good as we would have liked and it wasn't as bad as we had feared," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council.

Good Law Enforcement Credited by Council "But the fact that the toll ran well below our pre-holiday estimate is, we feel, a convincing demonstration that when the people want traffic safety and the law enforcement agencies give it to them, the toll will come down," Dearborn said.

Dearborn cited Chicago and Cook county, Ill., where there was only one week-end traffic death, as a "spectacular instance of this." The traffic death count topped the record of 320 fatalities set during the three-day, 1953 New Year's holiday.

But it wasn't close to the 420 predicted by the National Safety Council.

Oregon Traffic Accidents Account For Three Deaths

By UNITED PRESS
Oregon counted three New Year's week-end traffic deaths today compared to seven over the three-day Christmas week-end.

A belated report of the accidental death of three-year-old Darold J. Starr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Starr of Empire, Sunday night, today raised the toll. State police said the boy died in a hospital three hours after being run over near Empire by a car. Officers said the boy was in the rear seat of a car driven by his father who swerved to avoid a boy on a bicycle. His son was thrown against a door which opened and the boy fell on the pavement where he was struck by another car, police said.

Motorists were hampered yesterday by a big snowstorm in the Columbia gorge.

Many Cars Stalled State police estimated that some 1000 cars were stalled at one time in a three-mile stretch near Bonneville junction. Many cars were without chains and those with chains had a hard time getting through the jam.

Dallas D. Pope, 27, Portland, was killed early yesterday when the car in which he was riding collided with a truck on St. Helens road. Allan Cecil Kraft, 22, Albany, died when his car plunged over a 40-foot bank on the icy Santiam pass highway east of Foster Saturday evening.

In other New Year's week-end tragedies, a five-year-old girl, Nina Schlocker, died in a fire that destroyed her family home near Fall City. Everett Allen, 50, and Margaret W. Fiske, 42, died of carbon monoxide poison in a parked automobile in Portland.

In Douglas county, receding waters of a creek north of Canyonville, disclosed that a car had been carried two young men to their deaths nearly a month ago. The victims were Darley Wilcox, 22, Days Creek, and Robert Wells Graham, 30, Canyonville.

Mine Cage Breaks Loose; Two Men Killed, Three Hurt

Carlsbad, N. M. —(U.P.)— A metal cage lowering five miners into a potash mine fell some 300 feet today, killing two of the men aboard and seriously injuring the other three.

The dead were identified as Buford Wright, 30, and Billy Littlefield, 20. The injured, all taken to hospitals here, were Dick Morris, 30, Bill Jurney, 30, and Peter E. Haulamaki, 25. All were from Carlsbad.

Rescue Operations Slowed It was more than three hours after the accident before all five could be brought to the surface. Rescue operations were slowed because rescuers had to be lowered down a second shaft, one at a time, crawl through a

tunnel at the 300-foot level, then singly another 325 feet to the wreckage.

Officials of the National Potash Co. were investigating reports that a cable "kinked" and then snapped freeing the cage for the drop of nearly 300 feet. Cage at 300-Foot Level

Project Engineer James A. Lilly said the cage was at about the 300-foot level when it suddenly broke loose and dropped to about 625 feet before it stopped.

A crew of from 16 to 18 men normally work at such shaft sinkings but only five were in the cage and were being lowered to nearly 800 feet at start of their shift.

Administrator Of Welfare Department 'Fired'

Dismissal Is Outcome Of Audit Investigation

Mrs. Blanche Lyman, administrator of the Jackson county welfare department, has been discharged by the state welfare commission, according to Mrs. Loa Howard Mason, state administrator.

In a brief announcement, she said Mrs. Lyman's dismissal is "in relation to the administrator's action or lack of action relating to her responsibilities," according to United Press, which said Mrs. Mason declined to elaborate.

Members of the Jackson county welfare commission, however, have been advised the action was taken as the outcome of a field audit investigation of the department, following the November, 1955, conviction of Harley Huebner, a former employee of the department, on a bad check charge. At the time he was convicted, District Attorney Walter Nunley declared Huebner had also misappropriated funds in connection with his welfare department work.

Summary Dismissal The summary dismissal is effective Jan. 13, and Mrs. Lyman, who has been caseworker and administrator of the local department for 21 years, has been suspended without pay until that date.

In a letter to Mrs. Lyman, Jack Luini, chairman of the state commission, said Mrs. Lyman had "failed to fulfill the administrative responsibility of your office, lacked loyalty to the department, and directly hindered the effective performance of the state welfare commission."

The letter, a copy of which went to County Judge Rodney Keating, listed seven specifications, six of them dealing with Mrs. Lyman's actions regarding Huebner, in which, the letter declared, she failed to keep her superiors informed of his misappropriations, and in helping him to make partial restitution. The seventh alleged loose administrative procedures in financial accounting.

