

STRIKE THREATENS CONSTRUCTION

Hearing Seeks Solution for Lumber Plight

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Washington — The Senate Commerce Committee today opened an extensive inquiry into ways and means of rescuing "a sick industry" — Northwest lumber.

The West Coast Lumbermen's association began the long march of industry witnesses by urging an emergency quota limiting Canadian imports to 10 per cent of United States consumption.

G. Cleveland Edgett, WCLA executive, testified that the west coast lumber industry needed immediate relief from the increasing volume of Canadian softwood lumber which amounted to 12.7 per cent of American consumption last year. The proposed quota, computed quarterly, would have the immediate effect of cutting back the present rate of imports and preventing it from rising to anticipated greater heights.

Vast Untapped Stands
Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), chairman of the committee, noted that Canada has vast untapped stands of timber in its interior which represent a long-range threat to American lumbermen unless some corrective action is taken to equalize competitive factors. He indicated the committee was open to any and all suggestions during its hearing here today and those to follow at Olympia, Wash., Portland, Boise, Idaho, and possibly in California.

Rep. Tom Pelly of Seattle called lumber "a sick industry" and noted that 100 mills in the Douglas fir region had closed in the past year.

Rep. Glenn Miller (D-Calif.) said that the Canadians have gained control of the big Atlantic Coast lumber market. Los Angeles would be their "next target." He asserted that Canada manages its commercial forests with a single purpose — successful logging — in mind while the U.S. Forest Service employs a multiple-use concept.

Slaps at Forest Service
Sen. Maurice Neuberger (D-Ore.), sitting with the committee, took its opening to slap the forest service for using its resources for "developing a seashore park at Oregon Dunes" when it belongs in the interior department.

Mortimer B. Doyle, executive vice president of the National Lumber Manufacturers association, reiterated his organization's proposal for a new tariff arrangement with Canada. It would eliminate all duties on the first 10 per cent of lumber imports in either direction, and thereafter at a 10 per cent ad valorem tariff.

Doyle also urged:
1. Use of the "buy American" act idea to restrict construction of government-insured or financed housing to domestic lumber.

2. Invocation of an agricultural act restricting forest product importation to the same as agricultural commodities.

3. Expansion of export

Clatsop Regional College Approved

Salem — The State Emergency Board gave quick approval today to the 10-year plan for development of a junior college in Clatsop county. The action allows the Oregon Education Department to release \$175,000 for renovation of an Astoria high school building, the new college's first building.

NEWS BRIEFS

CLAY PLEDGES PROTECTION
Berlin — West Berliners were fortified today with a pledge from Gen. Lucius D. Clay that the United States will protect the Communist-encircled city's interests in the American-Russian talks in Washington.

TOUR BY CUBAN PRISONERS PLANNED
Miami — Sixty Cuban prisoners of war are expected to leave for a tour of the United States today while exile leaders made plans for them to tour the country appealing for funds to release 1,119 comrades still in Castro's jails.

CHINA'S PEOPLE'S CONGRESS ENDS
Tokyo — Communist China's People's Congress wound up a 20-day secret session today with a blast at the United States, a proclamation of friendship for Russia and admission that it was having troubles at home.

Alaska Seizes Second Japanese Fishing Vessel

Illegal Use of Waters Charged

Kodiak, Alaska — Alaska officials seized a second Japanese catcher vessel, the Solichi Maru, in the Shelikoff Strait late Sunday night, apparently completing their crackdown on foreign vessels fishing in what they claimed are inland waters.

Gov. William A. Egan said the complaint was served on the captain of the vessel without incident and that the boat was proceeding to Kodiak.

Captain To Be Arraigned

He said the captain would be arraigned on the same charges as were the captains of the Ohtori Maru, another catcher vessel which was seized Saturday night, and the Banhsu Maru, mother ship of the Japanese fishing fleet.

A spokesman for the governor said the seizure of the Solichi Maru apparently wrapped up the crackdown. He said there were no plans to pursue and arrest any more of the Japanese vessels.

State Fish and Game Department officials indicated the actions were taken to protect the state's rich crab-fishing grounds.

Looking at Future
One official said the state was not so much concerned with Japanese fishing for herring in the area, as the seized vessel was doing.

What they were worried about, however, was that if the Japanese were allowed to do so unhindered, they would later think they had unrestricted fishing rights and would cut into the crab-fishing which netted Alaskan fishermen 27 million pounds of crab meat last year.

Orchard Heating General in Valley; 27 Degrees Noted

Orchard heating was "pretty general" throughout the Rogue valley early this morning, Clatsop Horticultural Agent Clifford B. Cordy reported.

Heating started about 2 o'clock this morning with a general lighting about 4 a.m., Cordy said. It continued, generally, for about two hours or until about 6 o'clock.

Lowest temperature recorded in the coldest places was 27 degrees.

Cordy pointed out that there was the usual Monday morning accumulation of smoke other than that from orchard heating which probably made the heating appear heavier than it really was.

