

SP STRIKE DEADLINE SET TODAY

**Walkout Expected
At 6 P.M. Today
As Talks Continue**

Decision Climaxes Three-Week Parley

San Francisco—(UPI)—Federal mediators bargained against the clock today in final efforts to avert a strike by railway clerks against Southern Pacific, the West's largest railroad. The walkout is scheduled for 6 p.m. PST. The strike would idle 50,000 SP employees in Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas.

Three weeks of negotiations came to a climax Monday when the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks announced its decision to stop work tonight. The railroad immediately issued an embargo on freight.

Plan To Meet
Chairman Frank O'Neill of the Federal Mediation Service and Assistant Secretary of Labor James J. Reynolds said they planned to meet with both sides up to the deadline.

The 11,000-member union and the railroad have been at odds for five years over the fate of clerks displaced by automation. Three earlier strike threats were averted by federal mediators.

The strike deadline was announced by William McGovern, vice president of the brotherhood, and James Weaver, SP unit chairman of the union.

Inability To Negotiate
Their announcement said, "This action has become necessary as a result of inability to negotiate with the management an acceptable agreement within the framework of the report and recommendations of the Presidential Emergency Board to dispose of the long-standing dispute over stabilization of employment."

The presidential report was issued last fall as a result of a union demand that workers displaced by automation should be retrained for other jobs within the company. SP maintains that the union demand would create unnecessary jobs and hamper technical advances.

McNeel Takes Stand In Picard Case

O. R. McNeel, Medford building safety director, was called as a witness by the plaintiff, Roy Picard, Medford jeweler, as his suit against two Medford officials continued in Circuit Judge James Main's court Tuesday morning.

Picard, seeking \$50,000 in general damages, plus \$50,000 in exemplary and punitive damages plus costs, has named McNeel and former city attorney Joel Reeder as defendants in the case.

Darrell Huson, Medford recorder-treasurer, testified Monday in reference to an exhibit of the city's records as to Picard's alleged violation of the city ordinance.

The case arises from the city's handling of charges against Picard for selling electrical equipment and supplies without registering with the director of building safety.

Motions Denied in Ex-Senator's Trial

Portland—(UPI)—Three motions for a mistrial were denied today in the second day of the trial of former State Sen. William Grenfell on a charge of failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

Circuit Judge Virgil Langtry denied the motions, made late Monday by defense attorney Burton N. Bennett. The state then began calling witnesses.

Log Drivers Fight Fee Hike

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400 Truckers Jam Into Group Hearing

Salem—(UPI)—Plaid-shirted log truckers jammed into a hearing room Monday to oppose a bill to raise the fees they pay for driving their trucks on Oregon's roads.

They said higher fees would force many of them out of business.

"I can think of no time when the financial aspect of the logger and the log trucker has looked so grave as now," said trucker Ray Offord of Medford.

Darrell Davis of Medford said it would be "strange indeed" to raise state charges when help for the lumber industry is being sought at the federal level.

Nearly 400 truckers filled the Senate Highways Committee room and spilled into the hallway where a loudspeaker was hastily set up.

Before the committee is the governor's bill to revise weight-mile highway use fees for trucks, based on the weight of the truck and the distance traveled.

At issue for the loggers was a section to repeal the optional flat fee of \$95 a month they may pay instead. The loggers said the change in many cases would double their fees.

The loggers' arguments included two major points:

—Much of their hauling is not even done on state supported roads, but on secondary roads and forest "trails." Thus log truckers fail to benefit fully from the fees they pay, while damage to trucks is more costly. Trucks are banned from major highways Saturday afternoons, Sundays, holidays and much of the tourist season.

—The rates log truckers receive for hauling logs are set by "open competition," not regulated by a government agency, as are most other transportation charges. Thus log truckers lack protection to accompany higher fees. In addition, log truckers cannot afford to pass along higher fees, since the timber industry already is struggling to keep its nose above water.

