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New Strike Adds To Northwest Woes; Pickets Posted at Plant

Continental Can In Portland Hit By Union Action

Contract Talks Fail To Produce

By United Press International
A new strike started in Portland today to add to the Pacific Northwest's labor troubles as other disputes in Oregon and Washington continued without settlement.

Pickets were posted at the St. Johns plant of the Continental Can Company this morning. Jay Wagner, shop steward of the Machinists Union Local 63, said the walkout would affect about 225 employees. He said the Machinists and two other union locals, Warehousemen and Production Workers, were involved.

Contract Expired

A contract with the firm expired May 15 and talks arranged by the Federal Mediation Service failed to produce agreement, Wagner said.

In Salem Tuesday night an employer meeting was held to discuss the strike lockout which has closed some sand and gravel firms in Corvallis, Salem and Independence. A spokesman said there was "nothing to report."

Ralph Riley, engineer in charge of the new Laurel Mountain radar station west of Dallas, said the sand and gravel dispute was hampering construction at the site. He said the installation would fill a gap between Seattle and Klamath Falls and would control both civil and military traffic.

Threat to Public

Riley charged that the delay was a threat to the lives of the flying public. A spokesman said the Cascade Employers Association felt there was no more urgency to this project than to others such as the SAGE installation at Camp Adair. John Steinmuller of Eugene, who has a contract for building construction at Laurel mountain, said he had received no concrete since May 13.

A federal mediator said negotiations were scheduled to resume Friday or Monday between Teamster Local 234 and Salem area dairy and milk distributors. A strike could idle about 200 dairy and distribution employees in the Salem-Corvallis-Albany area. Local 305 of the Teamsters is scheduled to vote Friday on an employer offer made last week in similar negotiations. Pressmen Quit Jobs

Meanwhile, a strike of Pile Drivers in the Portland area and strikes by Operating Engineers in western Washington and Machinists in Seattle continued.

In Olympia, Wash., pressmen walked off the job at the state printing plant. A union spokesman said the dozen idle pressmen would not return until they are reassigned jurisdiction over photostatic equipment. State Printer John Gregory said he would bring in other pressmen, if necessary, to operate state presses.

Planners to Meet To Call Hearing

The Medford planning commission was slated to meet at 5 p.m. today to call for a public hearing on a zoning variance for Rogue Valley Manor.

The hearing itself would be held at a special commission meeting May 28.

The Manor site, atop Barneburg hill, has been rezoned to multiple family, but this zone sets a height limit of 85 feet for all structures. Plans for the 10-story, \$5½ million retirement home reportedly call for a maximum height of 118.5 feet.

Hail Research Program Started In Rogue Valley

A hail research program has been established in the Rogue River valley, the Medford Pear Shippers association reported today.

The program will be sponsored by the pear shippers association and the Oregon State College extension service.

The pear industry is interested in the effect of hail on pears and how practical a continuing hail suppression program would be. The forest service, a cooperating agency, will observe hail occurrence and lightning during thunderstorms. Lightning strikes have caused a number of forest fires in this area and elsewhere.

Dulles Receives Freedom Medal From President

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower has bestowed on John Foster Dulles, his ailing former secretary of state, the nation's highest civilian decoration—the Medal of Freedom.

The decoration was disclosed by the White House today as Dulles lost more ground in his struggle against cancer and pneumonia.

Presented to Mrs. Dulles, the chief executive, in a warm, personal salute to his ailing friend dispatched his son, Maj. John S. Eisenhower, to Walter Reed Army hospital with the medal Tuesday night.

Young Eisenhower, assigned to the White House as assistant staff secretary, handed it to Mrs. Dulles who took it to Dulles in his hospital room.

With the medal, a bronze disk suspended from red and white ribbon, went a one paragraph note which said:

"Dear Foster: "It is an honor and a privilege to award you this Medal of Freedom. In a quiet way though it is to express my gratitude and the gratitude of the nation you have served so well, it does stand as a small token of the affection and esteem that the people of America and of the world hold for you and your tireless efforts on behalf of freedom. With warm regard, "As ever, "D. E."

