

Mill Workers Strike at Toledo

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Three Springfield Plants Will Be Closed on Tuesday

IWA Members Remain on Jobs

By United Press International
A strike by two Northwest lumber unions against the Georgia-Pacific Corp. began this morning with a walkout by 400 gang saw and plywood mill workers at Toledo.

Earl Hartley, executive secretary of Region 3, Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, said more men will be off the job Tuesday.

In addition to the Toledo operations, the LSW represents workers at Coquille, Springfield, and Pilot Rock, Ore., and Eureka, Feather Falls and Woodleaf, Calif.

An LSW spokesman said the big Springfield operation, which includes two plywood mills and a fiber-ply plant, would be closed Tuesday. The union has 750 members in those plants.

IWA Still Working
The International Woodworkers of America kept all its members on the job at Georgia-Pacific operations today, President Harvey Nelson of the Western Regional Council reported.

The IWA represents workers at Coos Bay, Springfield and Toledo in Oregon; Olympia, Wash., and Woodleaf, Calif. Members at Toledo are in the woods crew and were not affected by the LSW walkout there. The plants at Coos Bay, Coquille and Olympia were not scheduled to resume work after the Fourth of July vacation until Tuesday.

The strike was called after negotiations with the company broke down Wednesday. Company officials estimated 7,000 employees would be affected if all G-P operations in three western states were struck.

Some 21,000 lumber workers are already idle because of the contract dispute in the Northwest but there were some hopeful signs in the situation today.

Grand Jury Appearance Set

Grants Pass—Two Grants Pass men who have been charged with first degree murder in the death of Lloyd Miller Harper, 48, were scheduled to go before the grand jury in Roseburg this afternoon.

Norman Steward Thomas, 22, and Gerald Oden, 25, were arrested in Roseburg Saturday. They were apprehended following investigation of the death of Harper, of Grants Pass, who was found in a ditch along Foothill Blvd. near Interstate 5 late Friday night.

The Josephine county district attorney's office announced that Thomas and Oden were in fact the persons who first "discovered" Harper's body. At the time the pair told officers they had spotted the body while en route on a motor trip to Washington.

By Saturday morning, however, the Siskiyou county sheriff's department and state police had made some "connecting links," said William Ferguson, assistant Josephine county district attorney, and the two men were arrested in Roseburg.

Further details of the case were not immediately disclosed.

Klamath Falls Woman Gets Seven-Year Term

Klamath Falls—Mrs. Zelma Jean Ochoi, 42, of Klamath Falls was sentenced to seven years in the Oregon State Penitentiary and fined \$1,500 on a charge of manslaughter today.

Higher Timber Values Removed by Commission

Salem—Timber land values in Benton, Lane, Linn, Columbia and Washington counties will remain the same as they were in 1962.

The State Tax Commission today removed higher values which its valuation division had ordered. The decision came after three days of fact finding hearings held last week.

It announced further studies would be made to work out the forest land valuation problem before making future adjustments on the land values in Western Oregon.

