

All-Day Water Resources Hearing Starts

AFL-CIO To Demand Wage Boosts

County Citizens Give Their Views

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SUBWAY SNARL—Crowding against the turnstiles, would-be passengers wait to enter a subway station in Queens after a strike by motormen went into effect, partially crippling New York's transportation. Patrolman stands by to see that no one enters the station

until a train is ready to go. The strike shut down half the system and slowed service on another 25 per cent, which, along with a pouring rain and Christmas shopping, resulted in an unbelievable crush.

Governor Harriman May Act In New York Transit Strike

New York—Gov. Averell Harriman said today he will be forced to act to end New York's crippling subway strike if Mayor Robert F. Wagner does not take concrete action before the day is out.

Harriman said it was imperative that striking members of the Motormen's Benevolent association and six other small craft unions return to work immediately and show a "fundamental respect for law."

Subway System Near Chaos

The Harriman statement, made to the World-Telegram and Sun, came in the third day of the strike, which has thrown the five-million-passenger-a-day subway system into near chaos. Harassed riders today had only a slightly easier time getting to work during the morning rush hour than they did Tuesday.

Violence flared for the first time in the strike today. A two-foot length of pipe was hurled at a subway motorman as his train passed through

an open cut in Brooklyn's Canarsie line. Police said the pipe missed the motorman, but smashed a window and slightly injured a passenger.

A new transport crisis also threatened this city of more than eight million persons. There was a possibility of a service cut on city bus lines, which have been striving to take up some of the displaced subway riders.

Stay Away in Sympathy

More than 500 bus maintenance men did not show up for work today, in sympathy with the MBA.

Harriman said that if the strikers return to work, "I assure them they will get a complete hearing and airing of their grievances."

He said that although the Transit Authority had given the MBA a hearing, he felt that the way it was conducted dissatisfied many workers who objected to a ruling that all subway workers be represented by Michael J. Quill's giant Transport Workers union.

Freeze Rejected; No Need Seen To Extend Work Week

Sweeping Changes in Federal Taxes Sought

Atlantic City, N.J. — The AFL-CIO today demanded wage increases next year to bolster "inadequate consumer buying power and restore needed national economic growth."

Delegates to the AFL-CIO convention rejected wage-freeze proposals and said labor did not see any need now to extend the 40-hour week.

They applauded United Auto Workers' President Walter Reuther, who said AFL-CIO unions have a "responsibility" not to "start a retreat" at the bargaining table next year.

No Dissent Voiced

There was no dissent as the convention passed a resolution calling upon unions to negotiate "sizeable wage increases" to offset effects of the "slackening" economy.

Reuther said "unemployment is going to snowball" next year but added that wage boosts would be one way of countering the economic decline.

The UAW leader said the nation was troubled by failure to step up consumer income at the same rate as the increases in productive capacity. He rejected arguments that wage boosts in the past triggered inflation.

"We've had inflation rigged by a small group of powerful corporations... rigging prices and ignoring the law of supply and demand," Reuther said.

No Doubt Left

"You can't bargain with corporations about prices," he left no doubt his union would go after wage hikes.

The convention called for sweeping changes in federal taxes, including a raise in personal individual exemptions from \$600 to \$700, exception up to \$500 of contributions to government social security and retirement funds, and lower taxes on small business. It called for elimination of loopholes and "tax escape" clauses in the federal income tax laws to offset the reductions.



(Herblock is on vacation)

Ike To Leave Friday For NATO Conference

Washington—The United States today brushed off Russian Premier Nikolai Bulganin's latest letter to President Eisenhower as an apparent attempt to "influence" next week's NATO summit conference in Paris.

Official U.S. reaction to Bulganin's letter was voiced by State Department Press Officer Lincoln White.

"I think it can be assumed that the timing of the delivery of this letter and the intention of the Soviet union to publish it would indicate an intention to influence the proceedings at the NATO conference," White said.

Washington — President Eisenhower, given a go-ahead by his doctors, cleaned up some White House business today in preparation for his departure Friday for the NATO Summit meeting in Paris.