Department Meets The local welfare department was to meet late this morning to review the action, and to meet with two state department representatives who arrived today to take over the local department. They are Richard Hagar, acting administrator, and William Smythe, field administrator who conducted the investigation following Huebner's apprehension, and who prepared the report on which Mrs. Lyman's discharge was based.

Members of the commission here include Judge Keating, County Commissioner L. G. Morthland, H. D. Christensen, all Medford, and Mrs. A. P. Klonhous, Rogue River, who are in town, and Alfred S. V. Carpenter, County Commissioner Chester Wendt and Mrs. R. J. Keeney, who are out of town.

Life-Saving Factors

The council credited three factors for the saving of lives:

1. An unprecedented national traffic crackdown, involving a small army of policemen, National Guardsmen and even planes. They had orders to enforce all laws to the limit in order to prevent another massacre.

2. Wide publicity given to the "Black Christmas" slaughter by press, radio, and television.

3. A refreshing demonstration of safe and sane driving by holiday motorists.

California topped this year's death count with 38, followed by Texas with 24 and New York with 23.

The six states with deathless traffic records over New Year's had all contributed to the Christmas toll—Colorado with eight, Tennessee with seven, Delaware with four, Vermont and Maine with two each, and North Dakota with one.

An average of 4.5 persons died every hour during the 78-hour holiday. Strangely, the death rate was slow during the hours of greatest danger when motorists tried to mix holiday spirits with driving. But it jumped in the later hours.

A sharp shift to wintry weather in the midlands, plus the jam of homeward-bound cars, apparently contributed to the upswing.

Poujade Forces Gain in France

Paris —(U.P.)— The forces of rabble-rousing anti-tax crusader Pierre Poujade and those of the Communists made sensational gains today in crucial national parliamentary elections that all but killed hopes of a stable government for France.

The Communists gained 52 seats for a total of 146. The Poujadists, who held none in the old Assembly, won 51.

Pierre Mendes-France's left-center Republican Front ran better than expected, but it trailed the Right-Center Front of Premier Edgar Faure and Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay. The remnants of the Gaullists were nearly wiped out.

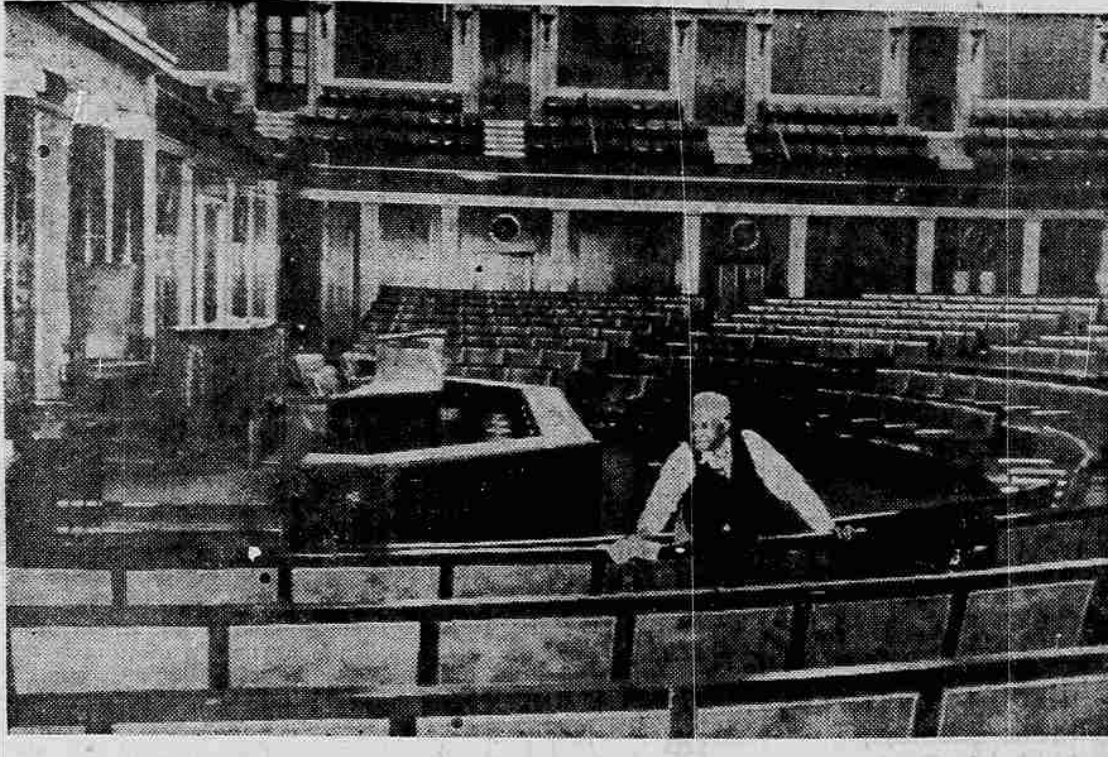
Coalition Necessary The results meant that no single party gained a majority of seats in the new National Assembly. The only hope of forming a new government will be another coalition, perhaps by the forces of Mendes-France and Faure or of Mendes-France and the Communists. Mendes-France, however, already has rejected a Communist offer to join forces, describing the suggestion as an "insult."

