

The Week in California

Negotiators Work to Settle Ship Cargo Handling Dispute

By United Press International

Negotiators worked to settle a cargo handling dispute that tied up freight operations on three of the West Coast's major ports and threatened to spread to other cities in an inter-union work wrangle.

With about 4,000 longshoremen off the job in three cities, the dispute threatened to add to economic woes created by 300,000 persons already out of work because of recession in the areas.

The dispute broke out on the Los Angeles and Long Beach docks and developed into a virtual waterfront shutdown in San Francisco. By week's end picketing had not yet spread to San Diego, although officials there feared a shutdown.

Set Off Tieups

Picket lines posted by the Teamsters' union set off the dock tieups. Members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union were observing the picket lines under a mutual agreement pact, although the two unions appeared to be at cross purposes in the dispute.

The teamsters posted pickets after being ordered by their employers to stop making up freight loads on the piers.

Employers contended that under a mechanization agreement between the Pacific Maritime association and the ILWU, longshoremen are supposed to make up and take down stacks of cargo.

The teamsters complained that the agreement was costing them work.

File Unfair Charges

The PMA filed unfair labor practice charges against the teamsters, charging that the pickets violated the Taft-Hartley act by trying to force PMA members to assign the work to the teamsters instead of to longshoremen.

In response, the teamsters filed an unfair labor practice charge against the PMA and members.

Ralph Kennedy of Los Angeles, regional director of the national labor relations board, said investigators were assigned to determine facts in the case, but no hearing date has been set.

Some trucking officials said they feared the whole West Coast would be involved before the dispute was settled.

Elsewhere, there were these developments:

Fraternity: The Stanford university chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, with strong backing from university president J. Wallace Sterling and the state of California, announced that it will become an independent local fraternity. The 71-year-old

chapter was ousted by the high council of the fraternity in Chicago for accepting four Jewish students as members. Shortly after the announcement from Chicago, the California Attorney General's office said it would ask the University of California and the state colleges to withdraw recognition of local ATO chapters.

Gas: Independent service station operators met to map strategy for fighting the Los Angeles area gasoline price

Tentative Plans For Division Oked 4-H Leaders Club

Tentative plans for a 50-lot subdivision in north Medford were approved by the Medford city planning commission at its meeting Thursday night.

The subdivision is planned by Roy Wilkes and will be called the Brookhurst addition. Wilkes has already developed the Brookhurst subdivision which lies to the north of the new area.

Approval of the tentative plan means Wilkes is free to go ahead and develop the area, unless in his final plans he should depart from his preliminary plans in the design of the subdivision.

The Brookhurst addition will be located directly east of Corona ave., in an area between Morrow rd. and Grand ave. Included in the subdivision will be an extension east of Johnson st., and two new streets - Miracle and Gala lanes.

A planning commission effort to include the back portion of a number of extra-long lots along Grand ave. in the new subdivision failed because several of the property owners declined to go along with the idea. The commission had hoped to keep the rear portion of these lots from being isolated by the new subdivision.

Miss Matthews Named To College Dean's List

Portland - Anne Matthews, 601 Dakota st., Medford, has been named to the dean's list of 31 women pledged by three Lewis and Clark college sororities. Formal initiation will follow a six-week pledge period.

Miss Matthews is wearing the pledge pin of Delta Phi Gamma sorority. She is a freshman liberal arts major and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Matthews.

war that saw prices drop by as much as seven cents. Major brand gasoline was selling for as low as 22.9 cents a gallon for regular and 25.9 for premium. Some independent stations were selling regular grade gas for as low as 21.9 cents a gallon. The price war began spreading to other areas of the state, including Sacramento.

Sandritter: Dr. G. Lee Sandritter, newly appointed superintendent of Atascadero State hospital, prepared to take up his duties at the institution. His appointment - although offered and accepted last year - was announced just a week after Sandritter was summarily dismissed from his post as superintendent of Eastern State Mental hospital in Washington.

Documents: California's Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan warned that many irreplaceable documents of California's pioneer period are "now in an advanced state of deterioration." Jordan called on "the friends of history throughout the state" to "bestir themselves" and support an Assembly bill which would establish a record preservation laboratory in his office. Among threatened documents, Jordan said, are the original enrollment of the constitution of 1849, records of the Indian wars and manuscript returns of the state's first elections.

Voters: More than 800,000 Californians who failed to cast ballots in the presidential election last November have been dropped from voting lists. Secretary of State Jordan said this was done in accordance with a law passed in 1959. He said the state's new registered vote, as of the first of the year, was 6,603,226, a drop of 861,400 since the general election.

Clowns' Humour Ends in Lawsuit

Clarksdale, Miss. - (UPI) - A woman who said she was embarrassed, humiliated and injured by two grocery clowns filed a \$90,000 damage suit against the grocery and two food manufacturing firms, it was announced Friday.

Lucille Lewis, 43, said the clowns - hired by the store to promote certain products - chased her around the store while other shoppers laughed. She said she was hospitalized for aggravation of a heart ailment.

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT
Canton, Ill. - (UPI) - Town officials learned Friday that their new regulation banning vehicles of more than 10 tons from city streets has one flaw. The town's fire trucks weigh more than 10 tons.



SPACE GIRL—Miss "Space Girl," who arrived at Medford airport last Wednesday to publicize the Pacific Northwest restaurant exposition in Seattle April 11 to 13, became an honorary member of the Pear Blossom festival as Art Wood, president of the Festival association, fastened an "official" pin to her space tunic, above. On hand to

greet the space girl and her party were Mrs. Julie Tummers of Mon Desir, Cal Gormley, Grants Pass, and others. Jimmy Dunlevy, representing Mayor John Snider, accepted a huge "ticket to the moon" which represented an invitation to the restaurant exposition. The Pear Blossom festival will be held here April 8.



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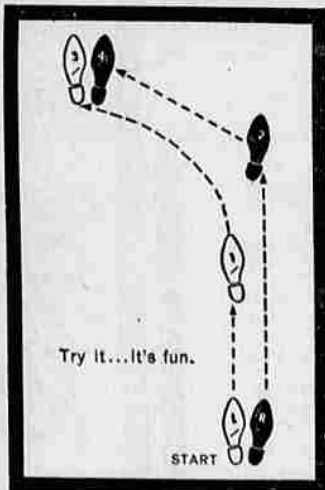
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