

Arbitration Asked At St. Helens

Portland—(U.P.)—Arbitration of the 11-month old labor dispute at Fir-Tex Corp. at St. Helens has been called by the State Board of Conciliation.

The recommendation was contained in a report issued by the board based on hearings it held at St. Helens in February. The report was signed by two of the three members of the board, the member representing the public and one representing labor. The employer representative refused to sign.

J. L. Jennings and H. H. Harrison approved the recommendation for arbitration. Guy Haines abstained. The board has no authority to enforce its decisions. The disputing parties must decide whether to accept or reject the recommendation.

The two members of the board said in their report that the stalemate in talks at Fir-Tex was based on conditions for a return to work, not on the original strike issues. They doubted that further direct talks would be fruitful of a settlement.

The report said "It is believed that the strike may continue for an indefinite period with attendant losses to the parties as well as to the public."

Fir-Tex has resumed partial operation with non-union employees.

British Arrest Three Of Own Security Guards

Nicosia, Cyprus—(U.P.)—Britain has arrested three of its own security guards on charges they mistreated Cypriots suspected of underground anti-British violence.

Officials refused to detail the charges or disclose the names of the men. But the arrests indicated some of the soldiers had taken the new "get tough" policy too literally.



STRICTLY AD LIB—This is a slip that wasn't in the script as Marilyn Monroe is pictured a moment after she fell from the five-foot platform behind her while walking on it for a scene in "Bus Stop," being filmed at an actual rodeo in Phoenix, Ariz. She only suffered two skinned knees, but the accident enabled the camera crew to shoot a terrific crowd reaction scene which will be used later in the movie.

WAL Will Resume Full Operations by April 1

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—Western Air Lines today was to resume partial operations after 74 days of being grounded because of a strike by 850 members of Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

The air line scheduled flights to Las Vegas and San Francisco and said it would resume full operations by Easter Sunday. Western served 45 cities in 12 Western states and Canada before the recently settled strike halted operations Jan. 9.

Nixon Qualified, Ex-Gov. Dewey Says

Cambridge, Mass.—(U.P.)—Former New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey said Wednesday that Vice President Richard M. Nixon is "qualified" for reelection because of his "extensive experience in government."

Speaking at a Harvard Law School forum, Dewey said Nixon's success in cooperating with the presidential program as vice president "is so great that he never gets writeups in the newspapers."

This "lack of publicity," Dewey said, "is a sign of the harmony that exists between President Eisenhower and Nixon."

Rail Passenger Loss Due Probe

Washington—(U.P.)—The Interstate Commerce Commission has launched a full scale investigation to determine why American railroads continue to lose money on passenger travel.

The investigation will cover passenger train deficits of all railroads under ICC jurisdiction. This deficit was estimated in 1954 at almost \$700,000,000 a year. The annual loss is expected to be higher for 1955 when the figures are compiled.

The ICC said the sweeping inquiry will cover comparative operating expenses of passenger and freight operations. Freight revenues on many railroads traditionally underwrite passenger service losses.

State railroad regulatory commissions, the general public and shippers and receivers of railway freight, whose freight rates are now bearing a portion of a passenger deficit will be invited to testify at public hearings, the ICC said. Times and places for the hearings will be announced later.

First Russian Jet Lined Viewed in West

London—(U.P.)—Soviet Secret Police Chief Ivan Serov arrived here yesterday on a non-stop flight from Moscow in the first Soviet jet airliner ever shown west of the Iron Curtain.

Serov, the successor to the executed Lavrenti P. Beria, came here to check the security arrangements for the 10-day visit starting April 18 of Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev.

Healy Urges Write-in Campaign for Nixon

Salem—(U.P.)—William E. Healy, candidate for secretary of state, has launched a write-in campaign for Vice-President Richard M. Nixon in Oregon.

In a letter to his own campaign committee, Healy said, "I ask that you immediately expand our own organization in a serious effort to procure pledges for a write-in campaign for Richard M. Nixon for vice-president of the United States in the Oregon primary election on May 18."

Healy claimed that "no vice-president in the history of our nation has been given assignments or responsibilities equal to those accepted uncomplainingly by Nixon. His ability and experience must not be lost to the nation," Healy said.

Portland—(U.P.)—William Bell of Portland is the new president of the Oregon State Motor Association.

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