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Talks in State Construction Strike Nearing

By UNITED PRESS
The Federal Mediation Service met separately with employer and union representatives today to try to arrange a meeting to end a strike which has crippled heavy construction work in Oregon.

Some \$275 million worth of construction projects have been tied up as a result of the walkout.

George Walker, Federal Mediation commissioner, said it was possible a joint meeting might be scheduled before the week end.

Ready to Get Together
The Associated General Contractors held a four hour meeting Wednesday and announced afterwards they were ready to get together with a federal conciliator and resume talks with striking laborers.

But the AGC said in a statement that contractors considered union demands "unreasonable" and "unrealistic."

The strike has idled some 5,000 workers at major highway and heavy construction jobs in Oregon, including the Brownlee and Oxbow dams on the Oregon side of the Snake river and the Talent project in southern Oregon.

Laborers sought a 30-cent-an-hour package pay boost. Meanwhile, the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union said it would not back down from its original five-point program calling for a wage increase this year.

The International Woodworkers of America last week agreed to go without a wage hike because of the depressed lumber market.

Package Wage Increase
Earl Hartley, Seattle, executive secretary of the Western Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers, said the LSW would stick to its demands. The five-point bargaining program of the LSW includes a 31-cent-an-hour package wage increase.

A one-day negotiating session was held Wednesday with another meeting scheduled.

Job Classification Complaints Heard
Four of the 30 complaints received regarding Civil Service job classifications were heard before the appeals board Wednesday afternoon, according to County Commissioner Ralph James.

The other complaints previously had been settled by the Civil Service, it was reported. Of the four cases reviewed, three resulted in change of job classification with the fourth remaining the same with a possible change at a later date.

The job classifications for county employees has been received from the Civil Service commission earlier this month. The pay scales for these employees recommended by the commission are expected around May 20, it was reported.

Members of the appeals board Wednesday were Marshall Woodell, Southern Oregon college, Ashland; Walter Gardner, Cal-Ore Machinery; Charles Terry, Civil Service; and Commissioner James, who served as an advisor.

May 22, Hartley said. Pickets were placed Wednesday at the Harvey Aluminum Company plant at The Dalles. The Building Trades Council charged that "sub-standard wages" were being paid. Company officials said the pickets did not immediately affect plant operation.

Plywood Plants Struck
In southwest Oregon the Coquille and Bandon plants of the Coquille Plywood company were being struck. The Plywood, Lumber and Sawmill Union contended the company hired new employees at Coquille while union members at Bandon who were out of work had seniority rights.

World Altitude Mark Established By Star Fighter
Los Angeles — An Air Force Maj. Howard C. Johnson, flying a Lockheed F104 Star Fighter, has set a new world altitude record of 91,249 feet, putting the United States "on the threshold of space," the Air Force announced today.

Johnson told a press conference here that he didn't "feel like I was in outer space."

"But this obviously is a transition from the atmosphere we have known," he said. "We are on the threshold of space—a step up the ladder."

Six Practice Flights
Johnson, a husky veteran of the Korean war, flew his historic mission out of Palmdale, Calif., Wednesday, after six practice flights during which he approached the maximum altitude of 90,000 feet — his goal in a "dark purple" sky.

"I had no particular feeling," he said. "I was too busy thinking how high I could get."

The flight in the supersonic F104, a slim missile-like manned aircraft, recaptured the altitude record for the U.S., more than 17 miles straight up.

Operators Prepare For Big Week End
Operators of the Medford office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company are preparing for an increased number of long distance telephone calls this week end, Manager J. H. Creager said today.

He noted that the number of calls made on Mother's Day ranks second only to Christmas.

Steps are being taken to boost the number of circuits available for Mother's Day use, he said. He pointed out that there still probably will be some delay during peak calling hours. The usual reduced Sunday rates on long distance calls will be in effect Mother's Day.

Washington — The Agriculture Department has fixed the size of the 1957 cotton crop at 10,964,000 bales.

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DANGEROUS GUNMEN HUNTED

"A Cold Air Mass Seems To Have Moved In From The East, Bringing Fog . . ."



Aircraft Strike Action Postponed On Day-To-Day Basis

Los Angeles — An industry-wide aircraft workers strike which could affect production of U.S. missiles was called off Wednesday night and the midnight deadline was postponed on a day-to-day basis.

The postponement came too late to halt walkouts at some plants in the South. Shortly before midnight on the West Coast, the United Auto Workers and International Association of Machinists (UAW) announced jointly with Federal Mediator Harry Malcolm that the strike had been postponed at the request of the government.

A walkout of 100,000 workers at Douglas, North American, Convair and Lockheed plants across the nation had been foreseen. Picket lines, thrown up at the Air Force Missile Testing Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla., dissolved after announcement of the postponement.

The Air Force fired a Snark missile before the strike was called. Negotiators for Convair and the IAM, meeting in San Diego, announced that the work contract would be reinstated until at least midnight tonight.

Lockheed in Agreement
At North American, a spokesman said all his firm knew was that there was no contract and the strike had been postponed.

Lockheed reached an agreement Wednesday with IAM Lodge 727, representing 16,000 workers at the firm's plants at Burbank, Palmdale and Maywood, Calif., which was expected by some to serve as a contract model for the rest of the industry.

The agreement called for an average pay increase of 22 cents hourly, a cost of living plan, a 3 per cent wage hike next year, a seventh paid holiday and seniority and job classification provisions.

Portland — A \$43 million East Bank freeway in Portland has been given a green light from the State Highway Commission.

Troopers Seek Two Desperadoes Over Four States
Kidnaping Trail Left Through Dixie
Monroe, La. — State troopers in four southern states were on the lookout today for two armed desperadoes who were leaving a trail of smashed roadblocks and kidnappings through Dixie.

The fugitives, both from Georgia, were identified as Glen Wilbur Ponder and Giles H. Jones, both 23. They vanished into the flooded trails of Northern Louisiana after kidnaping three persons in that state following their breakout from the Texarkana, Tex., city jail Wednesday.

Captives Released
They released unharmed their terrified captives but both men were considered highly dangerous. They were hunted in Texas and Louisiana for auto theft, kidnaping and assault.

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Shaw, Spencer (6), Valentini (7) and Hegan; Lument, Hyde (6) Courtney.

U. S. Urged To Obtain Capability To Control Space

Washington — Air Force Undersecretary Malcolm A. McIntyre said today the United States must "seek out every possible means of acquiring a military capability to control space — or to deny that capability to any enemy."

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Congresswoman To Reject Husband's Plea To Retire

Washington — Rep. Coya Knutson, 46, (D-Minn.) indicated today she will reject her husband's plea that she retire from Congress.

She said her relationship with her husband is a personal matter which she will not discuss publicly. Congressional sources interpreted the statement as meaning she will go ahead with her plans to seek reelection. She made the statement in reply to her husband's public complaint that their "home life has deteriorated" because of her work in Washington. He appealed to her not to seek reelection. Mrs. Knutson telephoned her Washington office from an undisclosed location to deliver her reply. Andrew Knutson, her husband, issued a public statement at Oklee, Minn., Wednesday urging his wife not to run for a third term.

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair tonight and Friday. Low tonight 45. High Friday 80. Highest Yesterday 81. Lowest this Morning 46. Our Skies Tonight: Sunrise 4:58 a.m., Moonrise Friday 12:17 a.m., Last Quarter May 10. PROMINENT STARS: Capella, low in north-west 9:24 p.m., JUPITER, in the south-east 8:02 p.m., Saturn, low in south-east 11:29 p.m., Venus, low in east 3:45 a.m., Mars, in the southeast at sunrise.