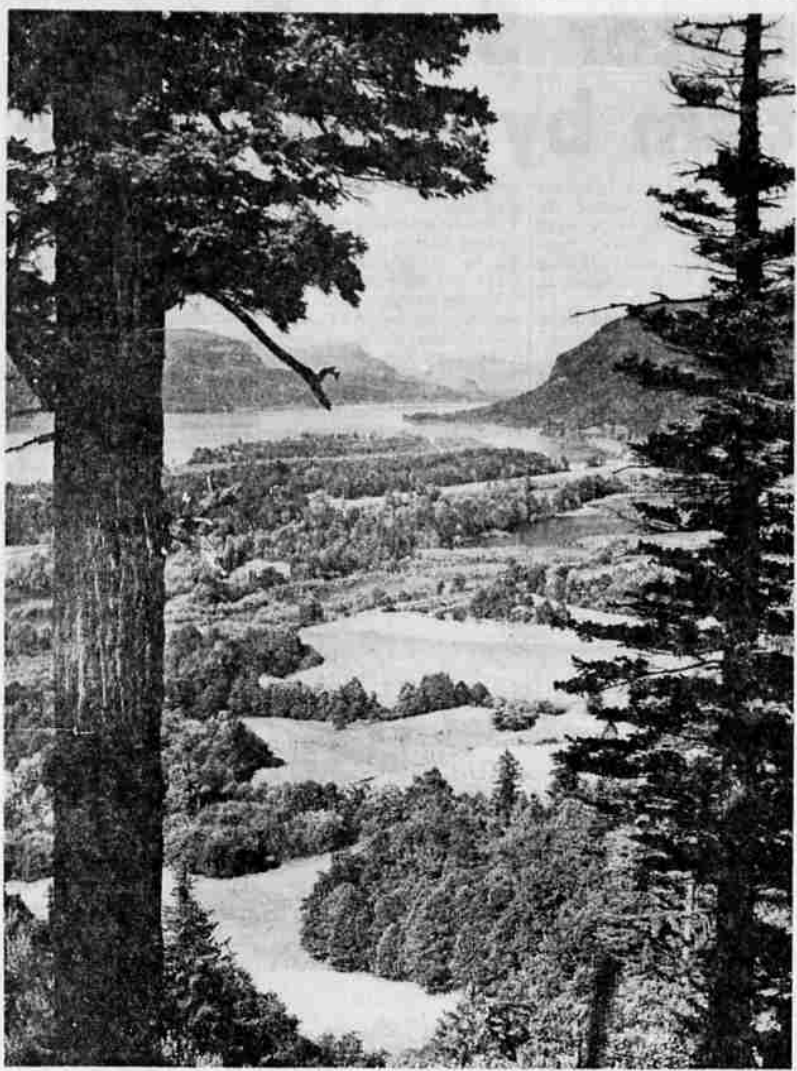




The scenic highway through Oregon's Columbia river gorge.

Strike Figures Hold Preliminary Talks in Capital

Washington—(AP)—Principals in the long, costly strike by iron workers in the Pacific Northwest gathered for preliminary meetings here today before getting together with a special federal mediator Wednesday.

Meanwhile, in Oregon, Gov. Mark Hatfield issued another bulletin on the impact of the strike. He said the payroll loss for idle carpenters and laborers alone has been more than \$2.5 million. Carpenters and laborers either are observing picket lines or are locked out.

The first Hatfield bulletin listed five stalled school projects.

Started May 28.

The Portland local of the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers has been out on strike in Oregon and Southwestern Washington since May 28. Locals in the Seattle and Spokane, Wash., regions also have been out.

Negotiating committees for the two sides are scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the U.S. Department of Labor building with special mediator John T. Dunlap.

Chairman of Board

Dunlap, chairman of the Department of Economics at Harvard, is also chairman of the National Joint Appeals Board, an agency set up by contractors and unions to settle strikes in the construction industry. Northwest contractors have tried to have the dispute submitted to the Appeals Board for arbitration, but the union has refused.

The union is seeking wage increases of 33 cents an hour for structural workers and 38 cents an hour for reinforcing workers, plus changes in travel pay and other items.

HOLMES APPOINTED

Salem—(AP)—Gov. Mark Hatfield Monday named former Gov. Robert D. Holmes chairman of United Nations Day in Oregon.

NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

FORWARD MOVE ON TEST BAN HOPED

Geneva—(AP)—The United States told the 17-nation Disarmament Conference today it hopes new data on detecting underground nuclear tests will enable "a real forward movement" to take place in negotiations for a nuclear test ban treaty.

KENNEDY TO CONFER WITH APPOINTEE

Washington—(AP)—Cleveland Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze was due at the White House today to discuss with President Kennedy his appointment to be Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

FRENCH PRESIDENT DEFENDS PROGRAM

Paris—(AP)—Premier Georges Pompidou vigorously defended France's plans for an independent nuclear striking force today and defeated a National Assembly effort to topple his government.

Soblen Says Wound Not Try at Suicide

London—(AP)—Convicted Soviet spy Dr. Robert Soblen, 62, disclosed in court today he wounded himself on a plane from Israel to London solely to thwart his return to the United States. He said he had not tried to kill himself.

Looking pale, haggard and feeble, Soblen appeared before three justices of Britain's High Court on a habeas corpus writ in an effort to keep from being deported.

In an affidavit read to the court by his attorney, Soblen

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said he slashed his wrists and

knifed himself in the abdomen

about an hour after his plane

left Athens en route to London.

"My sole object was to

make it necessary for me to

be landed," he said in the

affidavit. "It was not a case

of attempted suicide."

The same document said he

was bleeding so profusely

from his wounds that a British

doctor declined to allow

him to continue on to New

York.

The court wound up with

a short 45-minute session

during which Soblen's attorney,

Elwyn Jones, summed up his

plea and termed the whole

affair "in fact an illegal one."

The court then adjourned until

Wednesday.

Before the recess, Soblen

had petitioned the court to

allow him to "live quietly"

in England or "go to a country

of my choice" rather than

face life imprisonment in the

United States.

Icebergs Off Coast Said Hoax

Tillamook—(AP)—Three ice-

bergs reported off the Oregon

coast Monday turned out to be

a joke that snowballed.

The Coast Guard learned of

the hoax after dispatching a

boat to track down the ice-

bergs. The Coast Guard also

considered flying a plane

down from Alaska.

The Coast Guard called off

its search after two fishermen

for the Tillamook public utility

district admitted their tale

of three icebergs drifting

southwest off Oregon was con-

trived and had gotten out of

hand.

They said they had been

joking among themselves,

when an office worker heard

the report, thought it was

true, and passed it on to of-

ficial sources.

Expense Account Crackdown Whittled

Washington—(AP)—The Senate

Finance Committee today

sharply whittled back Presi-

dent Kennedy's plan to crack

down on expense account

spending as it rushed to com-

plete work on the embattled

tax revision bill.

The action slashed millions

of dollars of revenue from the

House passed bill. It amounted

to a sharp reversal on several

key features of the adminis-

tration measure.

By an 8-6 vote, the Senate

group voted to allow deduc-

tions for business expenses

and travel if "incurred by a

prudent man." This tentative-

ly knocked out the House

language which would deny

such deductions unless direct-

ly related to active conduct

of trade or business.

London—(AP)—Sir Winston

Churchill, 87, today took his

first steps since he broke his

left thigh in a fall 20 days

ago.

Motion To Table Program Passes By Vote of 52-48

All 100 Senators

Vote on Showdown

Washington—(AP)—The Senate

Tuesday killed President

Kennedy's compromise old-

age health care plan.

The vote was 52-48.

The administration defeat

came on adoption of a motion

to table the bipartisan hospi-

tal-nursing care program fi-

nanced through higher social

security taxes.

All 100 senators voted on

the crucial showdown.

On the vote that put the bill

to death for the session, 21

Democrats teamed up with 31

Republicans to deal another

legislative defeat to Kennedy.

Voting to keep the bill alive

were 43 Democrats and 5 Re-

publicans.

Galleries Overflow

The public galleries in the

Senate were overflowing for

the crucial moment. Specta-

tors sat on the steps and lined

the doorways. It was the larg-

est crowd seen this year in the

Senate. A number of House

members also went to the

Senate to watch the pro-

ceedings.

Democratic Leader Mike

Mansfield had set the tone in

advance by saying this was the

few votes could affect the

quality of American life more

than this one.

Mansfield earlier had pre-

dicted the administration

would eke out a hairline vic-

tory. His prediction came

after a Democratic leadership

conference with the President.

Both Sides Maneuver

The Montana Democrat is-

sued the forecast only a few

hours before the showdown

on the stormy election-year

issue. With time ticking

away, both sides maneuvered

behind the scenes for votes.