The French voters registered a massive protest against their humpty-dumpty governments of the past 10 years. They threw out 110 deputies from the last Assembly in disgust.

Icing was reported again this morning on parts of the Columbia river highway from Bridal Veil to Cascade Locks but state police said it was starting to show signs of thawing. A heavy snowstorm hit the gorge yesterday, stalling hundreds of cars.

The five-day outlook called for recurring rains.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York —(U.P.)— Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 485.78 off 2.62, 20 railroads 162.21 off 1.08, 15 utilities 63.73 off 0.43, 65 stocks 171.70 off 1.03. Sales today were about 2,390,000 shares compared with 2,820,000 Friday.



READYING FOR CONGRESS—Cloak room attendant, James T. Gibson, 66, wipes dust from the seats in the House of Representatives in preparation for the opening of Congress. Gibson has been employed in the capitol 43 years and is the oldest employee assigned to the doorkeeper's office.

Police Led On 95-MPH, 25 Mile Chase; Three Cars Are Damaged

Fred Ernest Hutton, 35, of 1808 Spring st., Medford, was arrested by state police Sunday night after a chase of about 25 miles with speeds ranging up to 95 miles per hour on Highway 99 between Medford and Rogue River.

Hutton was arrested about 7:25 p.m. at the junction of Highways 62 and 99 after the car he was driving damaged two others, including a patrol car, and sheared off an intersection warning signal during the 15 minute chase. Both sides of a new Cadillac, belonging to Skinner's garage here, were damaged.

Hutton was being held in Jackson county jail today. He was booked on suspicion of larceny of an automobile.

Police said the chase started about halfway between Gold Hill and Rogue River near Miller's Gulch bridge, when Hutton passed a patrol car at a high speed. The patrolman earlier saw the Cadillac parked at a cafe, and radioed the local state police office for a check on the car.

The patrol car pursued the Cadillac at speeds up to 95 miles per hour, police said.

Police said the Cadillac struck a car operated by Vernon Waldo Buseman, 29, of 221 Vancouver ave., Medford, near Blackwell Hill, on the left rear fender, then straightened out and continued south.

Buseman was able to control his vehicle, and neither he, nor his wife and two daughters, who were passengers, were injured, police said.

Hutton lost control of the car near the Willow Springs intersection, police said, and knocked over the yellow signal light at the south end of the cloverleaf, damaging the left side of the Cadillac. He regained control of the car, and continued south.

Police radioed ahead and additional patrol cars converged

along the highway ahead of Hutton.

One patrol car near Crater High school in Central Point turned around and was picking up speed in Central Point when the Cadillac passed him, hitting the patrol car in the left rear, police said. The officer was able to control the car, and continued south after the Cadillac.

Approach Medford As the cars approached Medford, Hutton attempted to make a left turn onto Highway 62, police said. The patrol car which picked up the pursuit at Central Point crowded the Cadillac into the curb to stop it.

Hutton attempted an escape out of the right side of the Cadillac, but other officers participated in the chase caught him as he got out of the car.

Police said Hutton attempted several times to ram the patrol car which finally crowded the Cadillac into the curb. An estimate of damage to the patrol car was being made today.

Police said the Cadillac belonged to Skinner's Garage here, where Hutton had been employed.

Bonfire Scheduled To Inaugurate MOD

A huge bonfire of discarded Christmas trees, to be ignited at 7 o'clock tonight at the site of the proposed Rogue Valley Memorial hospital on Barnett rd., will kick off the month-long 1956 March of Dimes fund-raising campaign in Jackson county.

The trees were gathered in the county Sunday by members of Medford lodge 178, Loyal Order of Moose, assisted by members of the Boy Scouts of America. Persons placing the trees on their porches or in their yards were asked to affix a contribution to the March of Dimes. Aubrey Loper, county campaign treasurer, said this morning that \$621 had been contributed to the fund through the tree pickup.

Still Can Contribute Loper said several people had reported that they had not placed their contributions on the discarded tree because of rainy weather or because they were away from home and still desired to contribute. He said anyone wishing to do so may mail the contribution to him at the United States National bank, or may bring it personally to the bank and it will be credited to the tree pickup fund.