High School Boys Hike to Grants Pass

Two high school boys from Medford hiked from Medford to Grants Pass and returned within 15½ hours Sunday. The boys exceeded the 50-mile distance of the way via Highway 99. The distance between Medford and Grants Pass by Interstate 5 is 25.3 miles.

The boys are Dick Hanawalt, 341 South Oakdale ave., a freshman at St. Mary's High school, and Ron McGee, 543 North Riverside ave., a sophomore at Medford High school.

The pair left Medford at 1:30 a.m. Sunday and reached the Grants Pass city limits at 8:30 a.m. They arrived back at the Medford city limits approximately 5 p.m.

County Equipment Is Damaged by Rocks

A Jackson county grader parked at the corner of Bellingham lane and Hull rd. was the victim of an apparent rock attack by vandals sometime last night or early this morning, the Jackson county sheriff's department reported.

The county engineer's office estimated damage to the equipment at \$150.

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"Everybody recognizes that the taxes are too high," House Speaker John W. McCormack said after a weekly breakfast meeting between Kennedy and legislative leaders of his party.

"A reduction is needed and the tax reduction bill will reduce the high rates," McCormack said. He added that he and other Capitol Hill leaders told the President that "tax reduction with certain reforms will pass."

Democratic leaders also said after last week's White House meeting with Kennedy that they had not given up on trying tax reforms to tax cuts. However, in spite of today's reiteration of this it appeared that the President appears to have harnessed his tax reform proposals.

Surrendered Apparently

Kennedy apparently surrendered Monday whatever leverage he might have held for enactment of revenue-producing reforms in the same package as tax cuts.

He did so by saying that he was willing to abandon every one of his tax reforms, if necessary, to win enactment this year of a net income tax reduction of \$10 billion or more spread over three years.

This had been implicit all along. But the fact that the President publicly acknowledged it strengthened the position of those battling against the tax-tightening reforms.

County Planners Set Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Jackson county planning commission will be held at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon to discuss the Northwest Development Corporation's subdivision to be developed near Ashland.

President of the corporation backing the Green Springs subdivision is William Dawkins. The area involved is in the Oak Knoll golf course area.

Earlier this month, the corporation had submitted the preliminary plat for the development, containing an expected 300 residences, to the planning commission's subdivision committee for approval. At the commission's monthly meeting Feb. 13 they agreed to expedite the request as soon as all state and county agencies had approved the plat.

Disaster Area Noted In Eastern Oregon

Washington—(UPI)—President Kennedy today declared a flood-raked area of eastern Oregon a major disaster area. The White House announced.

Gov. Mark Hatfield had requested the President declare the region a major disaster area.

France Rebuffed By Partners in Common Market

Aid Plan Declined For Africa Nations

Brussels, Belgium—(UPI)—France received a rebuke from its Common Market partners today when they declined to give final approval for an economic aid program for former French colonies in Africa.

Still angered over France's veto of British membership in the market, the five partners failed to reach agreement on an association treaty with African nations, most of them former French colonies. A \$739 million aid program was at stake.

Authoritative sources said the program probably will be delayed at least six months by the disagreement. The French want the program badly and had hoped to get final approval today.

The issue came up at the second session in two days of the Common Market's Council of Ministers. The atmosphere was tense because of French rejection Monday of continued contacts with Britain on economic matters.

Authoritative sources said Italy and The Netherlands, known to be particularly bitter over the French veto of Britain, blocked the association treaty by refusing to accept it.

School Support Increases Urged

Salem—(UPI)—The people of the state would be more likely to support tax increases if they were paralleled by substantial increases in state school support, the House education committee told here Monday.

A stream of witnesses urged increases above the \$130 per census child recommended by the governor. The current sum contributed by the state is based on an appropriation of \$120 per census child.

The present state contribution now amounts to about 34 per cent of school costs. The rest is paid by property taxpayers.

Lou Norris of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation said he would like to see the amount raised to 70 per cent. He said farmers would support new taxes to support such an increase, if a corresponding limit were put on property taxes.

