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STRIKE AGREEMENT REACHED

Major Differences Resolved Tuesday In Conference

Salem — (UPI) — Union and management negotiating committees in the five-week construction strike-lockout came away from an all-day meeting with Gov. Robert D. Holmes Tuesday and announced "major differences" had been

resolved and that an agreement had been reached pending ratification by both sides. The two committees said they would recommend ratification of all points today reached in the agreement.

The groups met with federal mediator Leroy Smith and Gov. Holmes in the governor's office from 10:30 a. m. to 9:15 p. m. with only a lunch hour breaking up the session. Authorized to say

The announcement came about 9:45 p. m. The governor, who called the meeting, said the committees had authorized him to say they had "resolved the major differences in the dispute and have reached a settlement subject to the ratification of the Operating Engineers larger 24-man negotiating committee, the union membership of Oregon and Southwest Washington and the Associated General Contractors."

The strike broke out in Southwest Washington five weeks ago and spread to Oregon the following day. More than \$400 million worth of construction projects are involved and over 20,000 workers have been idled by the strike-lockout.

A bus driver's workshop is being held at the Hedrick Junior High school today and tomorrow for school bus drivers throughout the county, according to Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent.

Purpose of the two-day workshop is to have the drivers become more familiar with what is expected of them and their responsibilities, the county superintendent explained.

Leonard Mayfield, superintendent of Medford schools, Mekvold and Bruce Hill, county curriculum coordinator will talk on driver responsibility. Three representatives of the state department of education are present also, it was reported.

School Bus Men Hold Workshop

Approximately 90 drivers are attending, he said.

"I am sure," Major John W. Snider said today, "that the council will make every effort to make the pool a reality. This is the first step in our city-wide recreation program."

Duff said he anticipated development of the plans this winter, and construction of



BLOOD DRAWN—Forty-five pints of blood for a heart surgery patient in Portland was donated by valley residents yesterday when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visited in Medford. Above, Mrs. J. W. Burba and Mrs. Marie Rehling, both of Medford, hand to John L. Gregory of the Medford Civil Air Patrol Squadron blood which was flown

to Portland. A total of 249 pints, 41 short of the quota, was collected during the Bloodmobile visit. Of the 283 donors who appeared, there were 43 rejects, Red Cross officials said. The Bloodmobile will be in Ashland until 6 o'clock tonight.

—(Landis Photo)

Army Announces Plans to Buy Tract; Swimming Pool Planned

The west side of Medford may have a municipal swimming pool by next summer, City Manager Robert A. Duff predicted today.

His prediction followed an official announcement Tuesday that the United States Army plans to acquire land from the Jackson County Housing authority for construction of a \$300,000 reserve training center. The site has been used for the public housing project, which is now being razed.

The sale price of the 4.06 acres is \$25,000, according to Mark A. Goldy, chairman of the authority. This money, plus an estimated \$50,000 already in the authority's treasury, is to be turned over to the city on the condition that it be used for the pool and a surrounding park area.

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Structural deficiencies, it is understood, limit the floor's capacity for both men and equipment. Storage space is

reportedly inadequate. Furthermore, according to Col. Prentice, "It's hot in the summer and cold in the winter."

The three units include headquarters and headquarters company of the 417th Engineer brigade, headquarters detachment of the 382nd Quartermaster battalion, and headquarters detachment of the second battalion, 413th Infantry regiment.

The office of the Reserve Unit Advisor, currently occupied by Col. Frank M. Kehoe, will most likely be lodged in the new center too. But no other units or officers are expected to be included, according to Col. Prentice.

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Carpenter Heads Fund Committee For Theater Work

Stage Rebuilding Set For Ashland Festival

Alfred S. V. Carpenter of Medford has accepted chairmanship of a committee that will conduct a drive for funds to rebuild the Oregon Shakespearean theater in Ashland, Robert Reinhold, president of the Festival association, announced today.

Carpenter, a festival patron for many years, said the fund raising campaign would probably be a long period of time, but that the immediate goal would be for sufficient funds to rebuild the festival stage before rehearsals begin for the 1959 season.

Named to the executive committee to arrange for the campaign, which will probably start in October, were Glenn L. Jackson and Otto Frohnmayer, Medford, and Mrs. John C. Cotton, William Dawkins, and Reinhold, Ashland.

The present festival stage was built of wood in 1947, primarily by volunteer labor using donated materials. While the audience in the outdoor theater is not endangered, the estate fire marshal has declared the condition of the structure as it now stands to be dangerous to the actors and staff. Besides this, valuable costumes and lighting equipment stored in the flimsy structure have suffered water damage frequently in recent years.

Long range goal in the campaign will be funds to build not only a new stage, but improved audience facilities, public rest rooms, new stage lighting, adequate dressing room and shop facilities, an administration building, and a new structure for the Institute of Renaissance Studies.

