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Labor Disputes Continue; Mitchell Promises Ruling

By United Press International The first days of summer, like the last days of spring, were clouded by continuing labor disputes.

In Washington, Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell promised fruit and vegetable growers a quick ruling on whether the federal-state employment service can refer workers to farms being picketed by the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO.

In San Francisco, federal mediator Arthur Viat told newsmen he was optimistic that a settlement could be reached in the strike that tied up some 60 northern California canneries while much

of the apricot crop was ripening. Mitchell said he would give the "overall problems immediate study and report on the results of that study as quickly as possible."

He made the statement following a two-hour conference with representatives of the California Farmers Emergency Food committee.

The 10-man committee, headed by John Zuckerman, appealed to Mitchell to reverse a ruling by Irving Perless, director of the California Department of Employment. Perless held that the growers were involved in a "labor dispute" which would bar recruitment of workers and Mexican nationals from gov-

ernment employment agencies.

Later in the week, Perless said that all the communications he had received from the labor department had supported his ruling on the existence of a labor dispute. Perless said that if Mitchell revised the federal regulations dealing with disputes, the state would quickly comply.

In the cannery strike, negotiations were scheduled at week's end between the California Processors and Growers Inc., Oakland, representing cannery operators, and Teamsters Union officials.

There were reports that the union and the canners were nearing agreement on wage demands.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown said he was "ready, willing and able" to sit in with the union and cannery representatives to help with a quick settlement of the strike. He urged negotiators to "make a supreme effort to take care of these thousands of small farmers who are being hurt by this."

Leans Toward Jack Kennedy: Gov. Edmund G. Brown conceded that he is leaning toward Sen. John F. Kennedy as the Democratic party's presidential nominee.

Commenting on press reports that he is inclined toward the Massachusetts senator, Brown told a news conference that "I wouldn't want to broaden that statement." Then, the governor added, "I have great admiration for the way in which Kennedy went into all those primary election states and discussed the issues frankly."

Cheryl: A Los Angeles juvenile court referee ordered the return of Cheryl Crane, Lana Turner's 16-year-old daughter, to a school for wayward girls from which she has twice escaped.

The ruling went into immediate effect as Cheryl was taken straight from the hearing in Santa Monica to the El Retiro Minimum Security School for Girls.

Tregoff: The state supreme court refused to disqualify Los Angeles Superior Judge Leroy Dawson from the second murder trial of Carole Tregoff, accused as the accomplice of her lover, Dr. R. Bernard Finch, in the killing of his wife. The joint trial was now expected to get underway shortly.

It was postponed twice before because of efforts to disqualify the judge.

Budget Surplus: Surplus: State Controller Alan Cranston released figures indicating that California's budget surplus for the current fiscal year is nearing the 100 million dollar mark.

General fund revenues for the 11-month period ending May 31 totaled \$1,380,449,317. With expenditures of \$1,282,323,694 for the same period, the state's 1959-60 general fund cash balance amounted to \$88,125,623, Cranston said.

Davis: Actress Bette Davis broke into tears in Los Angeles when a superior court jury awarded her a total of \$65,700 in damages for injuries she suffered in a fall. "These are just tears of joy," Miss Davis said when the verdict was read.

The actress had brought suit for \$85,000 in damages against owners of a rented house where the accident occurred.

Britt: Twentieth Century-Fox studios denied it planned to drop the services of contract player May Britt, fiancée of Negro entertainer Sammy Davis Jr.

CONVENTION SET: Turner: The annual Oregon Christian Church convention here is expected to attract about 2,000 clergy and laymen June 28 to July 3.

Woodburn: State police said Saturday two 15-year-old state hospital escapees from Salem were taken into custody here Friday when they attempted to take a truck from a car dealer agency.

One of the youths was caught in the truck as it was being driven away and the second boy fled but was picked up a few hours later. Police picked up another state hospital patient, a 24-year-old man, at Dayton Friday. He escaped Wednesday.

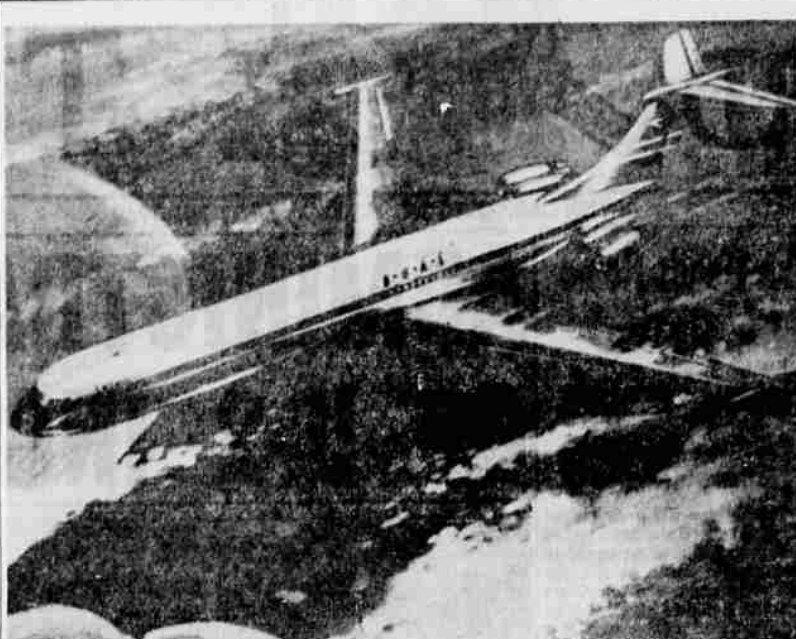
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SUPER-AIRCRAFT ORDERED—This artist's drawing shows the new Super VC-10 pure-jet, 10 of which have been ordered from Vickers-Armstrong Ltd. by BOAC for delivery in 1965 at an approximate cost of \$70 million. The super-aircraft is a development of the Vickers standard VC-10 and is intended for high density routes. It can carry up to 212 passengers and is 24 feet longer than the standard model. Its makers claim it will be the quietest long-range jet in operation. (UPI Telephoto)