Frank Bash of the Medford school board said the state should work toward a goal of paying 50 per cent.

Bash, president of the Oregon School Board association, said the organization would support tax legislation to broaden the tax base.

"The property tax situation has become so acute that something must be done," Bash said.

Cabinet Urges Youth Work Bill

Washington—(UPI)—Five cabinet members today urged top priority status in Congress for President Kennedy's youth employment bill.

They told a Senate hearing that the legislation is badly needed to meet the increasing problem of unemployment among teen agers.

Testifying were Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall, Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman, and Welfare Secretary Anthony J. Celebrezze.

Winston L. Prouty (R-Vt.), a member of a labor subcommittee hearing the testimony, commented that the administration may be trying to cope with the problem of the '60s with solutions of the '30s.

Prouty referred to the proposal to set up a Youth Conservation Corps similar to the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s.

Prouty said the appearance of five cabinet members before a subcommittee at one time in behalf of administration legislation is "without precedent in the history of the Senate."

Wirtz said the joint appearance was an indication that the President had put a "top priority" label on the youth employment bill due to the critical nature of the nation's unemployment situation.

Wirtz said the unemployment rate among youth now stands at 13 per cent and is getting worse every day. He said the country may not be aware of the seriousness of the situation.

About 3.8 million youngsters will turn 16 this year, Wirtz said. "That is the emergency crisis we are facing at a time when there is a serious slacking of job opportunities," he asserted.

Administration leaders in Congress are trying to make passage of the youth employment act the first major action of the 88th Congress.

The bill would set up a 15,000 to 60,000-member Youth Conservation Corps to work in parks and forests and a 50,000-member home town youth corps to carry out community projects.



COOLING FEET—Pam Lyons, Hedrick Junior High school student in Medford, (foreground center) raises a foot as a group of McLoughlin and Hedrick Junior High students stopped to refresh themselves Saturday before the return trip from Jacksonville to Medford. The next walking trip is planned for Ashland and back. Students making the 10-mile roundtrip as a warm up for an eventual 50-mile hike were Lauri Baldwin, 14, Pam Lyons, 14, Judy Woodbridge, 15, Maureen Phillips, 15, Lana Cunningham, 13, Linda North, 15, Mary Anne Raapke, 14, and Martha Downing, 14, all of Hedrick, and Vicki Seebarger, 14, McLoughlin.

11 Billboards To Be Erected Along Freeway in City

Despite an ordinance passed by the Medford city council last week, a total of 11 billboard signs will be erected soon along the Interstate 5 freeway viaduct through Medford, according to information received from the city building department.

Two of the permits for the sign were obtained by Electric Products company late Thursday afternoon, a few hours before the council passed the restrictive ordinance.

Electric Products holds permits to construct signs at the southeast corner of 12th st. and Franquette st., at the southwest corner of 12th st. and Spencer ave., and at 844 and 841 South Riverside ave.

Medford Neon has a permit to erect a sign at 427 East Main st.

Allied Neon has been issued a permit to construct a sign at the corner of East 10th st. and Riverside ave.

Ryan Outdoor Advertising holds five sign permits: at 401 East 12th st., the 400 block of East 12th st., and three for the 800 block at U.S. Highway 99 and Austin st.

Signs already have been erected by Dick Walsh company on locations in back of 333 and 835 South Riverside ave.

The new city ordinance prohibits billboards within 270 feet of the center line of Interstate 5 inside the city limits of Medford.

Khrushchev Schedules Major Talk Wednesday

Moscow—(UPI)—Premier Nikita Khrushchev will make a major speech Wednesday during an election rally in the Kremlin, the Foreign Ministry announced today.

It is expected he may give some indication of Soviet intentions on issues ranging from nuclear disarmament to Cuba and Berlin.

Rural School Board Reviews Sections Of Proposed Budget

The Jackson county rural school district budget committee Monday night reviewed all sections of the proposed 1963-64 budget.