Avoids Ceremony
Eisenhower has visited Dulles with some frequency at the hospital. But he apparently wanted to confer the medal through Mrs. Dulles to avoid any ceremony which might tax the little strength left to the secretary.

Dulles spends much of his time in a drugged sleep because of analgesics administered to offset the gnawing pain.

The Medal of Freedom, originally established at the end of World War II, is awarded by the President "to any person for performance of a meritorious act or service in the interests of the security of the United States."

New York-To-Oregon Motorboat Trip Planned

Portland — (UPI) — Two men plan to travel from New York to Oregon by motorboat to visit the Centennial.

They are John Edwin Hogg, 67, a retired writer-photographer from San Jacinto, Calif., and John Dahl, 30, a Columbia University graduate.

Made Previous Trip
Hogg made a motorboat trip from Astoria to New York more than 30 years ago.

They plan to leave New York Thursday in a 19-foot cruiser. The craft will have two outboard motors, a radio telephone, depth finder and a radio direction finder.

Plans call for them to go up the Hudson river, through

the St. Lawrence seaway, across the Great Lakes to Chicago, down the Illinois river to the Mississippi, and up the Missouri to Ft. Benton, Mont. There they will make an overland portage via truck to Lewiston, Idaho, and then travel by water to Portland.

5,200-Mile Trip
The trip, some 5,200 miles, is expected to end in late July or early August.

In 1925 Hogg made a trip with the late Frank Wilton, a novice cameraman. They went up the Columbia river to The Dalles and shipped their boat to Ft. Benton, Mont. From there they followed a route similar to the one to be used this year.

Directing Program
Directing the program here will be Lyle D. Calvin, statistical service, and Fred M. Decker, physics department, both of Oregon State college. They will be assisted locally by Judson Parsons, of Hillcrest orchards, Medford.

Backbone of the research will be a network of 400 hail recording stations throughout the Rogue valley to determine the approximate number and pattern of hail falling during storms. The stations will consist of sheets of aluminum foil stretched tightly over stylofoam. Hail stones will make small dents in the aluminum. One such station is now located at Hillcrest orchards.

To assist in the program, the pear shippers association hopes to get 50 volunteer workers to collect hail stones in baskets, which will be refrigerated immediately for future study by the OSC scientists.

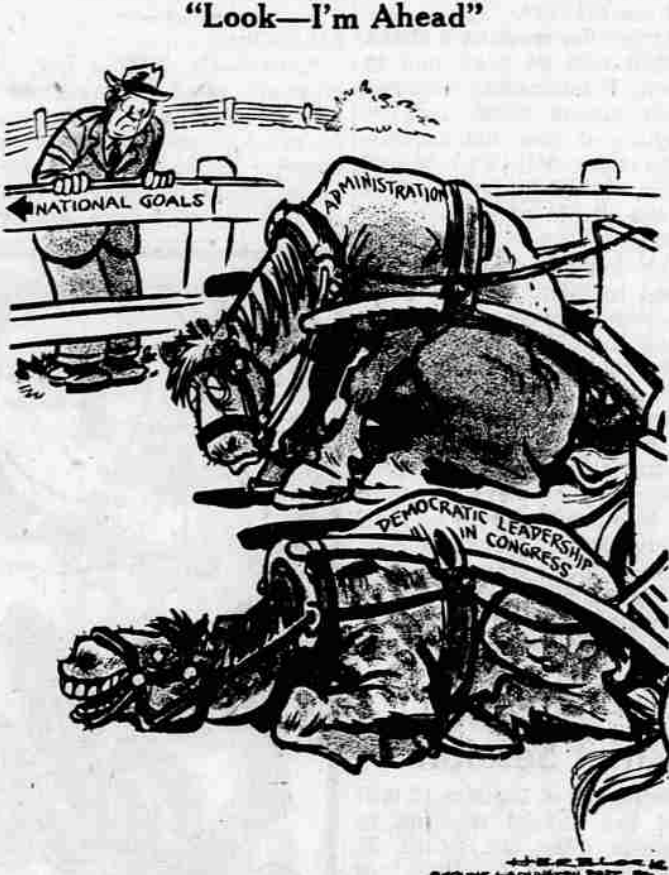
Ultimate Goal
Ultimate goal will be to interest the National Science Foundation in making a grant for a continuing research program. The pear shippers hope this summer's research may provide the proof that such a study is needed and would be valuable.