Loper also reported this morning that advance gifts totaled \$330 to date. Jerry Lausmann, county MOD chairman, said the figure was considerably below previous marks and reminded business and industry to send their advance gifts in soon.

Jerry Gastineau, Medford campaign chairman, said today that approximately 4,000 coin cards had been mailed to homes in the city and the remainder of the cards will be in the mail this week. The Medford chapter of the National Secretaries Association is addressing the cards, with cooperation of the Medford water department. Gastineau pointed out that the cards contain return addressed envelopes and asked recipients to fill the cards and send them in as soon as possible.

Members of the Medford Active club are distributing coin

Wade Howell Home Destroyed By Fire

Fire this morning destroyed the Wade Howell residence, about two miles north of Eagle Point.

The fire started about 9 a.m. in an oven where Mrs. Howell was rendering lard. She went for her husband who was working in an outbuilding. When they returned the house was in flames. All of their possessions were lost in the fire.

The Howells were renting the house, which was on the ranch which Howell is employed. They have three children, Larry, 8, Louis, 6, and Gordon, one. The house was owned by Frank Brahs, Grenada, Calif.

Members of the Shady Cove volunteer fire department prevented the blaze from spreading to barns and outbuildings. The Medford rural fire department at 2:33 a.m. Sunday sent one truck to the Earl Etters residence, Coalmine rd., where a fire under the fireplace burnt a hole in the floor and carpet.

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Rayburn, Nixon Bang Gavel To Call Lawmakers

Political Pot Beginning To Boil

Washington — (U.P.) — The second session of the Democratic-controlled 84th Congress opened today in holiday mood but with election year politics already beginning to simmer.

Gavels calling the lawmakers to order were banged promptly at noon (EST) by veteran Speaker Sam Rayburn in the House and by Vice-President Richard M. Nixon in the Senate. Chaplains prayed, the rolls were called, and Congress was ready for business.

Nothing much besides routine was on the opening agenda. This was just as well, since members milled in the aisles, shaking hands and exchanging greetings, almost precluding the transaction of business.

The good feeling, as always at the start of a session, was bipartisan. The exclamations of pleasure and well wishing were in apparent disregard of party lines.

Await President's Message This seemed unlikely to last. The political charges and counter charges of a presidential and congressional election year already were beginning to sound, and were sure to get steadily louder.

House members lost no time in starting to drop in the hopper bills on some of the issues that will be fought steadily between now and election day. Senators, by custom, don't introduce bills until after the President's State of the Union Message.

The message will be read by clerks Thursday rather than delivered personally by the President, who is recuperating from his heart attack at Key West, Fla.

Both chambers planned to recess after today's brief sessions until Thursday.

The lawmakers figured that the outcome of presidential and congressional balloting on Nov. 6 may hinge on what they do this year on such controversial vote-getting issues as cutting taxes, boosting farm income, liberalizing social security, and building new highways and schools.

Democrats were relying heavily on congressional investigations—under their management—to hit at the administration on such issues as big business in government, conflict of interests, and alleged "giveaways" of the public resources.

Politics in Foreign Policy Politics inevitably was coloring early debate also on foreign policy, despite pleas by both sides for a bipartisan stand in the face of renewed Communist hostility.

House Demo Leader John W. McCormack (Mass.), even before the gavels fell at opposite ends of the capitol, jumped squarely into the fray on both domestic and overseas issues.

In a statement written for the United Press McCormack charged that the Geneva summit talks were a failure, that the cold war never had ceased and the Republican administration "unfortunately" allowed Americans to be lulled into unwarranted complacency about the Communists.

On the home front, McCormack called on President Eisenhower to disregard Republican interests in making his decision on whether to seek a new term. (See Stories on Page 10)

Olympia — (U.P.) — Washington closed out 1955 with 460 traffic deaths, 47 more than it recorded in 1954, the state patrol said.

Weather

FORECAST: Cloudy and windy with rain tonight and Wednesday. Wind decreasing by Wednesday morning. Low tonight 45. High Wednesday 59. Temp. 55. Lowest this morning 39. To 4:30 a.m. today trace.

Rogue River Couple Parents of 1956 Baby

Only one New Year's day baby was reported by Medford hospitals. A 7-pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Porter, Rogue River, at 4:02 p.m. Sunday at Community hospital, the hospital reported this morning.

The Porters have one child, Cherle, who will be two-years-old in March.

Council To Consider Zone Change Tonight

A call for hearing on a change of zone in the Mingsub subdivision will be considered at the regular city council meeting at 7:30 p.m. today.

The proposed change of zone is from single family to heavy industrial on property owned by Marrs Gibbons.

The council will also consider a recommendation on the method of assessing the Eastwood-Capital ave. sanitary sewer; transfer of budget items; granting of a right of way to South Bear Creek sanitary district; and a request of Franklin Transfer and Storage company for parking privileges.