The 67-year-old chief executive, described by six doctors Tuesday as having made an "excellent" recovery from the mild stroke he suffered Nov. 25, was up early and at his desk at 8:05 a.m. (EST).

After signing a number of routine papers, he met with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for 30 minutes to discuss plans for the NATO meetings.

The papers signed by the President included:

- Authorization for government workers to take a half-day holiday on Christmas eve and New Years eve.
- Extension of federal control over two new synthetic drugs with addiction-forming habits similar to morphine.
- A specification that persons seeking to buy obsolete naval vessels can establish intent with a 10 per cent down payment.

Injured Pedestrian In Critical Shape

The condition of a 24-year-old man struck by a bakery truck sideview mirror on North Pacific highway was described as critical by Sacred Heart hospital authorities this noon.

They said John Arthur Marshall, Kallispell, Mont., is suffering from intercranial injuries. He was reported in surgery this morning, they added.

Marshall was struck by the sideview mirror on a truck driven by Jack Winford Williams, 455 Walker st., Ashland, when he attempted to cross highway 99 near the Richfield truck stop, in heavy fog, according to police. Williams told police he attempted to miss Marshall, but when turning into the curb lane, struck him with the mirror.

Robert William Ball, 943 1/2 Murray st., told police that he had seen the hitchhiker a few minutes before he was struck walking among the pump islands at the truck stop. Police said Ball told them the man seemed to be walking in a dazed manner and almost walked into the back wheels of a large truck pulling out of the station.

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November Unemployed Said To Total 3,200,000

Washington — Unemployment in November rose by 700,000 persons to a total of 3,200,000 — the highest November figure since 1947 — the government reported today.

Total civilian employment fell by 1,100,000 from the October mark to 64,900,000—more than 300,000 below the November, 1956 level.

The Oregon water resources board this morning opened the first of three hearings on the Rogue river basin.

Today's all-day session began at 9 a.m. at the county courthouse with about 65 persons attending. Tomorrow the board will conduct a second hearing in Grants Pass, and on Friday will be in Gold Beach for the third.

Heard this morning were members of the Jackson county water resources committee, which has completed a study and report on eight phases of water use in the Rogue basin, including flood control, agricultural, pollution, watershed management, recreation, fish and wildlife, industrial and municipal uses.

Subcommittee reports were presented by Robert Lee, domestic and municipal water users; Jack Hoffbuh, agriculture users; Gerald Latham, industrial, mining and power users; Eugene Burrill, watershed management; D. Harold Barber, recreation resource; Hank DeVoss, fish and wildlife water use; and Manville M. Heisel, pollution abatement.

Other speakers included Bert Harr, Applegate, who spoke regarding domestic water users; W. E. Davies, who represented eleven Eagle Point farmers; and Carol E. Brown, supervisor of the Rogue River National Forest. Brown stressed multiple use of all lands as to wildlife, forest and minerals and mentioned that a watershed management division had been added to the forest service regional office in Portland. He stressed water in recreational areas makes the area more desirable and the water is not restricted for downstream users.

Also speaking were William E. Hallin, U. S. Forest Service, who mentioned activities of man caused increased soil erosion. He stressed research so watersheds could be preserved.

Latham said that since the submitting of the report of the recreational subcommittee it was discovered recreational money has been allotted in the Howard Prairie dam area. He reported that the money was available but there was no agency to use any areas set aside for this purpose.

C. J. Campbell, Oregon State Game commission, commented on the necessity of fish production and protection to increase the fish population in the basin and reported game was increasing but waterfowl near the Rogue river was on a decline.

Also speaking on wildlife and fish was L.D. Marriage, of the Oregon Fish commission, who told of the value of salmon and gave totals of various fish catches.

Heisel added to his report on pollution abatement that resources in the basin were on an international scope rather than national because of world population. He said the health of the nation depends on sanitation.

Also heard was Hank DeVoss for the Isaak Walton League, which Monday night adopted a resolution pledging support to flood control works so long as it did not interfere with other of the "God-given resources" of the Rogue basin's water.

