

Overall Economy Would Survive Short Strike in Steel Industry

New York — (U.P.) — Business and financial experts said today small segments of American industry will feel the effects of a steel strike almost immediately but the nation's overall economy will survive a short strike and emerge strong and healthy.

The construction industry said it will suffer almost immediately, oil companies said they would be hurt by a shortage of steel pipe within a week if a strike lasts that long. Coal mining concerns prepared for almost immediate cutbacks in production of the fuel which goes to the steel industry. And railroads reported revenues would be cut "within a week" if coal and steel shipments begin to lag.

"The longer a strike lasts the more people it will hurt," said Paul Babson of United Business Service in Boston. "For the first week or two it will be like a

glorified vacation. If it lasts two months a lot of people are going to feel the bite."

"You can count us among

Suez Canal Blockade Rapped by Israel

United Nations, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Israel told the United Nations today that Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal has created an "intolerable" situation.

Members of the Security Council received a letter from Israeli delegate Mordecai R. Kidron charging that Egyptian authorities had officially informed an Israel-bound Greek ship that it would not be permitted to pass through the canal whose custody recently was surrendered to the Cairo government by Britain.

Kidron's letter contained reports that the Egyptians also had seized the cement cargo of the Greek vessel and had instituted prize court proceedings to seize the ship itself.

The Israeli complaint asked no action by the council, but it was the most serious charge to be brought to the U.N. itself by any Middle East power since Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld's peace mission to the Holy Land in April.

those who are going to be hurt," said A. Kingsley Ferguson, vice president of the McGraw Construction Co. "We don't have a big steel inventory and business is booming. Take away our supply of steel and we're really in the soup."

Company Grabbing Steel
Ferguson said his company was grabbing all the steel it could get. But he said a strike would start delaying building schedules within a couple of days.

"If it lasts a week we may have to start laying off construction workers. If they can't work bricklayers can't work. And if bricklayers can't work electricians can't work."

Ferguson's analysis of the effects of a strike followed closely the pattern set in 1952 when steelworkers walked off their jobs on June 2 and steel production stopped for 53 days.

During that strike the 650,000 members of the United Steelworkers of America lost an estimated \$350,000,000 in wages and the cost to the nation's economy was more than \$5,000,000,000 in lost production.

Some 1,400,000 workers were eventually furloughed from their jobs in the automobile, railroad, coal mining, and fabricating industries.

Giants of Industry Ready
But the giants of industry such as General Motors and General Electric said they were better able to withstand a strike now than they were in 1952.

"We are not fretful and we view the steel situation in very relaxed fashion," said a spokesman for General Electric.

He said there would be no lay offs unless there is a long, hard strike.

"But if steel prices go up we may have to boost prices on some appliances," he said. "Right now our attitude is that we won't raise prices unless we have to."

General Motors reported its steel inventories in "pretty good shape."

"We don't have a shortage of anything and we don't foresee any layoffs immediately," the company reported.

Waterfront Buildings At San Francisco Hit by Raging Fire

San Francisco — (U.P.) — A raging fire, touched off by an explosion and fed by thousands of gallons of gasoline, heavily damaged a pier and a machine shop on the San Francisco waterfront early today.

Fire Chief Frank Kelly said he knew of no dead. He said damage "might be a million dollars."

At least five men were injured in the blaze. The fire broke out shortly before 11 p.m. Thursday when a gasoline barge pumping fuel into three Tidewater Associated storage tanks at pier 64 exploded with a "whoosh."

The barge and storage tanks caught fire. The flames destroyed two Tidewater buildings on the pier, heavily damaged the

pier itself and the big Triple A machine shop on the pier.

There were 75 men working the night shift at the machine shop and its drydock. It could not be learned immediately whether any of them were missing.

One man on the barge, Fred Witter, 55, Oakland, was hospitalized with second degree burns. Police and fire officials were checking reports there were six men on the barge.

