

Contino 'Scared'; Begs Off Parade

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Accordianist Dick Contino explained today a "trembling, scary feeling" caused him to beg off riding at the head of a Fourth of July parade in suburban Redwood City.

Contino called the San Mateo County Sheriff's office at 5 a.m. Wednesday to say he would be unable to show up at 10 a.m. to play his accordian at the head of the line of march.

He was supposed to ride in a gleaming lavender convertible wired for sound, along with his fiancée, Leigh Snowden. She didn't show up, either.

"Just before the last show Tuesday night, I felt a sort of trembling," the 26-year-old musician said. "I had to lie down. It was a real scary feeling."

"Everything has been mounting up, three shows a night and a heavy schedule of other appearances."

Contino said he almost regrets having told the truth, that he was simply too tired to appear in the parade.

"I guess maybe I should have said I was sick or had somebody else call and say I was sick. I was wobbly and weak inside. But I've never sloughed off like this before and I wanted to play it straight."

In Redwood City, Sheriff Earl Whitmore, who was parade grand marshal, angrily canceled his earlier plan to make Contino an honorary deputy sheriff. The parade took place without the accordianist.

New Chief Named at OSC's Union Station

Corvallis, Ore.—(U.P.)—Oregon State College Experiment Station today announced the appointment of Dr. James A. B. McArthur of Manyberries, Alberta, Canada, as new superintendent of its eastern Oregon branch at Union.

Dr. McArthur will succeed H. G. Avery who will reach retirement age next June. Avery, who has been superintendent since 1945, will spend his last months at the station preparing summaries of research he has directed.

McArthur's appointment is subject to approval of the State Board of Higher Education. He has been in charge of animal husbandry at a Canadian agricultural experiment station.

Eight-Year-Old Boy Hurt in Two-Car Crash

Ontario, Ore.—(U.P.)—An eight-year-old boy was in serious but improved condition in a local hospital today after a two-car crash near here yesterday.

Hospitalized with stomach and chest injuries was Robert Edward Carner, of Baker.

State police reported that the young boy was a passenger in a car driven by his 20-year-old sister Marilyn Carner. The mother and five other children were also in the car but escaped injury.

Police said that the Carner car rounded a curve on the wrong side of the highway on Brogan hill about 35 miles northwest of here. The car collided headon with a truck driven by Axtel Reed, 67, of Brogan.

Sen. Morse in Eugene For Brief Conference

Eugene—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse arrived here yesterday to spend a few days at his farm and confer with his election campaign staff. He is scheduled to return to the nation's capital Saturday.

Mrs. Morse arrived here last week for the summer.

Sen. Morse said he had no speaking engagements planned during his short stay in the state.

Los Angeles Pilot Powder Puff Favorite

San Mateo, Calif.—(U.P.)—"Fabulous Franny" Bera of Los Angeles ruled as the favorite today to capture the 10th annual Powder Puff Derby which starts Saturday.

Franny, who learned to fly when she was 16, will be going after her third win in the all-woman transcontinental air race. She finished first in 1953 and 1955, was copilot to the 1951 winner and wound up second in 1954.

Mrs. Edna Bower, Long Beach, Calif., will be Mrs. Bera's copilot again. The defending champion duo this time will be flying a Beechcraft Bonanza.

Eighteen states are represented among the 50 light planes that will depart from San Mateo County Airport Saturday on the 2,366-mile race route to Flint, Mich.

SNOW HALTS WORK

Washington—(U.P.)—Hot? Well, maybe you'd like to know that Antarctica has had its worst blizzard of the season. The Navy said tons of snow buried Little America headquarters and halted all outside work.

Four-Block Area In Portland Sold

Portland—(U.P.)—A deal involving about \$1,250,000 for the purchase of almost a four-block square in the heart of Portland's Hollywood section was reported here yesterday.

The purchasers, a group of businessmen-investors known as Portland Enterprises Inc., said that the section is bounded by N.E. Halsey and Broadway sts. and by N.E. 41st and 45th aves. Acquisition of the separate properties involved in the large block has been in process for the past two years.

Plans call for securing large retailing business companies for the area. Negotiations have been underway for some time with major national chain variety and junior department stores and also with large downtown Portland department stores.

One block of the area has already been resold to CEBA food stores. Construction of a large CEBA market is scheduled to start by the first of next month.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Top Labor Negotiators To Seek Troubles in Steel Strike Talks

Pittsburgh—(U.P.)—The government's three top labor mediators came here today to get a first hand account of what derailed the strike-bound steel industry's contract negotiations.

Federal Mediation Director Joseph F. Finnegan said he doubted "very much" whether he could persuade the United Steelworkers Union and the three major producers to resume peace talks this week in the five-day-old walkout.

To Meet Separately

"Our sole purpose here today is to meet separately with both sides and find out what are the points of difference and to see whether we can be of help," he said.

Finnegan, accompanied by Clyde M. Mills, assistant mediator chief, and Robert H. Moore, a special assistant, met first with USW President David J. McDonald at USW headquarters. This afternoon they will huddle with the top negotiators for U. S. Steel, Bethlehem and Republic Steel Corporations.

His Own Idea

Negotiations broke off last Saturday night, six hours before the start of the walkout by 650,000 members of the steelworkers union, Finnegan said his trip to Pittsburgh was his own idea.

Finnegan and his "No. 1 and 2" men, as he described Mills and Moore, are the same trio which helped bring about a settlement in the 156-day Westinghouse Electric Corp. strike last March.

The mediation chief said he did not know whether the Federal Mediation Service would participate in contract negotiations once they are resumed. "Sometimes it's a lot better when they get together without us," he declared.

But if federal mediators are invited to set in on resumed contract negotiations, Finnegan said, he would let the union and

the companies decide the site of the talks.

Strike Effects Felt

The action here today to recharge the dormant negotiations was the first open move since McDonald and the industry's big three broke off talks last Saturday.

The strike's effects, meanwhile were piling up in the nation's economy with layoffs among the railroad and other transportation service workers nearing the 50,000 mark.

In Washington, an informed source indicated the government has not entirely ruled out the possibility of seeking a Taft-

Hartley anti-strike injunction. That depends on "how long the strike lasts and how seriously it may affect the rest of the economy," the source said.

The mediators, after hearing from both sides, will consider ways of helping the parties get together. The mediation service cannot force itself into the dispute nor can it impose a settlement. The mediators will return to Washington tonight.

Chief stumbling blocks in the bitter dispute appeared to be differences over the length of the contract and the amount of a wage increase.



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