The OSC statistical service will aid in selection of survey locations, conduct an overall study; make an analysis, interpretation and publish results. The physics department will develop equipment, supervise collection of data and laboratory work, aid in overall conduct of the study, and interpret results. The federal-state inspection service will measure pear damage after each hail storm.

A mobile radar station will be sent by Oregon State college to see if hail can be forecast in the clouds by radar.

Minimum Low Here Sets New Record
A minimum temperature reading of 35 degrees this morning was the lowest on record for May 20 at the Medford station at the U. S. weather bureau.

The station reported that the previous minimum for this date was 36 degrees in 1920.



Farm Festival Set At Central Point

Central Point — The first Southern Oregon Farm Festival Days, sponsored by the Crater High school Future Farmers of America chapter and the Central Point Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be held on property adjacent to Crater High school Friday night and Saturday.

A buffalo and beef barbecue will start Saturday events at 11 a.m. The barbecue will last until meat runs out. Jaycee officials said. The buffalo is being furnished by John Day, valley rancher and sportsman.

Demonstrations Set
Demonstrations and displays of farm equipment are scheduled at various times Saturday, and 4-H groups in the county will display wagons they plan to use on their wagon trip to Corvallis in June.

Among the demonstrations is one by the state department of forestry comparing old and new methods of fighting forest fires. The demonstration is scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Helicopter rides are scheduled, along with parachute jumps about 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and exhibit.

City Police Break Up 'Hobo Camp'

Medford police reported breaking up a "hobo camp" on the bank of Bear creek behind 132 Almond st. yesterday.

Police reported finding three transients making tea over a fire after a complaint had been received from Fred Brown Sparks, of the Almond st. address.

The three transients, identified as Eldridge Mallard Harris, 50, Edmundo Valdez Vargas, 49, and Ferald David Burton, 52, reportedly had blankets with them for sleeping. They were made to leave the area, according to the report.

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower will not hold a news conference this week.

WEATHER	
FORECAST: Variable high cloudiness tonight and Thursday. Rising temperature trend. Low tonight near 40. High Thursday near 80.	
Highest Yesterday	Temp. 64
Lowest This Morning	37
Our Skies Tonight	
Sunset today	7:30 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	4:45 a.m.
Moonrise today	5:32 p.m.
Full Moon	May 22
PROMINENT STARS	
Altair, low in east	10:41 p.m.
Visible Planets	
Venus, in the west at sunset.	
Mars, sets	11:01 p.m.
Saturn, low in south	
Jupiter, due south	11:31 p.m.

Highway 42 Improvement Held Likely

Bridge Plan Delay Seen No Hindrance

Salem — (UPI) — Highway Engineer W. C. Williams said today that it is likely that Highway 42 will be improved even though the Astoria bridge plan is dropped or delayed.

Both projects were included in a bond issue approved by the Oregon legislature. However, Williams said there are doubts that Washington would be able to contribute its share to the bridge project from Astoria to Megler, Wash. Meetings are planned to try to work out a solution.

The Legislature authorized \$24 million for bridge construction and \$4 million for improvement of Highway 42 between Roseburg and Coquille.

Projects Independent
Washington expressed doubt that it could support its share of the proposed bridge, but Williams said this probably would not affect bonds for Highway 42.

"It looks to me like the bill separates the two projects so that each is independent of the other," he said.

