

Hoffa Starts Communications Workers Raid

The Beauties of Scenic Oregon

(Oregon State Highway Commission Photo)



Odell lake, in central Oregon, in the late afternoon has all the glitter of the mountain, Diamond Peak, in the background.

Teamsters Chief Launches Drive In San Francisco

Better Contract Among Promises

San Francisco (UPI) — Teamsters Union President James Hoffa has launched a drive to sign up 263,000 members of the Communications Workers of America.

Hoffa, appearing Wednesday night before 500 San Francisco Bay Area CWA members, said his 1.5 million member union could do them more good and invited them to desert the CWA. He added that he plans to make similar bids to communication workers across the nation.

Not Better Overnight

Hoffa told telephone employees that he wouldn't promise them better conditions "overnight."

"But be assured," he said, "that in future negotiations you would have the full power, financial resources and militancy of 1.5 million members of this union behind you."

Hoffa and other Teamster officials were in San Francisco, in one of the first Teamster efforts to recruit CWA workers into Teamster ranks. "In a few days we'll move on 25,000 plant employees in New York," Teamster Vice President Harold Gibbons said.

Drive Finds Support

Hoffa's drive has picked up some support here. Several officials of CWA locals have begun to organize for the Teamsters. One, Joseph Hightower, president of the Oakland, Calif., CWA local, said he was interested primarily in bettering conditions of telephone workers.

"Most truck drivers start to work for more money than we get after 5 1/2 years," he said.

In a statement Wednesday the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company told workers that if they wanted to join a union, their interests would be best served by a union that knows something about the telephone business.

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Britain Orders Soblen's Return To United States To Serve Term

No Grounds Found For Granting Political Asylum

Trip Expected To Start Friday

London (UPI) — Britain today refused political asylum to Dr. Robert Soblen and ordered him back to the United States to start serving a life sentence for spying for the Soviets.

Soblen was expected to be headed for an American jail by Friday night.

Home Secretary Henry Brooke, in an announcement to the House of Commons, said the British government had found "no ground for granting Dr. Soblen political asylum here."

"He is not in danger of persecution in his own country for his political opinions or on racial grounds," Brooke said.

"Dr. Soblen is a convicted spy, a fugitive from a sentence imposed on him by the courts of a country whose life is based on democratic institutions and constitutional guarantees."

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CONTRACT SIGNED — Aluminum Company of America and the Aluminum Workers Union signed a contract in St. Louis, Mo., Wednesday night, ending a strike that lasted less than 20 hours. Federal mediator William Rose, standing, looks on as William Davis, director of industrial rela-

tions for Alcoa from Pittsburgh, Pa., left, and Eddie Stahl, Fulton, Mo., president of AWIU, right, sign the contracts. A. J. Feeley, Pottsville, Pa., president of Local 405 there, at extreme right, smiles happily at what Stahl called a "very satisfactory" settlement. (UPI)

Miss Gebhard Is Named Queen of Gold Rush Event

Jacksonville — Miss Judith Ann Gebhard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin H. Gebhard, Central Point, was named Queen of the Jacksonville Gold Rush Jubilee last night.

Miss Gebhard was sponsored by the Crater Lions club. She was named queen on the basis of the number of Jubilee tickets sold. The sale of tickets in the queen's contest ended last night.

Second place winner in the queen's contest was Miss Melba Graham, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. E. O. Graham, Jacksonville, and third place winner was Miss Pamela Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hart, Ruch.

Miss Graham was sponsored by the Ruth Reheka lodge, and Miss Hart was sponsored by the Ruth Parent Teachers association executive committee.

Complete Queen's Court. Completing the queen's court for the 21st day celebration in Jacksonville are Miss Karen Holley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Holley, Central Point, and Miss Nancy Maxson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Maxson, Medford.

Jubilee activities will start tomorrow evening featuring entertainment, carnival rides, and various contests.

Among those participating in the event are Miss Martha Wyatt, who recently was named Miss Oregon of 1962, and Pinto Colvig and his son, Bourke. Pinto Colvig is known as "Bozo the Clown," and his son, "Scraps, the Musical Clown."

A western pageant written and directed by Mrs. Edna G. Sawyer, will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Jacksonville school grounds instead of the Jacksonville Community hall as stated in yesterday's Mail Tribune.

Electric power was out for about an hour and 12 minutes in the residential district north of East Main st., Pacific Power and Light company officials said. The power pole was replaced and power restored as soon as possible.

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Reynolds, Alcoa Join in Pact Ending Short Aluminum Strike

St. Louis (UPI) — The Reynolds Metals Co. joined the Aluminum Company of America today in reaching agreement with the Aluminum Workers of America ending the one-day walkout by 16,000 workers.

