

State Control of Wages for Migratory Laborers Proposed

Need To Protect Crops Emphasized Before Committee

Salem—(UPI)—The need to protect crops from destruction and concern for the rights of laborers least able to protect themselves sparked a call Monday for state control of migratory labor's wages and working conditions.

The unique plea resulted from a hearing by the Senate Agricultural Committee on a bill to restrict picketing of farms to workers who have been employed on one farm for at least 15 consecutive days.

The present law, which includes a three-day restriction, is slated to expire May 1. It was enacted in 1961 after a prolonged battle between agricultural and labor interests.

George Brown of the AFL-CIO said the measure would prevent migratory laborers from engaging in collective bargaining.

He said the rights of transient crop workers must be protected, and suggested a state commission to fix wages, hours and working conditions for migratory help.

His plea came a few moments after Sen. Don Willner (D-Lake Oswego) suggested the state create "an agency like the Public Utility Commission" to set wages and regulate working conditions.

Willner said the proposed bill would "discriminate against those least able to protect themselves."

He said the 15-day limit "poses restrictions no other labor group faces. The right to strike is fundamental in a free country."

Agricultural interests supported the proposed bill. Church and labor groups opposed it.

Kenneth La Fon, representing the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, said the measure would not prohibit picketing, but would prevent a "third force" from interfering with harvesting operations.

Medford Man Testifies

Medford fruit grower Howard Bush said Jackson county pear growers last year imported 85 workers from Texas, 43 Navajo Indians, and 253 Mexican nationals that were paid an average of \$1.85 per hour during pear harvest time. He warned of the dangers of not harvesting when a crop is ripe.

"A farmer can't bargain at harvest time," he said.

Most migratory labor is funneled through federal employment agencies to harvest areas. Such labor cannot be employed on farms involved in labor disputes, or even being picketed.

Sen. Lynn Newberry (R-Ashland), warned "17 pickets could stop all labor recruiting in the Medford area."

Oregonians May Vote On Death Penalty Again

Foreign Briefs

MEXICAN WARSHIPS MAINTAINING COASTAL VIGIL

Mexico City—(UPI)—The Navy Ministry said Monday night its warships are maintaining "constant vigilance" to prevent the use of Mexican waters and coasts for "acts against other governments."

There was little doubt that the statement was Mexico's answer to Monday's statement by Cuban refugees in this country that they are "declaring war" on ships serving Fidel Castro's Cuba.

Mexico is one of the few new world nations which still maintains diplomatic relations with the Castro regime.

RED CHINESE TO REPATRIATE INDIAN TROOPS

London—(UPI)—The New China news agency said today the Red Chinese government will release and repatriate all Indian troops captured during last year's border fighting.

AUSTRALIAN FLOODS LEAVE SCORES HOMELESS

Brisbane, Australia—(UPI)—Floods caused by monsoon rains in Central and Southwestern Queensland province have killed at least three persons and driven scores of others from their homes.

CASTRO SMUGGLERS IN ECUADOR INVESTIGATED

Quito, Ecuador—(UPI)—Interior Minister Jaime del Hierro said Monday night the government is investigating reports the Castro Communists are smuggling arms, ammunition and expert terrorists into Ecuador.

Hierro said that so far no confirmation for the reports has been found.

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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1963

California Revenue Squabble Mediated

Sacramento—(UPI)—Assemblyman Robert W. Crown today stepped into a dispute between State Finance Director Hale Champion and the State Chamber of Commerce.

Crown, chairman of the Assembly ways and means committee, made public a letter from Champion estimating the state's general fund revenue at \$2.2 billion for fiscal 1964-65.

But Champion conceded the estimate was based on the assumptions that there would be no international crisis, Congress would adopt the federal tax reduction program now under consideration, and the legislature would approve Gov. Edmund G. Brown's tax reform program.

At the same time, the state official said the expenditure did not consider "new or expanded programs."

Champion also estimated that the budget would be balanced without new or increased taxes.

Crown pointed out that the State Chamber of Commerce had forecast a "gap" between

15-Year Minimum On First Degree Murder Approved

Salem—(UPI)—Oregonians may get a chance to vote again next year on a constitutional amendment to eliminate the death penalty.

The Senate Judiciary Committee Monday gave 8-1 approval to a measure calling for a vote on the issue in the 1964 general election.

Oregonians in 1958 voted to retain the death penalty.

Sen. Ward Cook (D-Portland), was the only committee member to vote against the amendment. Approval of both houses is required before the measure is submitted to voters.

The committee also approved a companion measure which would require persons convicted of first degree murder to serve at least 15 years before becoming eligible for parole. The limit now is seven years.

The same Senate committee approved the so-called "implied consent" bill which would require persons suspected of drunken driving to take chemical test or lose their licenses for 90 days.

Other Highlights

Migrants: A state commission to fix wages, hours and working conditions for migratory help was called for by George Brown of the AFL-CIO.

Racing: The Planning and Development Committee heard testimony on a number of bills affecting racing, including one to cut meets from 60 to 50 days. Racing Commission Secretary H. S. Chapman presented an armful of statistical material.