Regardless of the defeat, it

will figure heavily in next

fall's battle for control of

Congress. Democrats said the

defeat reinforced Kennedy's

claim that he needs a bigger

congressional majority to

write his programs into law.

The Senate proposal would

have financed basic health

benefits such as hospitaliza-

tion and nursing care for an

estimated 18 million aging

Americans through higher so-

cial security taxes on workers

and their employees. It would

not pay doctors' fees.

Counties Gain in Highway Revenues

Salem—(AP)—Oregon's 36

counties gained \$2.9 million

in state highway revenues for

a three month period that

ended June 30, Secretary of

State Howell Appling Jr. said

today.

The apportionment to coun-

ties is based on 19 per cent

of state motor vehicle regis-

trations, fuel taxes, motor

carrier fees and fines.

Multnomah county, with

276,178 vehicles, drew the big-

gest share of \$814,516.

Lane county was second

with \$281,219, and Marion

county was third at \$190,137.

Other counties apportioned

\$100,000 or more were Clack-

amas, \$180,163; Washington,

\$147,777; Jackson, \$135,023;

Douglas, \$111,920, and Linn,

\$100,654.

Gilliam county, with 2,224

vehicles, received the smallest

slice, \$9,559.

McGinty, Reservists Receive Big Welcome

Portland—(AP)—Bands, dig-

nities, wives and children

manned at the harbor wall

today to welcome the USS

McGinty and her 180

Oregon Naval reserv-

ists home from nine months

at sea.

The crowd even included a

few babies never seen by

their fathers. They were born

after the McGinty put out to

sea last fall as part of the na-

tion's military buildup.

Sugar Marketing Quota for 1962 Set

Washington—(AP)—The Agri-

culture Department Monday

set the domestic sugar mar-

keting quota for 1962 at an

annual rate of 5,810,000 tons,

more than 10 per cent above

the previously announced

quota of 5,185,000 tons.

The calendar year quota

for the domestic areas: do-

mestic beet sugar, 2,650,000

tons; mainland cane sugar,

895,000 tons; Hawaii, 1,110,

000 tons; Puerto Rico, 1,140,

000 tons, and Virgin Islands,

15,000 tons.



13 Fires Believed Work of Arsonist Around Grants Pass

Grants Pass—Thirteen fires, believed to be the work of an arsonist, broke out in the area north and east of Grants Pass in about two hours yesterday afternoon.

Twelve of the fires were small and quickly extinguished, but one burned 250 acres in the Granite hill area one mile north of Grants Pass before it was controlled this morning.

Elsewhere in the state, about 65 firefighters con-

tinued to fight spot fires in the Hunters Creek area near Gold Beach. More than 1.5 million board feet of logs belonging to the Evans Products company burned late yesterday.

The first of the Grants Pass area fires was reported in the Sunny Valley area north of Mt. Sexton about 1:45 p.m.

The others followed in a pattern along Highway 99 toward Grants Pass, on Foothill Blvd., east of the city and in the Evans creek area.

There were six fires north of Grants Pass, including the big one, four along Foothill Blvd., and three along Evans creek toward Wimer. The 13th fire was reported about 4 p.m.

Because of the number of fires and the pattern in which they broke out, Curt Nesheim, state forestry department district warden, said "We have a strong suspicion that they were the result of arson."

Nesheim said he had not heard of a case in which so many fires occurred in succession for some time. "Incendiary fires used to be common in this area, but not any more," he explained.

Under Investigation

Yesterday's fires are under investigation by the state forestry department and state police.

A crew of 70 men was used to fight the Granite hill fire which was not controlled until this morning. Nesheim said the blaze might actually have been two fires since it burned on both sides of Highway 99.

Priscilla Averill, Mail Tribune Grants Pass correspondent, reported that motorists were using headlights while it was still daylight because of the thick smoke in the fire area around Highway 99. The smoke spread over the city itself, virtually hiding the sunset from view.

Two Buildings Burned

In addition to the 250 acres of brush and timber that were burned, the fire also destroyed a two-story house and a guest house near it. They were believed to have been unoccupied.

The Evans Products company fire near Gold Beach broke out Monday afternoon in 6.5 million board feet of logs stacked four to five stories high in places. Cause of the fire was not immediately known.

Fire crews spent the night pulling smoking logs from the burning decks and dumping them into ponds.