

Nationwide Rail Strike Possibility Appears Removed

Washington - (UPI) - The possibility of a nationwide railroad strike before 1962 appeared to have been removed today by a labor-management agreement to submit work rules disputes to a 15-man presidential commission.

The agreement to set up the commission was hammered out late Monday and made public Tuesday. Representatives of the major eastern, southern and western railroads and the five brotherhoods of operating employees signed the agreement.

The commission is scheduled to make its report - which will not bind either side - by Dec. 1, 1961. In the meantime, while it is investigating labor-management differences over work practices, it also will try to mediate the issues.

Both Sides Accept

Both sides accepted the commission as a temporary substitute for strike and lock-out delay procedures in the Railway Labor Act. Consequently, industry and union spokesmen said a nationwide strike before 1962 appeared to be impossible.

The spokesmen also ruled out the chance of a work stoppage involving non-operating employees. These workers earlier this year reached new contract terms which run until Nov. 1, 1961. That also is the expiration date for the present wage agreement covering the 250,000 operating employees.

Procedures under the Railway Labor Act would take at least two months, putting off any work stoppage until 1962 at the earliest.

Agreement to set up the commission was announced by Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell. To bring the commission into being, he had met four times with a 12-man committee representing both sides.

Ike Appoints Five

The study group will begin its inquiry, possibly with public hearings, between Jan. 1 and Jan. 15. President Eisenhower is to appoint the five public members of the commission, one of whom will be

the chairman. Management and labor each will appoint five members.

Various work rules and pay practices are at issue. One major change the railroads have pressed for is elimination of firemen on diesel locomotives on freight trains. The firemen have replied they are essential to safety even though they no longer are needed to shovel coal.

While the commission's recommendations will not be binding, Mitchell said they "will have great weight." He emphasized "this is not compulsory arbitration."

Hailing the agreement as a "monumental step forward in one of our basic industries," Mitchell said it was "an indication of maturity in labor-management relations which is unparalleled in American history."

Three Killed in Oregon Traffic

By United Press International

Traffic accidents, two in Umatilla county, claimed the lives of three persons in Oregon Tuesday.

The victims were William R. Strother, 32, of Portland; Janet Ferris, 16, Pendleton, and Clyde Mayer, 25, La Grande, all killed in single-vehicle accidents.

State police said Strother was killed when his car went out of control and hit an open ditch north of Cedar Hills. Strother was alone in the vehicle.

Miss Ferris, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ferris of Pendleton, lost her life three miles west of Helix on a Umatilla county road when her auto failed to make a curve and flipped over. The girl, the only occupant of the car, was killed instantly.

Mayer was killed in an accident on Highway 30 about a mile east of Meacham. State police said the gravel loader he was driving went off the highway, turned over and crushed him.



WORTH TWO IN BUSH—Little Michele Griffith, 2, believes that "a hummingbird in the hand is worth two in the bush" as she feeds "Susan" a liquid diet from an eye-dropper. Michele has had the unusual pet for about 10 days. (UPI Telephoto)

Fulbright Claims Nixon Expressed Regret to Nikita

Washington - (UPI) - Sen. J. William Fulbright, (D-Ark.), says he has been reliably informed that Vice President Richard M. Nixon expressed regret to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev over the timing of a captive nations resolution approved by Congress.

Fulbright's statement appeared designed to counter the GOP presidential nominee's repeated criticism of Sen. John F. Kennedy for saying the United States should have expressed regrets to Khrushchev over the U2 flight if this would have saved the Paris summit meeting.

Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations

Committee, said his informant asserted that Nixon told Khrushchev during his visit to Russia last summer that neither he nor President Eisenhower would have chosen to have the resolution approved just before the trip.

"Mr. Nixon added, 'After all, we are not that stupid,'" Fulbright quoted his source as saying.

The captive nations resolution, which was approved by Eisenhower, expressed hope that the Soviet satellite nations would be liberated.

Fulbright made his statement Tuesday in a letter to Secretary of State Christian A. Herter renewing his demand that the transcript of the Nixon-Khrushchev talks be made public. He made a similar request Oct. 10.

Release Important

The senator said it was important that the entire transcript of the meeting be released. So far, he said, only parts of the transcript favorable to Nixon had been "leaked" to reporter Earl Maza of the New York Herald Tribune, author of a Nixon biography.

Fulbright said additional information about the Nixon-Khrushchev conversations apparently was "being released piecemeal to serve political purposes."

Police Seek Man In Death of Girl

Eugene - (UPI) - The sheriff's office sent out a state-wide bulletin Tuesday to locate a man it wants to question about the death of 7-year-old Alice Louise Lee.

Sheriff Ed Elder said the man was one of the first persons questioned in the case. He added there were several persons officers wanted to question again.

The little girl's body was found faced down and partially buried with leaves several days after she vanished from a beanfield. Police said she had been strangled.

a message ordering the boys to halt.

They kept sailing for a short time, but by 10 p.m. they pulled along side a freighter, the Hurricane, in the area and reported they were all right and dropping their sails to await the Coast Guard cutter.

Larry's mother, while relieved that her son had been found safely, said: "They shouldn't be made out as heroes. This is a very serious thing they've done."

The Coast Guard reported that its extensive sea and air search for the boys cost an estimated \$30,000.

Coast Guard Finds Adventurous Boys Sailing Pacific

Long Beach, Calif. - (UPI) - A 255-foot Coast Guard cutter with 120 men aboard today caught up with three adventurous teen-agers sailing a stolen 30-foot ketch in the vast Pacific.