"The petals are pretty well off on the early pear varieties," Cordy noted. "The winter injury didn't cause too much damage to orchard trees."

"We still have to get through a couple of drop periods, but the potential for a good crop of pears is there," Cordy noted.

Machines Rifled For Second Time

Ashland — Bill Hampton, owner of the Bohemian club, 347 East Main st., notified police that the club's pinball machines were broken into last night for the second time in less than a week.

Ashland police reported this morning that someone pried open three pinball machines in the club sometime after 2 a.m. and took an undetermined amount of cash. Only last Tuesday, someone broke into two pinball machines and took the cash inside.

In both instances, there was no evidence of forced entry, indicating that the thief might have hidden inside before closing time, police said.

Traffic Violations In March Total 20,492

Salem — There were 20,492 convictions for traffic violations in Oregon in March, the State Motor Vehicles Department said today. This was more than 1,000 convictions over March, 1961.

BPA DECREASE PROPOSED
Washington — President Kennedy today proposed a decrease of \$3 million in his budget request for the construction program of the Bonneville Power administration for the 1963 fiscal year starting July 1.

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WEIGHING IN—It was a tough fight but they made it. It took six men to weigh the new elephant calf at the Portland Zoo. Shown trying to get Belle's baby on the scales are Dr. Mathew Maberry, zoo veterinarian, at the scales; Ken Berry, in front of the calf, and Morgan Berry, owner of the new arrival and his mother, with his back to the camera. The baby checked in at 225 pounds. Berry said he may sell Belle and her baby unless the Portland Zoo buys them. He said he has been offered \$30,000 and will make up his mind in about two weeks. (UPI)

WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Warmer. Low tonight 35. High Tuesday 80.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 64
Lowest This Morning 32
Sun Skies Tonight
Sunset today 6:45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:15 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow 1:16 a.m.
Full Moon April 19
The star, Denebola, due south tonight at 10:15 p.m. is almost directly above the Moon. And north of Denebola is the Big Dipper.

Medford Cyclists Killed by Auto

Two young Medford men, riding bicycles along Highway 99 about 50 miles north of Chico, Calif., were killed early Sunday when struck from behind by an auto driven by Richard C. Sands, 28, of Chico. The accident occurred about 1 a.m.

Dead are Thomas P. Schuler, 19, of 1032 Woodrow lane, and Clair F. Varney, 20, of 113 Rose ave.

Sands, vice president of the Valley Irrigation District of Orland, Calif., was being held for investigation on two counts of felony manslaughter.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Perl funeral home.

Residents Vote Down Annexation

Grants Pass — An effort by this city to annex an area which has a population of 600 south of the Rogue river has failed at the polls.

The proposed annexation was defeated by the voters in the area Friday. The final vote was 73 to 65 against annexation.

Less than half of the area's 294 registered voters turned out to cast ballots.

The area involved, called the West Park area, is bounded by the river, Sixth st., Highway 190 and the Josephine county fairgrounds.

Monmouth Students Claiming World Record After Party Over Week End

Monmouth — A men's dormitory at Oregon College of Education threw a little party over the week end in honor of senior week end and springtime. The party lasted 60 hours and 15 minutes, and the 95 men in Maaske hall are claiming a world's record.

The party began at 11 a.m. Friday and ran nonstop to 11:15 p.m. Sunday. A total of 200 students took part, including coeds. They did the twist, had water fights, serenaded each other, had a jam session, played softball and volleyball, went on picnics, had a 3 a.m. chili feed Saturday, went on scavenger hunts, and even had some formal events such as a dinner Sunday and a dance Sunday night. A big candle that was lighted at the start of the partying made it through all events.

Plans To Reduce Berlin Garrison Strength Denied

Washington — The State Department today denounced as wholly inaccurate a report that the United States had proposed a 3,500-man reduction in Berlin as part of a settlement offer to the Russians.

State Department spokesman Lincoln White called a special news conference and announced to newsmen that "no such proposal on troop reductions has been made."

The statement was made only a few hours before Secretary of State Dean Rusk was scheduled to meet with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin in the first of a new round of talks on Berlin.

White referred specifically to a published report from Bonn that the United States was proposing a possible reduction in the number of U.S. British and French troops in West Berlin from 12,500 to 9,000.

He said the "piece in the papers this morning is wholly inaccurate."

Officials added privately that it was "remarkable" that sources in Bonn would seek, as they put it, to "undermine the morale of the people of Berlin." They referred to the sources who provided the material for the news story.

Railroad Building To Be Rehabilitated

Rehabilitation of the old Jacksonville railroad depot will start in the "next few weeks," James Tucker, of Tucker Sno-Cat, Medford, said today.

Tucker purchased approximately 1 1/2 acres of property which includes the railroad depot from Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kenny, Jacksonville, recently.