Hatfield Enthusiastic About Plans for Highway

Salem—Gov. Mark Hatfield Saturday accepted with enthusiasm Washington Gov. Albert Rosellini's plan for a Mexico to Alaska coastal highway as an implied promise to make available matching funds from Washington for the proposed Columbia river bridge at Astoria.

Friday, Rosellini called for a meeting of spokesmen from four western states plus Mexico's State of Lower California, or Baja, Calif., and British Columbia to map plans for an international coast highway from Juneau, Alaska, to Baja, Calif.

Hatfield, in accepting the invitation, said that Oregon already has the "finest coastal highway of all western states" but does need Washington state's help in matching funds for a Columbia river bridge at Astoria.

The 1959 Oregon legislature approved a \$24 million bond issue to finance Oregon's share of building the bridge. Washington state officials have provided no money to date.

"We think a Pacific Trail Highway such as Governor Rosellini envisions is a wonderful thing," Hatfield said, "and we invite the other Pacific states and provinces to match Oregon's progress and achievements in building this coastal highway."

The Oregon Coast Highway, U.S. 101, has been worked on constantly since the end of World War II. One of Oregon's biggest construction projects, underway for nearly three years, is 27 1/2 miles of rugged coast country from Brookings, near the California border, to Gold Beach. The project involves a

Lumberman Killed In Water Mishap

Roseburg—Clifford J. Baxter, 45, Roseburg, a prominent southern Oregon lumberman, was killed five miles north of here Friday on the North Umpqua river in a water skiing accident.

Baxter was a major stockholder in the Wilbur Lumber company in Wilbur, Ore. The accident occurred about one and a half miles above the Winchester dam.

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Rebel Emissaries Visit Paris to Set Peace Talks

Paris—Three emissaries of the Algerian Nationalist rebels flew to Paris aboard a crippled airliner Saturday to arrange for peace talks with the government of President Charles de Gaulle.

Only designated officials were allowed to approach chief emissary Ahmed Boumenjel, 54, and his two assistants. They were landed at a remote end of the Orly airport outside Paris and taken by helicopter immediately to the county administration building of Melun, 23 miles from the city, to begin preliminary negotiations. They landed on the back lawn at Melun.

The Algerians flew from Tunis aboard a Tunisian Airlines DC-4. One of the plane's four engines developed an oil leak half way on the five-hour flight and the plane came in on three engines.

Roger Moris, de Gaulle's secretary of state for Algerian affairs, opened talks with the Algerians at Melun after a lunch. Gen. Hubert de Gastines, assistant to the commander of the first military region (Paris) also took part.

Boumenjel said in Tunis Friday night he thought the talks would last two or three days. They were designed to pave the way for formal cease-fire negotiations to stop the five-year-old war in Algeria.

To prevent any interference while the talks were underway, the de Gaulle government issued a decree banning all public gatherings on the Algerian issue until further notice.

De Gaulle undoubtedly had in mind the past insurrections by rightist settlers in Algiers who oppose any settlement that would cost France sovereignty in Algeria.

Boumenjel was not expected to meet de Gaulle. The preliminary talks were designed to settle such details as where an Algerian truce delegation would reside, how they would be protected, safe conduct paper and an agenda for cease-fire talks.

The rebel "government in exile" has insisted that political as well as military issues be discussed. De Gaulle wants only the military question raised, on grounds political questions could be left to a vote by the Algerian people.

FBI Captures One of 10 'Most Wanted' Criminals

Ray, Minn.—A well-spoken burglar who had turned his "smooth line" into a hideaway job in the far north woods was captured by FBI agents Saturday, only two days after he was placed on the FBI's 10 most wanted list.

The FBI in Minneapolis said a newspaper photograph led to the capture of Richard Peter Wagner, 42, a lifetime criminal and an escapee from the federal correctional institution at Sandstone, Minn.

Wagner, working as a hunting and fishing guide at the Chippewa lodge in this resort area about eight miles from the Canadian border, offered no resistance when seven FBI agents accosted him.

The agents, representing themselves as a fishing party, came to the lodge after Minneapolis attorney Philip Lush reported he recognized Wagner from a photograph in a newspaper.

Lush, vacationing at the lodge with his family, said he saw the picture Friday night. Sources said Wagner, who admitted carrying a sawed-off shotgun during a series of burglaries, agreed to take the agents on a fishing trip and left his lodgings with a rod and reel.

One agent who said he had arrested Wagner on another occasion asked: "Do you remember me?"

"Yes," Wagner said and surrendered. He was taken into custody and transported to Duluth, Minn., to face arraignment before a U.S. commissioner.

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