Alcoa came to terms with the union Wednesday night. Early today Reynolds agreed on a similar pact.

The two-year contracts, providing improved pension and vacation benefits but no wage increase, were subject to approval by union locals, which may take as long as 10 days.

The Alcoa agreement covered all of its strikebound plants and workers began returning to their jobs.

Reynolds' agreement covered all but the Bellwood, Va., plant, where further negotiation may be needed on local issues before the strike ends, officials said.

The strike of 223 members of the International Association of Machinists and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers continued at Reynolds' McCook, Ill., sheet and plate mill, largest of its kind in the nation. The

walkout has idled 3,000 workers, most of them members of the United Steelworkers Union, which reached contract agreement with Reynolds June 28.

The McCook strike has stalled armor plate production for the Defense Department, along with sheet aluminum production for aircraft and missiles.

Neither Alcoa nor Reynolds officials could give any immediate estimate on the value per hour of the fringe changes in the new contracts, which contain provision for reopening of wage, pension and insurance clauses upon 90 days notice after June 1, 1963.

However, the Alcoa vacation and pension benefits alone were said to be worth an additional 7 1/2 cents an hour. Most workers will get an additional half-week of paid vacation. The pension improvement was up to 4 1/2 cents an hour. In addition, employees will be guaranteed 32 hours pay for any week in which the worker was employed.

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Central Point Man Is Charged With Starting Blazes

Claude Walter Chase, 41, of route 2, box 668B, Central Point, has been arrested by Oregon state police and charged with setting a fire on forest land.

The arrest was made Tuesday, following a secret grand jury indictment based on an investigation of a series of approximately 12 roadside fires that occurred in Josephine and Jackson counties July 16.

Chase is expected to be arraigned some time today in Jackson county circuit court on a charge of willfully and maliciously setting fire to forest land. Bail was set at \$3,500.

District Attorney Alan B. Holmes, who announced the arrest late yesterday, said he expected more arrests to follow the result of the grand jury proceedings. The maximum sentence for the charge is two years in prison.

The series of fires broke out in an area north and east of Grants Pass during a two-hour period on the afternoon of July 15. Twelve were small and quickly extinguished, but one burned 250 acres in the Granite Hill area, one mile north of Grants Pass.

The first of the fires was reported in the Sunny Valley area north of Mt. Sexton. The others followed in a pattern along Grants Pass on Foothill Blvd., east of the city, and in the Evans creek area.

At the time, Curtis Nesheim, state forestry department district warden, said he believed they were the result of arson, because of the number of fires and the pattern in which they broke out.

Ben Bella Faction Wins Political Control of Algeria

Algiers, Algeria (UPI) — Algeria's warring political chiefs patched up their quarrels today with a peace pact that put the month-old nation squarely under the control of a political bureau dominated by leftist Vice Premier Ahmed Ben Bella.

The agreement was announced after a day and one-half of tough negotiations here that often appeared near deadlock. It seemed an overwhelming victory for Ben Bella, arch-rival of Premier Ben Youssef Ben Khedda.

A seven-man political bureau, in which Ben Bella supporters have full control, to run the country.

National elections for a constituent assembly, probably Aug. 27.

An early meeting of the National Council of the Algerian Revolution, the nationalist Parliament.

Ben Bella awaited the outcome of the talks in Oran. He will arrive here with other members of the political bureau Friday.

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Coos Bay Man Held for Murder

Coos Bay (UPI) — Elmer Finley Jeffers, 37, was booked on a murder count today a few hours after his 12-year-old stepdaughter died of head injuries.

Linda Jean Johnston was wounded inside her trailer home near here, police said. Her mother, Dorothy Jeffers, recently estranged wife — was hospitalized.

The district attorney late this morning filed a first degree murder charge against Jeffers, who waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the grand jury.

Police said Jeffers was released from the county jail Wednesday after serving 10 days for assault. That assault charge was filed by his stepson, Jeffers pleaded guilty.

During the 10 days in jail, his wife filed for divorce. Jeffers told officers he returned to the trailer Wednesday evening to pick up some belongings. He said when his key failed to open the door, he forced it with a tool.

Jeffers said as he stepped inside the dark trailer, he felt a knife against his chest. He said he then started swinging the tool.

He called an ambulance, but the girl died in a hospital.

A Middlesex hospital official, speaking for Lord Morgan, Churchill's physician, indicated the jaundice attack was not serious.

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Kennedy Ready To Offer Easier Terms

Washington (UPI) — President Kennedy is ready to offer Russia easier terms for a nuclear test ban treaty if Moscow will agree to inspections on Soviet soil.

Kennedy said at his news conference late Wednesday that U.S. disarmament negotiator Arthur Dean would return to Geneva with the new proposition.