

Teamsters Work On Reforms for Western Group

San Francisco — The Western Conference of Teamsters began work today on a series of drastic reforms for the 350,000-member organization.

A 33-man committee under conference president Frank W. Brewster met at the Cliff hotel today to draw up the reforms. They will meet again Friday.

The results of their deliberations will be placed before the annual conference meeting in San Diego June 24-28. There delegates from 11 Western states will decide whether to adopt them.

Brewster's move was viewed in some union quarters as an attempt to forestall demands for his ouster as conference president. He was appointed to the job by international president Dave Beck.

Kentucky May Get Memorial To First Death in War I

Fl. Riley, Kan. — The first American killed in action in World War I may get a memorial in his native state of Kentucky this year.

Cpl. James B. Gresham of Calhoun, Ky., was a member of the Army's 1st Division when he was killed by a bayonet thrust during a German charge in Lorraine. That was on Nov. 3, 1917, less than six months after the 1st was organized.

The 1st, which has seen much foreign service since that long ago baptism in France, is now stationed at Ft. Riley.

The Kentucky military district said Rep. William H. Natcher of Bowling Green, Ky., who represents Gresham's home town, introduced a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives to erect a memorial at Calhoun to honor Gresham.

Washington official records show that Gresham enlisted in the army in 1914 and served under Gen. John J. Pershing along the Mexican border before becoming a member of the 1st Division.

The department of the Army said Gresham was killed during a charge against American positions in the vicinity of Bellefontaine and he was reported officially as the first American killed in action in World War I.

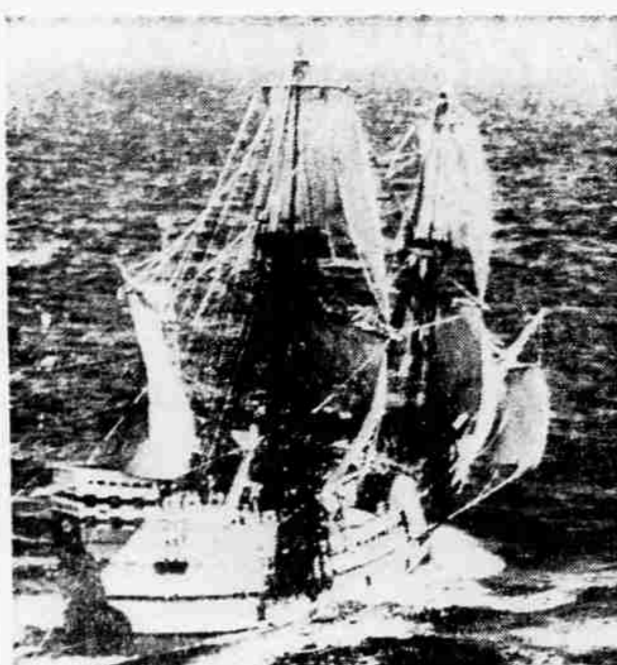
McLean county named a bridge across the Green River at Calhoun in honor of Gresham about 10 years after the war, and in 1931 the county's American Legion post No. 64 changed its name to the James Bethel Gresham post.

The post plans to erect a new headquarters building at Calhoun this year and hopes the memorial will be approved by Congress and erected in time to coincide with the opening of the building.

Natcher said the residents of Gresham's native land should do no less than the people of France who erected a marker at Bellefontaine which has this inscription: "Here in the soil of Lorraine rests the first American soldier killed facing the enemy on November 3, 1917."

Sweet Home Girl Killed by Lightning
Sweet Home — A seven-year-old girl was killed near here yesterday when she was electrocuted while sitting on a stove while her brother swept the floor.

Investors Teed Off
Los Angeles — Thirteen persons who invested \$6,500 in George C. DeWay's "perfect golf" device are teed off. They complained in court Wednesday that the device was a bust.



NEARING HER GOAL—Under full sail, the Mayflower II breezes along on the Atlantic Ocean some 295 miles south southeast of Bermuda. The replica of the Pilgrim ship left Plymouth, England April 20 for Plymouth, Mass., following the course of the original sailing.

City Police Clear 93 Per Cent of Cases

A total of 1,166 reports were received by city police during May and 93 per cent of the cases were closed, according to the police departments monthly report.

Of the total cases reported, 1,023 cases were closed. In May, 1956, the department cleared 94 per cent of its cases.

There were 55 major offenses reported during the month as compared with 64 major offenses a year ago, and 562 miscellaneous offenses as compared with 376 miscellaneous offenses a year ago.

Major offenses included robbery, one and none cleared; aggravated assault, one and one cleared; burglary, 13 and two cleared; larceny, \$50 and over, four with two cleared; larceny under \$50, 32 and five cleared; auto theft, four with one cleared.

Miscellaneous offenses included other assaults, one with one cleared; forgery and counterfeiting, two with two cleared; embezzlement and fraud, five with four cleared; sex offenses, nine with five cleared; offenses against family and children, two with one cleared; vagrancy, four with four cleared; driving while intoxicated, 11 with 11 cleared; violation of road and driving laws, 80 with 80 cleared; traffic and motor vehicle laws, 347 with 347 cleared; all other offenses, 47 with 18 cleared; and suspicion, four with two cleared.

