

Union Leaders Fear Business Slump May Hamper Bargaining

Washington — Many union leaders are reported to be seriously hurt by the business slump which increases their chances of negotiating wage increases this year.

Gilkison Winner In Speech Round For Toastmasters

Ross Gilkison was the winner in another elimination round of the Jackson Toastmasters No. 2319 speech contest held at a breakfast meeting at Dad's Hideaway this morning.

Gilkison with his Hospital dedication speech won over John C. Smith and Harry Marshall. Smith spoke on the "Derivation of Words" and Marshall on "Your Toastmaster Club."

Gilkison will compete again Feb. 17 in the semi-finals against George Trobough, Robert Harland, Larry Horton and two other contestants yet to be determined. The finals will be Feb. 22 in a joint meeting with Medford Toastmasters No. 67.

William Prentiss was topic master during this morning. Norman Matteson, as topic master, asked all other members to speak for two minutes on "Your Formula for Success." Don Hansen won the bet with his logical topic presentation. Another award, the brush, was received by Jack Cummings for failure to follow the topic.

Atomic Fuel Cut By British Fire

London — A fire in a plutonium pile three months ago has cut off Britain's main supply of atomic bomb fuel and brought about a drastic reorganization of the atomic energy authority command, authoritative sources disclosed Saturday.

The fire destroyed the vast no. 1 plutonium pile at Windscale, North England, last Oct. 10.

The sources said that not only is the no. 1 pile considered a complete loss but its twin no. 2 pile still is shut down for safety's sake.

Algae Used Now In Atomic Work

By DELOS SMITH
United Press Science Editor
New York — To complicate further the atomic anxiety overhanging the world, two research scientists have demonstrated an extraordinary attraction of algae for Cesium-137.

Cesium-137 is a radioactive isotope of the rare metallic element and is one of the critical products in the fallout from atomic bomb explosions and of the waste products of atomic power reactors.

It is critical because its half-life is 26.6 years and because it dissolves in water. Thus, water contaminated with Cesium-137 would be likely to remain contaminated for a long time.

Algae Cleans Water
Louis G. Williams of Furman University, Greenville, S.C., and H. D. Swanson of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, tested the ability of the algae to decontaminate Cesium-137 contaminated water.

The species of algae, *Euglena Intermedia*, did this job spectacularly. In 34 days, the water was 96 per cent decontaminated. In only six days the degree of contamination was reduced by 69 per cent.

They also experimented with the algae species, *Chloro-*

in 1958. Labor observers expect more strikes in 1958 than in 1957 when union-management strife was at record post-war low.

Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell has said wage boost demands will meet stiff resistance. Federal mediation chief Joseph F. Finnegan has told his 200 mediators to expect "a rugged year."

Some wage boosts are, however, already in the cards. They will be received by the members of unions whose officers won't go near a bargaining table in the next 11 months.

The Labor department reports that four million workers will get "deferred raises" this year under long-term contracts. About 600,000 steelworkers, for example, are assured of an increase of 14 cents an hour.

As for new negotiations, the pattern-setting bargaining will be done this spring by the United Auto Workers, led by Walter P. Reuther, in contract talks with the Big Three companies of the auto industry.

Reuther has publicly proposed a profit-sharing plan and consumer rebates on new cars, and Ford, Chrysler, and General Motors already have said an emphatic no. Reuther also wants a big wage boost and more benefits for unemployed.

Aircraft and guided missile

firms will kick off the year's major negotiations in a few weeks. The auto workers will join with the International Association of Machinists, the key union in the aircraft industry.

The unions want an increase of 26 cents an hour for most workers. But they face rough going. Pre-sputnik curtailment of some government missile programs cut deeply into the 800,000-man work force.

Defense Spending May Help
Increased defense spending later this year may bolster the companies' financial positions — but negotiations must get under way before then.

Negotiations to replace expiring contracts also are scheduled this summer in the plate glass industry, the East Coast maritime industry, interstate trucking and leading textile plants.

John L. Lewis, chief of the United Mine Workers, can ask for a wage increase any time this year. But coal industry sources said he's holding off because of a decline in coal sales last year.

Because of the rising number of unemployed, many unions will seek increased benefits for laid-off workers. James B. Carey, president of the International Union of Electrical Workers, will stress unemployment benefits in bargaining with General Electric.

Poor Film Harmful To Faith Domergue

By VERNON SCOTT
UP Hollywood Writer
Hollywood — Film town success stories are as plentiful as "B" movies, but Faith Domergue is one beauty who was a national flop as a glamour girl.

Sultry-eyed Faith received the full Howard Hughes glamour girl treatment—billboard, newspaper and magazine ads complete with racy titles and plunging necklines.

It worked for Jean Harlow and Jane Russell. Millionaire Hughes made stars of them both. But even Hughes' tremendous fortune couldn't turn the trick for Faith.

Knifed by "Vendetta"
Her undoing was "Vendetta," one of the biggest turkeys in motion picture history.

"We took two years to film the picture," Faith recalls. "There were four versions of it with different sets of supporting actors. It had four different directors, two cameramen, two separate scores and an unknown number of script writers. The results were dreadful."

"The picture began in 1946

and came out in 1952. I quit long before it was released. I decided a girl couldn't build her career around one movie."

Money No Object
Hughes figured differently. In 1951 his high-pressure campaign to make Faith the world's top glamour girl went into high gear. He spared no money.

"I was the most publicized girl in the world that year," Faith smiled. "But during the campaign I became pregnant with my second child and couldn't make personal appearances to capitalize on it. Howard was quite disturbed. After all, he'd spent a fortune on me."