Both Pacific Intermountain Express and the Los Angeles-Seattle Motor Express personnel are out, however. Davis is tied in with these two companies in their long distance shipments. Fitzgerald said it will hurt coastwise shipping some.

Oregon - Nevada - California Fast Freight is completely closed, according to Michele Rossi, company official. This temporarily puts a total of 30 local personnel—truck drivers and office workers—out of work.

Clyde E. Knight of Pierce Freight Lines, sees no change so far. His company is "closed up" tight affecting 25 local personnel.

Apparently there have been a number of comments about the male millinery men of the sheriff's office have been sporting lately. If there haven't been perhaps there should be, because the boys have come out with western style chapeaux.

Ostensibly the uniformed men are wearing the western gear to carry out the motif of the Rogue Valley Roundup, sponsored by the Jaycees, which will run this week end, Aug. 15-17. However, there is speculation that the deputies insisted on the new style after viewing with envy the apparel worn by two of their fellow lawmen who visited here recently from a Southwestern state.

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Truck Industry Has 100 Jobless Due To Lockout

SP Railroad Embargos Less Than Carloads

An estimated 100 workers in the trucking industry in Jackson county will be out of work by this evening, the result of the coast-wide strike and lockout, it was reported here today.

Major over-the-road trucking companies generally are closing down as soon as current deliveries are made.

Complicating the transportation problem was the announcement by Southern Pacific railroad it will embargo all shipments of less than a carload lot, as a result of added pressure on the railroad from the labor dispute.

Little effect on the fruit harvest is expected from the strike, an industry spokesman said today, although since most supplies come in by truck, the effects will be felt somewhat. He indicated that most essentials would be moved, however, some of them by independent truckers.

Local short-haul pickup loadings, furniture shipments, and certain other types of hauling are unaffected so far. Shipments already in transit are being "cleaned up" according to Alva M. Perkins of Consolidated Freightways. One trucker radioed in Friday that a big boiler for the Wilson school here left Chicago before the lockout started, and will arrive here on schedule. Only two truck drivers are working for this firm to handle the cleanup.

Office employees will be laid off tonight, Perkins said. "We have a contract with the teamsters and do not come under the strike," John H. Fitzgerald of Davis Transfer and Storage, said.

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"How's That For Bold, Imaginative Thinking?"



Rocket to Moon May Be Tried Sunday

Washington — (UPI) — Informed sources in Washington said today that a decision has been reached to try to fire America's first lunar probe rocket at Cape Canaveral, Fla., early Sunday morning if conditions are favorable.

The sources said the 100-foot, three-stage rocket carrying an electronics instrument package to photograph the moon could be blasted off as early as 5 a. m., (PDT) Sunday.

If conditions are unfavorable, the firing will be postponed until a similar time Monday. Firing early Tuesday is also a possibility. May Be Postponed

But if conditions are unfavorable on all three days, the sources said the lunar blast-off probably will be postponed into mid-September.

The huge rocket carrier a 60-pound "payload," including 30 pounds of instruments and radio transmitters for sending data back to earth.

Officials have emphasized that even if the rocket fires properly, they regard the chances of reaching the vicinity of the moon on the first try as only around 1 in 10.

Fortmiller Named To Ashland Board

Ashland—C. D. Fortmiller Ashland department store owner, was elected to the Ashland school board Monday night. He replaces Dale Williams, who plans to move to Eugene.

Fortmiller is past-president of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary club, the Elks lodge and is a member of the Presbyterian church. He has two sons and a daughter. The daughter attends Lincoln school in Ashland.

Fortmiller attended Ashland schools, has a bachelor of science degree at the University of Oregon and a master's degree in business administration at Stanford university.

Subdivision Law Stated for Agenda

A proposed subdivision ordinance for the county will be discussed this evening at the regular monthly meeting of the Jackson County Planning commission.

Other business on the agenda for the 8 o'clock meeting in the commission's office in the courthouse will be reports from standing and special committees.

'Do-It-Yourself' Economic Plan for Arabs Included

President Appears Before UN Assembly

United Nations, N. Y. — (UPI) — President Eisenhower today proposed an all-embracing six-point peace program for the Middle East, including a do-it-yourself economic plan for the Arab states and a U.N. police force to protect it from "ballistic blackmail."

The President spoke for 28 minutes before an emergency session of the U.N. General Assembly called to consider the Mideast crisis.

His proposal, calling for "an Arab development institution on a regional basis," was a departure from U. S. tradition which heretofore has dealt only with nations on an individual basis.

"The institution should be governed by the Arab states themselves," he said. The President delivered his address without interruption, but at the end the delegates applauded him for 34 seconds. They gave him another ovation as he left.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, who launched Eisenhower to the rostrum 10 minutes later, did not applaud. Russians Are Silent

Gromyko and his aides stood silently as Eisenhower left the chamber. It was the President's first appearance there since his dramatic "atoms for peace" proposal Dec. 8, 1953.