Williams left the decision up to bond attorneys. The Highway Commission, he said, had planned to sell both bond issues at the same time, but probably will go ahead and sell the bonds for Highway improvement.

Spatz to Remain On State Board

Ward Spatz, prominent Medford Democrat and pear industry member here, said today he would accept the governor's invitation to remain on the state board of agriculture.

Spatz said he had received a letter from Gov. Mark Hatfield today offering the appointment. The governor apologized for not answering Spatz's letter of resignation sooner. He wrote he had been awaiting the outcome of legislation aimed at reorganizing the state department of agriculture including the advisory board. It was passed by the state legislature.

The Medford fruit grower had submitted his resignation as a matter of courtesy when the Republican governor was elected.

"I will ask you to continue on the state board of agriculture," the governor wrote. "Your contributions have been substantial. I can think of no one who can represent the orchard and food (fruit) industry better than yourself."

Officials Tour Talent Project

A group of six men, county officials and others, from Lewis county, Washington, are in Jackson county today, touring the Talent irrigation and reclamation project.

They arrived last night with Lee McAllister, Salem, an official of the U. S. bureau of reclamation, and this morning started a tour of the project under the guidance of James A. Callan, project engineer.

The group told local irrigation district officials that Lewis county has serious problems due to the lack of water supplies, for both irrigation and power, and it is hoped some ideas may come out of their inspection of the Talent area.

The group will return north tonight. Chehalis is the county seat of Lewis county.

Adjustments Made by Equalization Board

Only one complaint was adjusted among those presented by eight people to the Jackson county board of equalization Monday, County Assessor Ray Schumacher said.

Majority of complaints were on tax amounts and not on appraisals made on the properties concerned, Schumacher said. Properties brought to the board's attention included farm, business and residential, he said.

Washington — (UPI) — Prospects appeared bright today for Ogden R. Reid to win the Senate Foreign Relations committee's approval of his nomination as ambassador to Israel.

Hatfield Urges Delay in O&C Transfer Plan

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Washington Correspondent

Washington — Gov. Mark Hatfield Tuesday said he urged the Eisenhower administration to defer any plan for transferring the O&C forest lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the forest service.

He said he argued that it would not be in the present interest of small and medium timber operators in western Oregon, which he said are favored by BLM management.

"I asked them to delay until we worked out our problems of access roads, division of timber sale receipts and size of timber sales," Hatfield said. He conferred with Maurice H. Stans, director of the budget bureau, and Robert E. Merriam, deputy assistant to President Eisenhower for interdepartmental affairs. He said they gave him "a sympathetic hearing" but no commitments. The issue is being studied at the budget bureau, reportedly under a June 1 deadline for a decision.

Hatfield, here for a meeting of the federal-state relations committee of the U. S. Governors' conference, also called on Labor Secretary James Mitchell to invite him to make his annual Labor Day address in Portland this fall during the centennial.

The governor also talked with Gen. Lewis Hersey, director of selective service, and reported that his state director, Sprague Carter, has been cleared for appointment by the President and is now here undergoing a week's training.

Ashland Seeks Hospital Funds
Ashland — A resolution to ask for federal assistance in constructing a new \$461,000 city hospital was passed by the Ashland city council last night.

Federal assistance for the hospital would come through the Hill Burton fund, on the basis of priorities established by the state board of health. Federal financing would provide one-third of the total funds necessary.

The remainder, according to E. C. Biegel, city superintendent, would be raised through sale of the old hospital building and probably a bond issue.

Ashland applied for Hill Burton funds several years ago but all funds were already allotted at that time, Biegel said. He stated he understood money at this time is still available, and Ashland is highest on the state's priority list for this area.

Four bids were opened on construction of a proposed \$30,000 substation on Nevada st., to serve as a switching station for circuits in the city.

Line Materials company, Portland, was apparent low bidder for the substation at \$17,600, Biegel reported. He said the next low was General Electric corporation, at \$29,098.