"I'll never forget the billboards. There I was holding a dagger, gritting my teeth, and my bust was so prominently displayed hardly anyone noticed the dagger."

Faded From View
When the picture nose-dived and Faith failed to become a screen siren the campaign was called off. The dark-haired, green-eyed actress worked in a dozen unpretentious pictures and more or less dropped from sight.

"My heart was never set on becoming a glamour girl," she says. "I wanted to be an actress, not a sideshow." Faith tests her acting talent Friday night on the "Schlitz Playhouse" when she stars in "No Boat for Four Months," after which she will begin a new movie.

A native of New Orleans, Faith is married to Director Hugo Fregonese and makes her home in Italy. The busty buildup for "Vendetta" never did reach Europe, and Faith's brief attempt at becoming a brunette Marilyn Monroe is unknown there.

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Issue Taken On Acheson's Charge

Washington — The state department took issue Saturday with former secretary of state Dean Acheson's charge that Latin America has been neglected under the Eisenhower administration.

It released figures showing that economic aid to the 20 republics in the past five years more than doubled the amount extended during the last five years of the Truman administration.

The department said such aid from 1953 through 1957 totaled \$2,016,300,000, compared with \$90 million in the 1948-52 period.

The total included export-import bank credits, technical aid, sales of agricultural surpluses and assistance for construction of the inter-American highway.

The comparative figures were released after Acheson said at a press conference that only more U. S. aid could correct the administration's Latin American policy. He also said relations with Latin America will become a major issue in this year's congressional election campaign.

Fund Appropriated For Eradication of Mouse Infestation

Salem — The State Emergency board has appropriated \$110,000 for an immediate program to eradicate Oregon's mouse infestation. Farmers in infested areas would still be required to pay half the cost of baiting their fields.

The Emergency board decision came after a delegation from five infested counties presented its case.

Leader of the group was Wiley Clowers, Madras, who said the mice had done millions of dollars of damage in Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, Crook and other counties.

Basic Research Funds
Some \$100,000 of the funds will be used by the Agricultural Extension service to eradicate the mice and \$10,000 on basic research through agricultural experiment stations.

Clowers told the Emergency board that poisoning of the rodents was absolutely essential on at least 110,000 acres.

He said that if farmers had to wait for Federal aid, it would be too late to save any crops on those acres.

Rebaiting might be required on an additional 10,000 acres later.

Don Spencer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Denver, Colo., told the board that there were about 1,000 mice per acre in southern Oregon now.

Spencer said that there was some evidence of the mice dying off now, but that the rodents ordinarily died off at the rate of about 50 per cent every winter. He said that poisoning would probably not effect the cyclical die-off of the mice which reach peak numbers about every four years.

Duncan Votes Against
Ralph Beck, State Agricultural Extension service representative testified before the Emergency board along with President A. L. Strand of Oregon State college.

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Syria, Egypt Plan New Single State

Cairo — Syrian Premier Sabri Assali announced Saturday that his cabinet has adopted all executive steps for joining Syria and Egypt into a single state.

Formal proclamation of their federation is expected next week. It would coincide with the Baghdad Pact meeting in Ankara, Turkey, which was called to tighten the pro-Western front in the Middle East.

Syrian President Shukri El Kuwatly will arrive here in the next few days for joint action with Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser proclaiming the creation of a unified, neutralist state of 30 million people.

Agency funds available was 7-2 with Reps. Robert Duncan, Medford, and Harry Wells, La Grande, voting against the measure.

Duncan said he thought there should be further investigation of other possible sources of revenue for mouse eradication. He also felt the Emergency board should not commit the legislature to a long-range research project.

ENDICOTT MONOPOLY

Syracuse, N. Y. — The Syracuse university cross country track team elected Bob Osborne of Endicott as captain for 1958. He succeeded Bryant Wood of Endicott. And Anthony Anness of Endicott was elected to head the freshman cross-country squad.

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PRETTY POWERFUL—Olympic weight lifting champ Paul Anderson of Toccoa, Ga., demonstrates his prowess after signing as a pro wrestler in San Francisco. Anderson, who weighs 340 pounds, easily lifts chorines Laura Manson (left) and Cindy Layne.

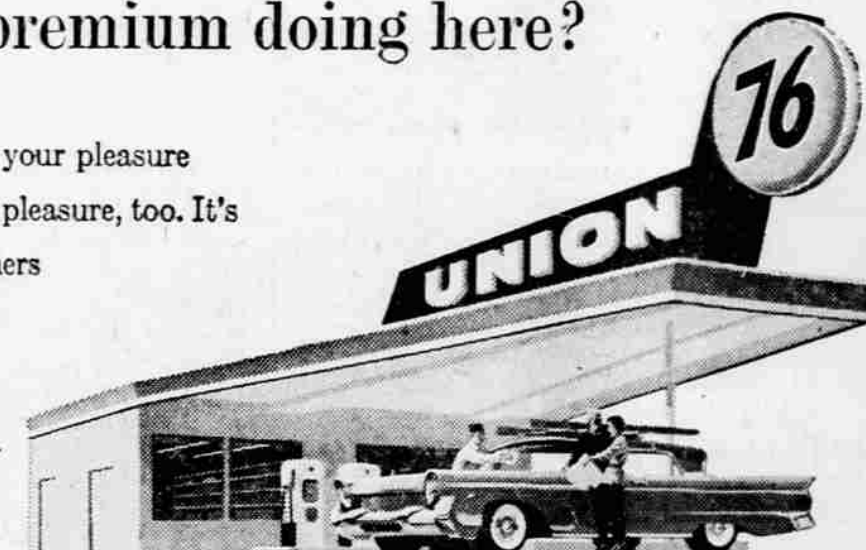


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