Charles Hoover, Camp White farmer, suggested game commission develop lakes in areas for recreation facilities for disabled and older persons. He asked that in considering irrigation problems drainage of the area be taken into consideration and stated that irrigation systems should not cut across farm land which would divide the owner's land in a way to make it difficult to farm.

The hearing will provide information which the board will consider, along with its own technical studies, in preparing suggested legislation for the next session of the Oregon legislature.

Among members of the board at the hearing were L. C. Binford, chairman, John Davis, Robert Root, Medford orchardist and former legislator, Quintin Bowman, and executive secretary of the board, Don Lane, Salem, former secretary of the Jackson county Chamber of Commerce.

New Post Office Set for Shady Cove

Portland — Shady Cove will have a new and larger post office early next year, according to S. G. Schwartz, regional director, Post Office department.

The department has accepted the proposal of Harold Cooley, Glendale, to construct the new building on the north side of Williams st., near Highway 62.

The modern quarters will contain 604 square feet of inside floor space and have 510 square feet of outside maneuvering and parking area.

Under the terms of the proposal, the building will be modern with fluorescent lighting, separate finance and lock box lobby and a complete new outfit of government screenline equipment.

The new post office is expected to be ready for occupancy by Feb. 1, Schwartz said.

Howard C. Nutt is postmaster of this third-class post office.

McElroy Inspecting Defenses in Germany

Munich, Germany — Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy today made a lightning tour of the American "pentomic" divisions which form NATO's front-line defenses in West Germany.

McElroy flew here Tuesday night from West Berlin and met U.S. Seventh Army Commander Gen. Bruce Clark. He planned to spend the day visiting Seventh Army units.

McElroy will fly to Paris later this week for the NATO summit conference.

Elks To Hold Party For Charity Funds

Medford Elks will hold the annual Christmas charity party Thursday, December 12, at the lodge temple. The party is for Elks only and will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour and smorgasbord.

A program of games will follow.

Funds raised from this yearly event go for the lodge's extensive charitable projects, according to Richard Phair, secretary.

'Rocket Fuel' Blasts Off in Pocket, Injures Eagle Point Amateur Chemist

Eagle Point—Billy Pfeifer, 14, Shady Cove, suffered cuts and severe burns yesterday morning when a bottle of chemicals in his pocket exploded.

The incident occurred at about 10:30 a.m. during an English class at the Eagle Point High school, where the boy is a freshman. The physician who treated the boy gave credit to Victor Hay, science teacher, for saving young Pfeifer from even more serious injuries by quick administration of first aid.

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfeifer, Shady Cove, was taken to Sacred Heart hospital by his father after the explosion, which was heard throughout the building. Other members of the class suffered minor burns and cuts from splintered glass, but after being checked by a physician were released.

The boy is in "good" condition this morning, his doctor said. He underwent surgery for removal of glass splinters, and was treated for second and third degree burns on his arm and leg. Young Pfeifer was to have played the lead role in the school play Thursday.

Hay, a former medical corpsman, gave the boy first aid by flooding the burns, which he said were caused by the mixture of red phosphorus-potassium chlorate, with which young Pfeifer had been experimenting as a rocket fuel. The youngster is an able amateur chemist, Hay said, and was aware of the danger of the mixture, but not of the fact that it could be set off by body temperature.

No damage to the school building was reported, although smoke filled the classroom for a brief period after the explosion.

Deadline Announced On Receiving Toys

Medford firemen said that they will stop receiving toys on Friday, Dec. 13 for their annual Christmas project.

They have been accepting broken toys and repairing and painting them for distribution to youngsters in needy families. Firemen said that they are running out of time to get the repair work done. They still can use wheels and toys which do not need much repair.

Distribution of the toys is handled by Medford Lady Lions.

Government Expected to Rest Case Against Hoffa

New York — The government was expected to rest its case today against Teamster President-elect James R. Hoffa, charged with conspiring to tap the telephones of union headquarters in Detroit.

Hoffa and two co-defendants, expert Bernard Spindel and Owen B. Brennan, president of Detroit Local 337, face a possible sentence of one year in prison and \$10,000 in fines if convicted.

