

Oregon Jobs Feel Effect Of Walkout

Portland—UPI—Striking carpenters and contractors prepared today to resume negotiations Wednesday afternoon, while the paralysis of the two-day-old strike crept through Oregon.

It already had closed down work at the \$400 million John Day dam, two schools at Albany, a number of highway projects in Oregon, the \$1.6 million Medford viaduct job, and Portland's Hilton hotel, Standard Plaza and Post Office projects.

The strike involves some 12,000 members of the Carpenters and Joiners Union in Oregon and southwest Washington. They are seeking wage, benefit and transportation increases from contractor's groups in a new one-year contract.

Some Not Striking

Not all of the 12,000, however, were striking. Some, as in the Eugene area, signed interim agreements. In southwest Washington most work continued. And in some cases, the carpenters, pile drivers and millwrights simply quit working without setting up picket lines.

Federal mediator George V. Walker was to attend the negotiating session at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the offices of Associated General Contractors here. Walker arranged the resumption of talks.

The strike brought fears of a repeat of last year's summer construction halt, when another union, the Holston and Portland Engineers, walked out in a contract dispute.

In that strike, employers responded to picketing by closing down projects. It lasted for 54 days.

An employer spokesman here said it has not been decided whether spot picketing in the current strike will be considered a strike against all employers. That has been the basis for employer shutdowns in past disputes.

Street Lines Get Coat of White Paint

Street center lines, crosswalk and parking stall markers in Medford are receiving a coat of white paint.

Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe said the change-over from yellow paint conforms with instructions received from the state highway department.

Yellow will still be used to indicate "No Parking" spaces, Thorpe said, and also will be used for street center striping to indicate that passing is not allowed.

The painting project, begun last week, will be carried on continuously—as weather permits—for the rest of the year, Thorpe said.

REFUGE CONTINUED

Washington—UPI—The Senate Irrigation Subcommittee today approved legislation to assure continued federal maintenance of the Tulelake, Upper Klamath and Lower Klamath wildfowl refuges in California and Oregon.

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OAS Terrorists Strike in Algiers

Algiers, Algeria—UPI—French army troops, backed by gendarmes in armored half-tracks, cordoned off downtown Oran today for a house-to-house search for Secret Army Organization (OAS) commandos and arms caches.

It was the second such operation in this tension-ridden port city of western Algeria in the past two days. The entire district was closed off and no one was permitted to leave or enter during the search.

There was no immediate report of resistance. In Algiers, OAS terrorists struck soon after the end of the dusk-to-dawn curfew. One Moslem was killed and another wounded in early morning attacks.

The OAS exploded a strong charge of dynamite in downtown Algiers at 1 p.m. Police said it damaged the office of the newspaper Journal D'Algier.

Police sources reported that a nine-man OAS unit disarmed a police officer on a busy street in downtown Algiers and escaped in the morning crowds.

They said the officer arrived with several constables to investigate a shooting. While his men were speaking to witnesses the OAS group approached the officer in his jeep, ordered him out, took his weapons and then disappeared.

Ex-Premier George Bidault's reported support for the OAS was seen as a desperate effort by the terrorist underground to rally Europeans for an all-out fight to block Algerian independence.

Flemming Notes Need for Caring For Mentally Ill

The nation demands that the mentally ill be placed behind barred windows and locked doors, and once there society acts as though it couldn't care less, according to Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Eugene, former secretary of health, education and welfare.

Dr. Flemming summarized the recent report of the congressional commission on mental illness and health at the annual meeting of the Jackson County Family and Guidance Clinic association Monday night.

He stressed the need for society to start caring about the mentally ill and stop treating them as "social outcasts."

The speaker, who is president of the University of Oregon, stressed the need of vol-

unteers in the mental health picture, stating that workers are needed to take an interest in these patients before and after they have been discharged from the hospital.

Reviewing Report
In reviewing the commission's report, Dr. Flemming explained that there are many exceptions to the generalities given in the report, but he said the generalities are more true than not.

"We read about these conditions in the newspapers and magazines, are shocked, but take no substantial action to correct the situation," the speaker stressed.

The public insists that mental hospitals have an A rating as a custodial hospital, Dr. Flemming explained, but disregard the low medical ratings.

There are between 700,000 and 750,000 persons in mental hospitals today, he said, with between 80 and 85 per cent of them in state mental hospitals. What happens in these hospitals determines what is going to happen to the majority of the nation's mental health patients.

The commission found that one-half of the mental patients received no active treatment of any kind to improve their conditions. The mental hospitals were being used as "dumping grounds for social outcasts," the report continued, and that only 20 per cent of these hospitals have instituted therapeutic reforms researched in recent years.

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Fire Destroys Mill In Grants Pass

Grants Pass—Fire this morning destroyed a sawmill owned by State Senator E. D. (Debb) Potts on Monument dr., north of Grants Pass.

Potts said he believed the fire started from an explosion of a battery used to start a diesel motor to run equipment in the mill. The mill was being opened this morning for the first time this year.

Ten men were employed at the mill, which was used for sawing big logs. Potts also operates a stud mill in Grants Pass. The mill was considered a total loss.

JFK May Form Group to Check Steel Industry

Less Punitive Approach Seen

Washington—UPI—The Kennedy administration appeared today to be moving toward creation of a special presidential commission to investigate steel prices and profits.

There were parallel signs that congressional inquiries into the steel industry's abortive price rise might take a less "punitive" approach than previously indicated.

Reported Anxious

Both President Kennedy and his brother, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, were reported anxious to avoid any impression that they were trying to punish steel firms that were the target of White House wrath last week.