Gromyko, only other listed speaker for the day, launched immediately into a condemnation of U. S. "armed intervention."

"The extending of economic aid to the countries of the Near and Middle East is certainly good," he told the assembly. "The Soviet Union will always extend such aid without any strings attached. The question of economic assistance to the states of the Middle East as set forth by President Eisenhower requires careful consideration. But first we must have withdrawal of the foreign troops from the area."

The assembly adjourned after the speeches until Thursday. Eisenhower left for Washington immediately upon conclusion of his speech.

The President's speech drew immediate praise from western nations. The Arabs, for the moment, were noncommittal.

A spokesman for Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd said Britain "warmly welcomes" the President's speech. It also was praised by Ireland and Italy.

The President denounced efforts of Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev "to create a war hysteria" in the Mideast crisis.

Without mentioning Khrushchev by name, Eisenhower said the Russian leader's efforts "to exploit man's horror of war" could be called "ballistic blackmail."

Lists Program

"The President said it was 'important' that his six-point plan be viewed as a whole. He listed it: "United Nations concern for Lebanon. "United Nations measures to preserve peace in Jordan. "An end to the fomenting from without of civil strife. "A United Nations' peace force.

"A regional economic development plan to assist and accelerate improvement in the living standards of the people in these Arab nations. "Steps to avoid a new arms race spiral in the area."

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Local Centennial Organization Progressing; First 'Inventory' is Under Way in County

The organization of Jackson county to take full advantage of the opportunities created by Oregon's Centennial observance next year is progressing well, it was reported today.

Ernie Hood, Jackson county centennial chairman, said that an increasing number of people have become interested in preparing for the Centennial year, either through their own organizations, or directly through the Centennial organization itself.

Chairmen for each of the

county's communities and rural areas have been named, the Toastmasters clubs have agreed to serve as speakers bureaus to tell the Centennial story to groups in the area, a local Centennial association has been formed, and work is under way to prepare an "inventory" of the county's resources so that they may be most effectively utilized during the coming year.

The "inventory" of the resources of each community is important, Hood emphasized, so that the Centennial organization will be able to coordinate events, and to have information readily available as to things to see and do for the million or more tourists expected in this area next year.

Volunteer help in organizing the Centennial, and to do the many jobs necessary for adequate preparation, will be most welcome, Hood stated. Anyone interested in playing a part is invited to call him, after 5 p. m. weekdays, at Spring 2-2150.

The first response to Hood's request to community or area

chairman for "inventory" and other information came from Bob Sorber, assistant district ranger at Star ranger station in the Applegate area of the Centennial.

Hood said it was complete, specific, and will be immensely helpful in the Centennial group's organization of the county. He said he is hopeful that additional responses will be received soon from other community or area chairmen.

Here are samples of the information provided by Sorber

in his response to the request for Centennial-oriented information about the Applegate area:

The Applegate area's main resource is scenery, with some historical sites and fine fishing locations on the side, Sorber reported. The Ashland Loop rd. over Dutchman and Ashland mountains offers some spectacular scenery as does Whiskey Peak, accessible by trail or poor road, he said. "The whole Applegate valley is a rock pile," he declared. "People pan for gold

in most of the small streams, and 'rock hounds' will find a paradise from which to add to their collections."

A number of parks and picnic areas are mentioned by Sorber including campgrounds at McKee bridge, Beaver Sulphur, Glade creek, Wrangle, Hutton, Carberry, and Thompson creek.

The Applegate river is stocked each spring to enhance its worth to fishermen as are Carberry and Sturgis creeks, he noted. And, he continued, California visitors

should be told that Whiskey creek, Elliott creek, Middle Fork, and Butte Fork, all California streams offering splendid fishing, are accessible only from this side.

Historical sites which offer tourist attractions include Kubli mill on Highway 238, and a number of former mining town cemeteries, and some farms with buildings dating back more than 90 years.

Projects being considered by Sorber are marking of Log Town and Log Town Rose, Kubli mill and Steamboat

cemetry; erecting a welcome to Applegate valley sign; digging out some of the history and stories of the area for publication; and a general sprucing up and cleaning up of the roadsides.

Sorber sent letters to all the organizations in his area requesting their cooperation and assistance in promoting the valley and state during the centennial. He is now in the process of organizing a centennial committee made up of representatives of these organizations.

The need for individual and group promotion locally, county-wide, and state-wide is expressed by Sorber in the letter: "To those of our fellow citizens who think that someone else can take care of the centennial or who have no time to give I would like to emphasize the fact that no one, aside from the people of Oregon can make this full year observance a success. Everyone, young and old, has a part to play. The stronger the representation the easier the job."