Public Reports
Miscellaneous public reports during May this year totaled 53, and miscellaneous services rendered totaled 601.

There were 72 motor vehicle accidents during the month, resulting in 10 injuries and one fatality. There was one case of sudden death and bodies found, seven cases of caring for sick people and two mental cases.

Miscellaneous services included 41 money escorts, one parade, 102 open windows, 143 open doors, 150 open safes, seven open gates, 100 night lights, one broken window, 29 vacation house checks, one public talk, six city hall tours, 101 bicycle licenses sold, 35 record checks, nine fingerprinting services and 20 miscellaneous.

Supervisors Delay Incorporation Vote

Yreka — The Siskiyou county board of supervisors Tuesday delayed ordering an election on incorporation of Happy Camp, Calif., after hearing arguments against the proposal.

Opponents of the incorporation told the board that the area enclosed in the proposed city boundaries did not contain 500 inhabitants, as required by the procedures in the petitions.

They also argued that the people were not consulted. A spokesman for the incorporators said the board did not have power to take in more territory and could only hear protests and allow landowners to withdraw.

U. S. Said Building on Widely-Claimed Isle

Manila — The United States Air force is building a radar base on an island group claimed by at least six other nations. It was reported today.

'Partial' Aid Pact With Poland Hinted

Washington — The administration today considered signing a "partial" aid agreement with Communist Poland because of House delay in acting on a new crop surplus disposal bill.

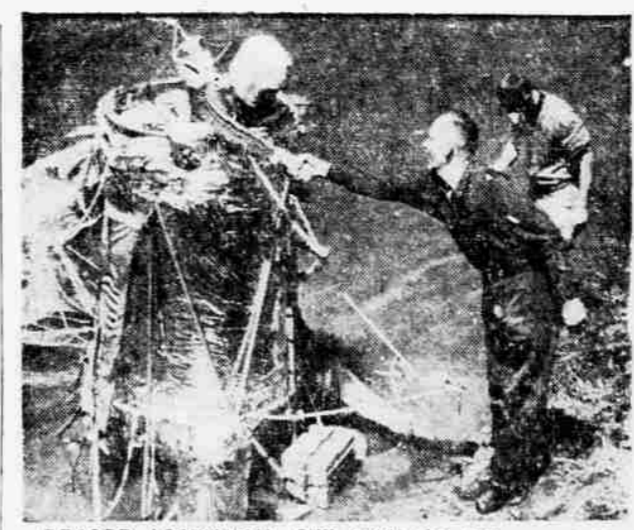
Administration officials said they are attempting to learn how long the delay is expected to continue. They said if it is likely to be prolonged "it is conceivable" that a partial agreement will be signed.

Polish Communist Party boss Wladyslaw Gomułka at Poznan expressed disappointment over American delays in granting the aid.

British Navy To Protect Vessels

London — The Admiralty served notice today that British warships will be ready to "afford protection" to British merchant vessels trading with Red China.

An Admiralty spokesman declined specific comment on Wednesday's warnings from Formosa that Nationalist Chinese guns will fire on British ships running the Nationalist blockade to Red China. But he said British merchant ships can always call for protection on the high seas.



RECORD ASCENSION—Still inside the tiny capsule in which he rode to a record height of over 96,000 feet, USAF Capt. Joe Kittinger is congratulated by Maj. David Simons after balloon landed in a creek near Weaver, Minn., some 60 miles south of ascension at Minneapolis. Simons is scheduled to make the next ascent, planned to reach over 100,000 feet.

HUSBAND CONFUSION
Hollywood — Broadway actor Ted Jordan's life has become complicated since Hollywood actor Ted Jordan married strip-teaser Lili St. Cyr. "Hardly a week goes by that someone doesn't call me or ask me about my wife, Lili," he said. Jordan, Broadway Ted, that is, is married to a brunette named Joanie Moore.

Portland — Degrees will be conferred on 54 graduates of the University of Oregon School of Nursing here Friday.

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1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 can tomato sauce

Combine meat with salt, pepper, 2 teaspoons Angostura and lemon juice. Blend thoroughly, and form into 4 thick patties. Place on rack and broil some distance from the heat 4 to 5 minutes on each side. If well-done cakes are preferred, sprinkle coals occasionally with water. Yield: 4 large servings.

NOTE: The meat may be molded into 8 patties, for which cooking time will be shorter.

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Counselors Help In Realty Problems

Washington — How can the value of millions of acres of land be assessed as of 100 years ago? It belonged to the Indians then, but they lost their claim in the surge of white settlers westward in 1858.

The United States government finally has caught up with the problem and placed it in the hands of the American Society of Real Estate Counselors, an affiliate of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

The ASREC was organized by NAREB in 1953 to help realtors entangle such knotty problems as:

How does one decide the value of half an international bridge when the bridge is under five feet of water and the other half is owned by a foreign government?

How can the owner of a beautiful tropical island in the Pacific develop it as a tourist attraction?

How best could one plan the development of a potential industrial area?