Assistant Senate Democratic leader Hubert H. Humphrey's plan for setting up a tripartite commission to take an objective look at the steel industry was discussed this morning by the President and congressional leaders at a White House meeting.

Speaker John McCormack said afterward that the President's success in reversing would strengthen the administration's hand in Congress.

Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg was reported to be behind the plan for the special presidential steel study group.

He played a key role in administration moves to bring pressure on the industry.

Meantime, Chairman Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) said his Senate antimonopoly subcommittee would begin hearings in about six weeks on last week's developments.

County Elections Department Will Be Open Until 8

The Jackson county elections department in the courthouse will remain open until 8 o'clock tonight to handle late voter registrations.

Today is the last day to register to vote in the May 18 primary election.

Elections department personnel were busy yesterday and this morning tabulating week end registrations, and hope to have some semi-final figures later today.

The voter registration booth at the Crater Lions Sportsfair resulted in a total of 192 registrations over the week end. A total of 200 voters registered during the day yesterday, and 100 last night as the office stayed open until 8 p.m.

Printing of election ballots also is moving along. The absentee judicial ballots were printed Monday, and the measures and political party ballots for absentee voters should be completed by Thursday, County Clerk Marvin Madden said today.

Pear Blossom King, Queen Are Selected

Selection of the 1962 King and Queen of the ninth annual Pearl Blossom festival was made Sunday afternoon at the Crater Lions Sportsfair.

Jonni Joann Rice, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rice Jr., 2690 Howard ave., Medford, sponsored by the Associated Restaurant Supply company, was selected queen. Phil Hilger, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hilger, Rogue River, sponsored by Larry's Walk In, was chosen king.

Judges interviewed the 23 candidates previous to their appearance on the Armory stage.

The king and queen for the 1961 festival were introduced. They are Donald Emery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Emery, formerly of Medford now of Crescent City, Calif., and Teresa Lynn Stickley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Stickley, 509 Beatty st., Medford.

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Portlanders Respond To Save Belle and Baby for City Zoo

Portland, Ore.—The people of Portland, their hearts stolen by Belle and her baby elephant, moved today to save the pair from the animal dealers by buying them for the city.

A drive was launched to raise \$30,000 within two weeks to purchase Belle and her three-day-old son.

That is the amount of time granted to the city under an option concluded here Monday between City Commissioner Ormond Bean and Belle's owner, Morgan Berry of Seattle.

The fuzzy gray baby—35 inches tall and tipping the scales at 225 pounds—was born Saturday, the first elephant birth in this country in 43 years. Since then he has charmed crowds at Portland Zoo.

Blast Shatters Chemical Plant; 30 Employees Hurt



FIRE FOLLOWS EXPLOSION—Firemen are shown fighting one of a series of fires which broke out following an early-morning explosion which injured 30 persons at the Olin Mathieson Chemical plant Brandenburg, Ky. (UPI)

Damage Figured In Millions; Fire Follows Explosion

Half of Plant's Buildings Smashed

Brandenburg, Ky.—UPI—An explosion heard more than 30 miles away shattered the Doe Run plant of the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. early today, causing damage estimated at several million dollars and injuring at least 30 employees.

A hospital at Elizabethtown, Ky., admitted 14 victims of the blast for treatment of injuries, and others were treated elsewhere. Three of the injured were reported in serious condition, including one man who was first listed as missing but later was found in the wreckage.

Highly Volatile

The first explosion occurred at 4:10 a.m. (CST) in a storage of ethylene oxide, a highly volatile chemical. Other smaller blasts followed. Fires burned in the area until after 8 a.m.

"It is a miracle that it was nothing worse," said Joe Street, personnel manager of the 100-acre plant.

The explosion shattered buildings in about half the plant area, and blew out windows in homes and stores in Brandenburg, two to three miles away. A cloud of smoke could be seen from at least 25 miles away and the first blast awoke residents of Louisville, Ky., more than 30 miles to the northeast.

The first report from the Meade county sheriff's office said 15 persons had been killed, but all of the supposed victims eventually were found alive.

The plant employs 500 persons, about 60 of them on the night shift. It was built in 1951, replacing a small boom town out of this previously quiet little village on the banks of the Ohio River below Louisville, near Fort Knox.

Condemnation Suit Starts in Court

The Oregon state highway commission is seeking condemnation of 13.65 acres along Bear creek extending to Ellendale rd., for right-of-way for the Seven Oaks-Neil Creek section of the new freeway, according to opening statements this morning in Jackson county circuit court.

The state has offered \$22,380 for the three pieces of property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spatz, Mrs. Clarice Spatz, Martha Spatz, George W. and Marjory Field and the Rogue Valley Land company.

Property owners claim that the actual property taken and the damage caused to their holdings by taking the separated three pieces of land is worth \$147,500.

In their opening statements this morning to the jury, Attorneys George Roberts and William Kellington, representing the property owners, said they would attempt to prove the value of the land taken is \$57,000 and the damage caused by the taking is worth \$90,000.

Salem Woman Killed In California Crash

Dorris, Calif.—Mrs. Duane Wolcott, 63, of Salem, was killed about 11:30 a.m. today on Highway 97 three miles south of Dorris when the car in which she was a passenger struck the rear end of a truck, according to the California highway patrol.

Wolcott, 67, driver of the car, was taken to Klamath Valley hospital. He is reported in critical condition.

"Perhaps You'd Like To See Something Less Expensive—"

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The dinner will start at 6:30 o'clock tonight, members of the organization said. Because of the interest in the home rule proposal the meeting is open to the public.

Richard Courtwright will speak on behalf of the charter, and William Deatherage will speak in opposition to it. A question and answer period is scheduled after the presentations.

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