Reports of the fire caused friends and relatives of men working at or near the pier to rush to the scene. They clung together in anxious groups, hoping for news of the workers' safety.

Witter told fire officials some gasoline spilled onto the water as he was preparing to pump it into the lines. The gasoline apparently was carried under the pier and to the other side, where welders were working on a small Navy gasoline tanker.

The tanker was undamaged despite the fierceness of the blaze. Farther beyond was the Navy cargo ship Whiteside. Four Navy tugs pulled it to safety.

Hundreds Fight Blaze
Forty pieces of equipment and 162 firemen were sent to fight the flames, which shot 400 feet into the sky and were visible from many parts of the Bay Area. Several score policemen also went to the scene to control traffic.

Ruben Martinez, 30, foreman of the sheet metal section of the machine shop, said "we saw flames coming through the window and ran out."

"The barge suddenly exploded with a whoosh and knocked me flat," he said. "I got to my feet and ran as fast as I could. The whole thing went up like an inferno."

Harry Edie, 40, another Triple A worker, said he was below decks when the explosion rocked the ship. He said he managed to escape before the pier was enveloped in flames.

Two other workers, Al Johnson, 36, and Ken Simoni, 40, swam to safety. At first they were feared killed in the fire.

Lorna Chapman is 4-H Club Member For Month of June

Miss Lorna Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chapman, route 1, box 268, Talent, has been named June's 4-H club member of the month.



LORNA CHAPMAN
Member of Month

Miss Chapman, who graduated from Ashland High school this spring, has been active in 4-H club work for eight years, and has participated in 28 projects, including dairy, sewing, cooking, forestry and rabbits.

First Project
Her first project was a Jersey heifer when Henry Owens was leader of the Valley View 4-H Dairy project club. In 1949, Miss Chapman started beginning sewing, her first home economics project under the leadership of Mrs. J. H. Lemely and Mrs. H. B. Chapman, her mother.

The Chapmans live on a farm two miles east of Talent where Miss Chapman continues her Jersey heifer projects each year along with a rabbit project.

This is the third year that Miss Chapman has had a rabbit project for New Zealand whites. Sam James is leader of project. In 1954, she was the top Jackson county rabbit judge and was a member of the team which represented the county at the Oregon State fair. She has two does, each with a litter, at the present time.

Cooking, Clothing
Miss Chapman has completed six years of cooking and clothing projects under the direction of Mrs. Lemely, Mrs. Pete Rosenbaum and Mrs. Chapman. She has entered style revue contests, demonstration contests, and judging contests. In 1954, she was a member of the champion cooking judging team at both the Jackson county fair and Oregon State fair.

She is now vice president of the Sis-Q 4-H club, and has held several offices in both the present club and the Valley View 4-H club, which became the Sis-Q club.

Miss Chapman's four sisters are all club members and her brother, Steven, 9, plans to join a club next fall. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have been active as 4-H club leaders for several years.

She plans to become a nurse.

PT&T Calls Bids on

Rogue River Building

Bids have been called for construction of a one-story main repeater equipment building for the Pacific Telephone company at Rogue River, according to Walter G. Peterson, company building engineer.

The building will be a 14x19-foot concrete block and frame structure. Bids will be opened at 2 p.m. July 11 in Peterson's Portland office.

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Columbia Runoff Said More Than 1948

Portland — (U.P.) — Although the Columbia river didn't get as high, the 1956 water runoff from the stream from April through June was more than that of 1948, it was reported today.

The Department of Interior's geological survey said the total

runoff would exceed every other year except 1894. Records were started in 1879.

Observed runoff of the Columbia near The Dalles was about 43,500,000 cubic foot per second-days from April 1 to June

25. The 1948 figure for the same period was 42,096,000.

Col. Jackson Graham, Portland district engineer, wrote a letter of appreciation to employees of the Portland district pointing out that there was not one failure of a major dike on the Columbia when the crest reached nearly 27 feet early this month.