No tentative figures were released by the committee, head by Don Patterson, Central Point, chairman, and Sam Harbinson, Medford, secretary.

They said there would be little, if any, increase in the budgets of the administration and the curriculum materials center.

In the field of special education, if the two additional classes recommended are established, there will be an increase, but this is not a levy item, they pointed out. The special education of re-

Opposition Voiced To Licensing Law

Salem—(UPI)—Opposition to a proposed psychologists licensing law was hurled at a Senate health and welfare committee Monday by practicing psychiatrists and representatives of the Oregon State Medical society.

Five medical witnesses lambasted the proposed legislation for two hours. Committee Chairman Sen. L. W. Newberry (R-Ashland) said a third hearing on the bill would be called so testimony from proponents could be heard.

Proponents who had planned to testify at Monday's hearing were left sitting as medical men argued against wording in the proposed law, and indicated they felt licensing of psychologists would grant them respectability they do not now enjoy.

The opposition seemed based in part on professional jealousy.

Psychologists do not have a medical degree. Psychiatrists do have a medical degree.

Early Planning of Basin Project Is Hope of Directors

Hopes for early planning and subsequent construction of the Rogue Basin project were indicated in a report given last night by Gerald Latham, a member of the board of directors of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources, at a board meeting.

Latham and Ben Hilton, chairman, recently returned from a trip to Washington, D.C., regarding the Rogue Basin project. The board is seeking funds for project planning in 1963.

The first funds budgeted for the Rogue Basin project, which will ultimately cost some \$106 million, were included in President Kennedy's 1964 fiscal budget. This was for \$100,000 for advance engineering and design work for the Lost Creek reservoir.

If funds are obtained for 1963, the board expects the 1964 budgetary request to be increased.

Explains Request

Latham explained that the request of funds this year is unusual since generally such appropriations are not made until after the regular appropriation has been budgeted.

The board of directors is attempting to make Congress aware of the necessity of acting as quickly as possible on the project, Latham said.

William Jess, board member, submitted a letter to be sent to the Oregon Congressional delegation emphasizing the need to halt erosion, the decline of anadromous fish runs, flooding, the decline of the area's economy, hardships on those living in the reservoir areas, and delaying improvement and planning on Highway 62.

The letter also explained that the majority of the crops to be raised on the land to be irrigated by the project are not basic farm crops now in surplus. This answered the objection raised by some that the Rogue Basin and similar projects should be delayed due to current crop surpluses.

It was stated that only 15 per cent of the annual benefits from the Rogue Basin project would be from irrigation.

The letter explained that specialty crops such as legume and garden seeds and truck crops and grasses would be grown on the irrigated land within the Rogue Basin project.

The letter was approved by the board.

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NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. COPTER FLIES OVER BERLIN

Berlin—(UPI)—The U.S. Army sent a helicopter over East Berlin today in still another demonstration of Allied travel rights. It was the first helicopter flight over East Berlin since Dec. 19. American officials said.

ANTI-DE GAULLIST ARRESTED

Paris—(UPI)—Former Army Col. Antoine Argoud, a leading member of the anti-De Gaulle Secret Army Organization, has been arrested here after apparent betrayal by his own men, police sources said today.

POSSIBLE COMPROMISE AT TEST TALKS DISMISSED

Geneva—(UPI)—Neutral states at the 17-nation disarmament conference met today to study a possible compromise bid to break the East-West nuclear test ban deadlock.

REDEFINITION OF MONROE DOCTRINE ASKED

Washington—(UPI)—Guatemala asked the United States today to redefine the Monroe Doctrine in stiff new terms to force the Soviet Union and "European colonialists" to abandon Latin America.

ASHLAND MAN DIES When Hit by Car

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ESTRANGED COUPLE Wounded by Shots

Klamath Falls—(UPI)—An estranged couple were in separate hospitals following a family argument that ended in a gun duel at the community of Bly 55 miles east of here early today.