Tucker plans to build a rustic type 20-unit motel as soon as the new Jacksonville sewer system is completed. Later, if finances permit, he plans an apartment house for the corner of Oregon and C sts., Jacksonville which will complement the motel to be built on the corner of California and Oregon sts.

The old Lyden house, which was included in the purchase, will have to be torn down, Tucker said, since it is a fire hazard and beyond repair.

Albany Citizens Act In Opposition to DST

Albany — The founder of the first organized opposition to "early hours" for Albany said today his "Shop in Salem" movement has grown since Saturday.

Lyle Wachtel, a plywood mill worker, said he has formed what he calls "All American Consumers Pool No. 1," a club dedicated to shopping in Salem for a year in retaliation for the city's favoring daylight hours.

Neutrals Propose Scientists Police Test Ban Treaty

Geneva — The eight neutral members of the disarmament conference proposed today that a nuclear test ban treaty be policed by a commission of scientists from uncommitted countries.

The three nuclear powers promised to study the neutrals' plan. But the United States and Britain argued that the essential element of on-site inspection of suspicious events was passed over lightly and there was no provision for sanctions against the nation caught cheating.

The neutrals' bid to break the deadlock on nuclear testing was introduced to the 17-nations disarmament conference on behalf of all by Brazil's Roberto Assumpcao de Araujo.

Monitoring Network
Submitted in the form of a memorandum, the neutrals' proposal appeared to be based mainly on an earlier Swedish plan. It called for an international monitoring network based on existing national networks of observation posts which the neutrals contended "already include in their scientific endeavors the detection and identification of man-made explosions."

The information from such national networks, the neutrals proposed, should be processed by "an international committee of a limited number of highly-qualified scientists, possibly from non-aligned countries."

Oregon Accidents Snuff Three Lives

By United Press International
At least three persons died in separate traffic accidents in Oregon during the week end. And a man was killed about 1 a.m. today on the Banfield freeway near Portland.

Max Moland, about 26, of Portland Air Base, was killed when his car struck an abutment.

Week end victims were Patricia K. Diehl, 19, Blue River; O. P. Miller, 56, Kennewick, Wash., and Karl Val-leau, 39, Salem.

The Diehl girl was fatally injured Sunday in a one-car crash near Creswell.

Miller, a truck driver who received a national 25-year award for safe driving this year, was crushed to death in a freak truck-trailer accident at Hood River Saturday.

Valleau was killed in a two-car collision at Salem Friday night.

Carpenters Call Walkout As Talks Fail

Portland — A strike began today that threatened a recurrence of last summer's major construction tieup in Oregon and southwest Washington.

The strike was called by the carpenters union which has some 12,000 carpenters, millwrights and piledrivers in Oregon and five Southwest Washington counties. It came after negotiations between 10 employer groups and the union broke down.

Pickets showed up shortly after 8 a.m. at two major Portland jobs—the new Hilton Hotel and the Standard Insurance building, halting work.

Gerald Larsen, executive secretary of the Portland District Council of Carpenters, said some individual employers signed interim agreements after the strike began.

Work on Freeway Structures Stops In Rogue Valley

Contractors for the construction of structures on the Pacific freeway will be the only ones affected by the Carpenters' strike, as far as could be determined today.

About 40 carpenters will be affected, it was explained, but additional union workers are not expected to cross picket lines this afternoon. Pickets appeared this morning on structure projects of the Lilllebo Construction company between Medford and Ashland, and went on at noon today on the viaduct through Medford, a Peter Klewit Sons' company project. About 40 workers will be involved at the latter project, it was stated.

Contractors said that other freeway projects where carpenters are not employed, will not be affected. These projects would include grading and interchange work.

'Substantial Margin'
Larsen said union members turned down the contract proposal by a "substantial margin."

The strike was the second in the construction industry in Oregon and Southwest Washington in two years.

The Hoisting and Portable Engineers last year struck for 54 days against the contractors.

Gov. Mark Hatfield Friday issued an appeal for both sides to avert a strike. He said such a dispute would be too costly to the state.

Wage Increase Asked
At the Saturday meeting, the union asked for a one-year contract with a 20-cent an hour wage increase and a 20-cent hike in health and welfare pension benefits.

The union also proposed an increase in transportation reimbursement, a 50-cent difference between foremen and journeymen and double time for all overtime.

The contractors rejected the union proposals.

They offered a three-year contract with a 52-cent an hour wage increase and continuation of the present health and welfare payments.

Commandos Attack French Army Camp
Algiers — Secret Army commandos attacked a French army camp on the outskirts of Oran today but were driven off in a spectacular three-hour gun-battle.

Kremlin Proposal on Viet Nam Turned Down

London — Britain today formally rejected a Kremlin proposal for a joint Anglo-Russian appeal to the United States to "stop intervening in Viet Nam."

The British government instead reminded the Soviet Union of her failure to restrain the Communist North Vietnamese from systematic attempts to overthrow the democratic government of South Viet Nam.

"Well, That Was Sure A Short Day!"