Pasadena, Calif. — Rear Adm. John E. Clark says the Navy expects to have nuclear-powered task forces of submarines, carriers and cruisers armed with missiles by the 1960s.

Vaccine Advisory Group Said Hastened on Decision

Oakland, Calif. — Former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby gave an advisory committee only 75 minutes to make up its mind on whether to release the Salk polio vaccine, a member of the committee testified today.

Dr. Howard Shaughnessy, of the Illinois State Department of Health, said that he and the other committee members met to discuss a report on the vaccine at 2:45 p.m. on April 12, 1955, and were asked to make up their minds by 4 p.m.

Shaughnessy testified at a civil trial here of damage suits brought by the parents of children who contracted polio after being given shots of Salk vaccine manufactured by Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley, Calif.

The advisory committee did not give a decision at 4 p.m., but did so at 5 p.m. after only slightly more than two hours' consideration, Shaughnessy said. It decided to approve the vaccine and thus set off a nationwide program to immunize children against polio.

Redstone Missile in Successful Firing

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — An Army Redstone, the third missile of the week, blasted off in a successful flight from this test center Tuesday night and a host of observers resumed their watch for launching of a potential satellite-carrying Jupiter and an ocean-spanning Atlas.

The modified version of the short-range Redstone soared into space in a spectacular night flight, trailing a huge ball of orange flame that was visible for about four minutes before it finally became one of the millions of pinpoints of light dotting the cold, clear sky.

Followed Earlier Firings

The successful firing of the Redstone, a junior version of the Jupiter intermediate range rocket, came after two smaller missiles were launched earlier in a week of accelerated activity after the failure of the Navy Vanguard to put a baby moon into orbit.

A ground-to-air Bomarc was launched Monday and an unidentified small missile, similar to the Bomarc, was sent speeding skyward trailing a slim streak of vapor Tuesday afternoon. Officials at nearby Patrick Air Force Base readily identified the Bomarc but refused to say what type of missile was fired Tuesday afternoon.

Rumors, none confirmed in the slightest degree, said a Jupiter C carrying a satellite might be fired this week.

Atlas Static Fired

While observers scanned the Cape Canaveral test center Tuesday they saw a huge Atlas uncovered from its gantry crane and static-fired in late afternoon. It was one of two Atlases known to be on the Cape, and the same one which had been pre-flight tested for some three weeks.

Unofficial reports were that the big continent-crossing missile probably would be fired within the week and surely by the first of next week. As usual, there was no official comment and reporters had to rely on private contacts.

Porter Has Office Here for Public

Congressman Charles O. Porter has established permanent office facilities in Jackson county for the convenience of his constituents here, it was announced today.

He has arranged with Attorneys Noren and Bernard Kelly for the use of space in their office in suite 20-21 in the Goldy building. Bernard Kelly reported, Porter will have use of a desk on his visits to Medford for conferences and other business.

In addition, Kelly said, the local office will forward mail to the congressman, and will serve as his "contact" here for congressional business. Representative Porter's name has been painted on one door of the office suite.

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WEATHER		
FORECAST: Valley fog through Thursday. Above fog variable high cloudiness. Low tonight 30. High Thursday 35.		
Highest Yesterday	34	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	30	
Prec. to 4 a.m. Today	Trace	
Our Skies Tonight		
Sunrise	7:31 a.m.	
Sunset	4:39 p.m.	
Moonrise	9:55 p.m.	
Last Quarter	Dec. 13	
PROMINENT STAR		
Spica, in the southeast	5:24 a.m.	
VISIBLE PLANETS		
Venus, low in south-west	6:28 p.m.	
Mars, rises	5:45 a.m.	
Jupiter, to the left of Spica.		

DOW-JONES AVERAGES		
New York	30	Dow-Jones final stock averages:
Industrial	439.36	up 0.12; 20
Railroads	96.05	up 0.07; 15
Utilities	67.76	up 0.11; 15
Stocks	145.89	up 0.09. Sales
today were about 2,240,000		shares compared with 2,360,000 shares Tuesday.