Hospital: A Ways and Means subcommittee on education discussed a gap in revenue estimates for the University of Oregon Medical School Hospital. The governor estimates the hospital's income at \$1,487,000 and the Board of Higher Education \$1,215,000. Dr. Charles Holman, in answer to a question of whether adoption of the governor's budget would leave the hospital a quarter of a million dollars short, said "I believe their estimate is too high."

Blackjack: A "blackjack" bill, used successfully to encourage the Washington Legislature to pass reciprocal workmen's compensation, was killed by the Senate Tax Committee. The legislature had promised to kill the measure aimed at removing some tax advantages given to Washington residents working in Oregon if Washington passed the industrial accident legislation.

Laos Foreign Minister Assassination Victim

Vientiane, Laos—(UPI)—A corporal of the Laotian neutralist army has been arrested and confessed to the assassination of pro-Communist Foreign Minister Quinim Pholsena, it was announced today.

Railroad Work Changes Await Lifting of Order

Chicago—(UPI)—The nation's railroads, freed of a restraining injunction, announced they will put anti-featherbedding work rules changes, which could touch off a nation-wide rail strike, into effect April 8.

Chicago—(UPI)—The nation's railroads were expected to order sweeping anti-featherbedding work rule changes today that conceivably could result in a countrywide strike.

The representatives of the nation's 190 class I railroads awaited formal lifting of an injunction in the lower courts which has restrained them since last July from enacting the job-eliminating revisions.

The U.S. Supreme Court authorized the railroads to proceed with the work rule changes March 4. The five on-train brotherhoods let lapse a 25-day appeal period. The mandate ordering the quashing of the district court injunction was expected to be acted upon today.

Many Face Job Loss

One of the first effects of the work rule changes probably would be the most drastic—the elimination of jobs which the railroads consider unnecessary. These were primarily firemen's jobs on diesel engines in freight and yard service.

About 13,000—those with less than 10 years seniority—were expected to be separated or furloughed within one year with three months to one year notice.

About 40,000 firemen would be affected over a period of five to 10 years.

Some of the work rule changes would become effective within days. Others might take weeks, months and even years to make effective, railroad spokesmen said.

Threatened To Strike

The brotherhoods—representing about 210,000 operating employees—have said they will strike if the railroads put the work rule changes into effect.

However, after the Supreme Court ruled in March, the unions called for a renewal of negotiations but avoided mentioning a strike.

Even if the brotherhoods would call a strike, it probably would not take place, President Kennedy could delay it for 80 days by appointment of a fact-finding board and then federal arbitration probably would be used to settle the issue just as arbitration has been used in other recent rail disputes.

24 Camping Areas Will Open April 17

Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon State Highway department will open tent and trailer camping areas in 24 Oregon state parks on April 17, it was announced today.

Another 16 parks in areas still threatened by late winter storms are scheduled for opening as soon as weather permits, probably in May.

Prineville Reservoir State park, 17 miles southeast of Prineville, will be opened for the first time this year.

Chrysler Paces Moderate Market

New York—(UPI)—Chrysler picked up today where it left off Monday in pacing a moderate advance on the stock market.

Chrysler added another point to Monday's spectacular 4% gain which brought the auto stock to a new 1963 high. Advances in this issue have reflected a 66 per cent increase in last month's car production from February and that consideration of its stock split draws closer. General Motors also added a fraction to bring the issue to a new all-time high.

Chemicals moved mostly higher featuring Du Pont and Union Carbide, both up close to a point. Steels were mixed, some electronics moved higher but several foods weakened.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

New York—(UPI)—Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 865.86, up 3.34; 20 railroads 152.96, up 0.05; 15 utilities 137.12, up 0.93, and 65 stocks 243.24, up 1.06. Sales Monday were about 3.98 million shares; compared with 3.39 million shares Friday.

Monday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	46
Alum Co Am	52 1/2
American Air Lines	15 1/2
American Can	43 1/2
American Motors	50 1/2
A.T. & T.	42 1/2
American Tobacco	31 1/2
Anaconda Copper	43 1/2
Armen	42 1/2
American Standard	19
Bethlehem Steel	36 1/2
Boeing Air	39 1/2
Brunswick	16 1/2
Caterpillar Corp	27 1/2
Chrysler Corp	96 1/2
Coca Cola	94 1/2
C.B.S.	32 1/2
Columbia Gas	28
Continental Can	42 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	29 1/2
Crucible Steel	19 1/2
Curtis Wright	23 1/2
Dow Chemical	38 1/2
Du Pont	24 1/2
Eastman Kodak	115
Firestone	42 1/2
Ford	47
General Electric	74 1/2
General Foods	69 1/2
General Motors	66 1/2
General Portland Cement	20 1/2
Georgia Pacific	49 1/2
Greenhound	37 1/2
Gulf Oil	42 1/2
Homestake	49 1/2
Idaho Power	39 1/2
I.B.M.	42 1/2
Int Paper	30 1/2
Johns Manville	47 1/2
Kennecott Copper	72 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	51 1/2
Merck	83 1/2
Montana Power	28 1/2
Montgomery Ward	38 1/2
National Alcan	48 1/2
New York Central	16 1/2
Northern Pacific	43 1/2
Pac Gas Elec	33 1/2

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The Rogue Valley Chorale will present a sacred concert in the Shady Cove School Gymnasium Wednesday, April 3rd — at 7:30 P.M.

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