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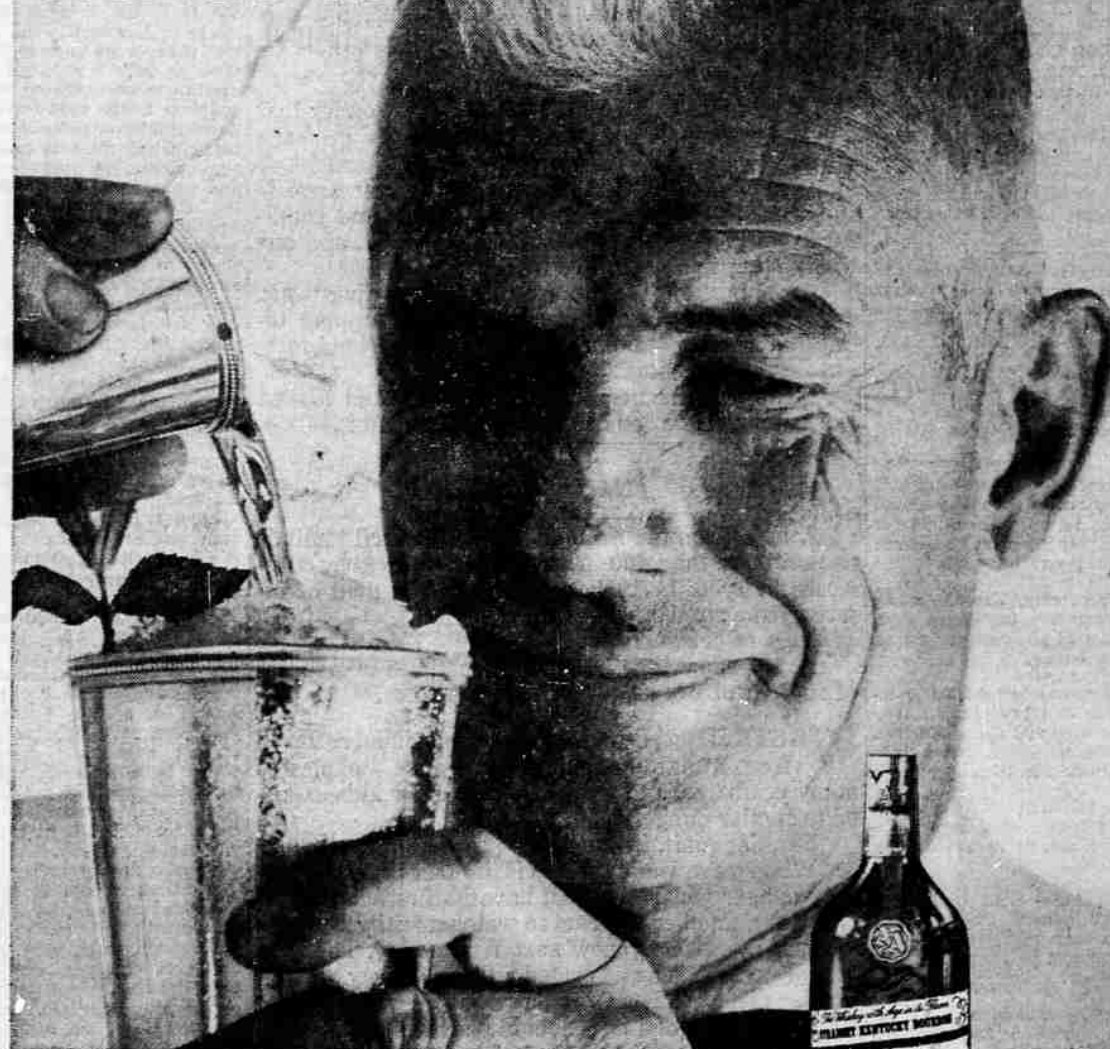
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