Confirmation for Strauss Favored

Washington — (UPI) — Commerce Secretary Lewis L. Strauss, victor by a single vote in the Senate Commerce committee, today carried his confirmation fight to the Senate where another photo-finish was in prospect.

Odds still seemed to favor confirmation—but by a margin so close as to suggest a slap in the face rather than a pat on the back.

Some Senate strategists said the controversial appointment might even be rejected. If so, it would be the first time since the Coolidge administration that a Cabinet appointment failed to get Senate confirmation.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Kansas City	8 14 1
Boston	2 8 1
Herbert and House; Hoef; Monbouquette (6), Wall (8) and Daley.	

Detailed Review Of West Package Given Conference

Permanent Division Seen in Proposal

Geneva — (UPI) — Secretary of State Christian Herter branded Russia's draft peace treaty today as a "package proposal for the permanent division of Germany."

A authoritative conference sources said the secretary delivered this sweeping denunciation of the Russian plan to the Big Four Conference after pressing privately for secret and intimate talks designed to open genuine East-West bargaining over Berlin and Germany.

Detailed Review
The sources said Herter spoke for about 15 to 20 minutes and gave another detailed review of the West's own cold war package peace plan which offered Russia global troop cuts and security in Europe in exchange for a Berlin new deal and reunification of Germany.

At the same time, the secretary was said to have explained again in painstaking fashion why the West is determined to continue to reject Russia's own package plan. The West insists this would mean keeping Germany permanently divided and condemn 17 million East Germans to permanent Red rule.

British Support Herter
British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, the sources said, backed up Herter's renewed attack on the Soviet plan.

Earlier, Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy arrived here from Washington to serve as senior adviser to Herter and said in an airport statement that it is up to the Russians to decide whether there will be trouble over Berlin.

McElroy said normal precautions had been taken by American military forces in the vicinity of Berlin, but added he did not expect any difficulty.

Previously, there were indications that the Big Four Conference, in which East and West are tightly deadlocked on rival plans for Germany and Berlin, may soon get down to hard-tacks bargaining in secret.

Women Voters In Conference

Eugene — (UPI) — The history of Oregon women in civic affairs was discussed Tuesday night at the annual convention of the League of Women Voters of Oregon with the theme: "Ladies and Leadership."

Taking part in the dinner meeting discussion were Mrs. E. S. Simmons of Portland and Dr. Edna Landros and Martin Schmidt of Eugene.

The election of officers was to be held today. Nominated for the posts were: Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Eugene, president; Mrs. John Wolfe, Corvallis, first vice president; Mrs. R. W. Swanson, Portland, second vice president; Mrs. Ione Pierson, Eugene, secretary; Mrs. William Wylie, Coos Bay treasurer; and Mrs. B. H. Arnold, Corvallis; Mrs. George L. Beard, Oswego; Miss Beatrice Burr, Beaverton; Mrs. Don Kizer, McMinnville; Mrs. Clayton C. Morse, Astoria; and Mrs. John E. Ousterhout, Medford, directors.

Eugene — (UPI) — Dr. Millard Z. Pond, superintendent of schools at Burlington, Iowa, has been named superintendent of Eugene schools. He succeeds Dr. Clarence Hine, resigned.

Secondary Education Section Facing 'Crisis'

Salem — (UPI) — The State Education department, especially its secondary education section, faces a "crisis," Dr. Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction, told the State Board of Education at a special meeting here Tuesday.

Two Alternatives
Three vacancies among the four general supervisory positions in high school education caused Dr. Putnam to ask the board to choose between two alternatives:

Either to employ persons of inferior qualifications which would result in poorer service and loss of prestige for the department, or to maintain present standards even though positions are left unfilled and the department is unable to

carry on all its responsibilities. The Board indicated it favored maintaining present standards rather than employing less qualified personnel.

May Lose Others
Vacancies were created when John Conway was promoted to director of the section, Clyde Martin resigned as a secondary supervisor to become curriculum director of Milwaukie high school and Clifford Moffitt resigned a similar position to become principal of South Eugene high school.