The cutter Ponchartrain located the Alpha I bobbing about 195 miles south of here and 100 miles off the Baja California coast near the Guadalupe Island, the apparent destination of the youths.

Although they had been at sea since Saturday night when they took the ship from Newport Beach near here, they all appeared in good condition, the Coast Guard reported.

They will be returned here aboard the Ponchartrain to face theft charges. The Alpha I will be towed back. The craft belonged to the uncle-in-law of Larry Reitz, 14, one

of the three.

The youths, Larry, Nick Brisseau, 15, and Mike Massey, 14, all of Newport Beach, had told friends before leaving that they wanted to see the world and seek their "fortune."

Only Larry had any sailing experience, said his father, Dr. M. J. Reitz, master of the Alpha I.

A Naval plane had circled the small sailing craft from late Tuesday until the Ponchartrain arrived, careful to keep out of rifle range because one of the boys pointed a rifle at a Coast Guard plane earlier.

Trial Starts For Accused Killer

San Diego, Calif. - (UPI) - The trial of a Lafayette, La., man accused of murdering his brother-in-law opened Tuesday in U. S. District Court with testimony from a dozen government witnesses.

Percy J. Cataloni, 23, an acting Marine Corp sergeant at Camp Pendleton, was accused of fatally stabbing Gary Baum, 23, of Jefferson, Ore., April 30.

The defendant's wife, Beverly Ann Baum Cataloni, 21, was not allowed to testify by the defense under the ruling a wife cannot testify against her husband. Authorities said Mrs. Cataloni was present when the slaying occurred in the couple's trailer parked at Camp Pendleton.

Cataloni's commanding officer, Capt. Salvatore Ropi, testified that two weeks before the slaying, the defendant told him he was having marital problems. Ropi said he arranged for Cataloni to see the legal officer but Cataloni canceled the appointment.

Cataloni has been free on \$2,500 bail pending trial.

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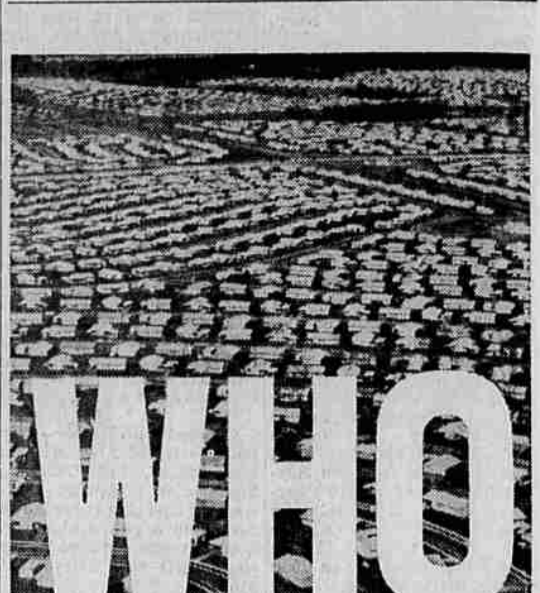
Haddonfield, N. J. - (UPI) - George P. Aldredge, 62, former vice president in charge of sales and government contracts of the Radiomarine Corporation of America, a division of the Radio Corporation of America, died Monday.

'Good Will' Held To Be Capital Gain

Portland - (UPI) - A Portland dentist and his wife were \$14,486 richer today because the U.S. District Judge John F. Kilkenny ruled that "good will" is a capital gain.

Kilkenny ruled Tuesday that the Internal Revenue Department repay that amount to Dr. and Mrs. Denton J. Rees. The amount is taxes and interest paid by Rees and his wife from 1955 to 1957.

The disputed tax collections came about as the result of a partnership agreement between Rees and Drs. Guy A. Wood Jr. and Eugene F. Butori, both of Portland, in which the latter two paid Butori \$35,000 for the "good will of the seller's established practice."



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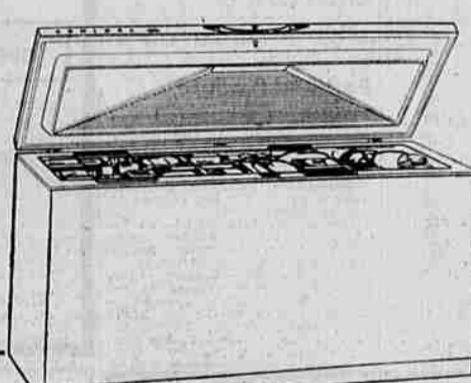
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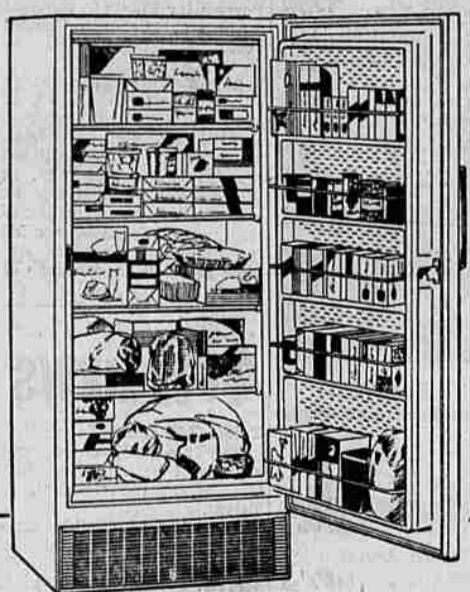
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