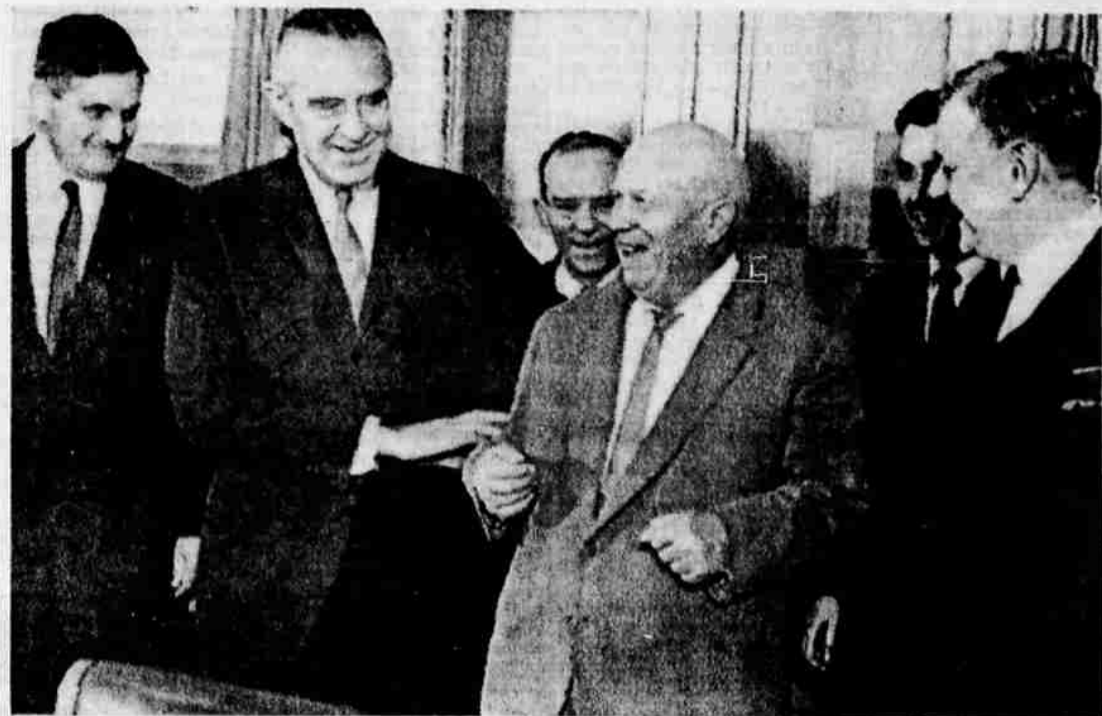
Tax commissioners said while they believed the higher land values which were originally ordered would have been sustained in court, enough doubt had been raised in the hearings to justify the additional study.

Timber owners and forestry experts had strongly disputed the proposed increased land values.

In Linn county the commission established forest land zones and values for the first time this year.

Upon completion of the county's reappraisal program, they were set at levels in line with the increased values of the other four counties.

The Linn county values will now be reduced to the levels of those in previously reappraised counties.



INFORMAL SESSION—United States and British notables have an informal session with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev prior to opening of nuclear arms negotiations among the three powers. From left are Karl Kaysen, special assistant to President Kennedy; W. Averell Harriman, chief U. S. negotiator; U.S. Ambassador to Moscow Foy Kohler; Khrushchev, who led the Soviet negotiators; an unidentified interpreter, and Lord Hailsham, chief British negotiator. (UPI)

Moscow Conference on Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Under Way

Khrushchev Meets With Leaders of Western Nations

Moscow—Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, in a jovial, wise-cracking mood, met for 3½ hours today with high U.S. and British negotiators in the opening of a Kremlin conference that could break the East-West deadlock on a nuclear test ban.

U.S. chief negotiator W. Averell Harriman and British Minister of Science Lord Hailsham, drove after the meeting to the U.S. Embassy where they presumably compared notes on the talks.

There was no immediate comment from either Western delegation.

Western Hopes Raised

Nor was it disclosed when the next meeting would take place in the talks which are expected to last about 10 days.

But Khrushchev's surprise move in heading the Soviet delegation at the opening of the negotiations raised Western hopes that some form of agreement—perhaps an accord for a limited test ban—might emerge from the crucial conference.

Man Hospitalized After Accident

Rogue River—Kenneth Biggs, 51, of box 1453, Medford, was injured in a boating accident on the Rogue river near here Sunday evening.

He was taken to Josephine General Hospital in Grants Pass, where he was reported in good condition this morning.

Another Medford man was reported involved in the accident, but he was not identified.

The accident occurred at about 7:15 p.m. as the boat in which Biggs was riding was going upriver at about 35 miles per hour. The boat apparently struck a rock and sank shortly thereafter.

Standards Set For Pine Plywood

Washington—The first commercial standards and specifications for the production of plywood from Southern Pine timber have been set by the Department of Commerce.

The announcement clears the way for manufacture of plywood from southern pine on a commercial basis. Georgia-Pacific Corp. started constructing the first mill at Fordyce, Ark., in June. U.S. Plywood has announced plans for a mill in cooperation with Southern Pine Lumber company at Diboll, Tex.

Pine plywood will be interchangeable with widely-used Douglas fir plywood, according to T. M. Orth, who served on the standards committee.

Test runs to prove the feasibility of using pine logs in mass production of plywood were successful at plywood mills in the south and at Douglas fir plywood mills on the West Coast.

Mundt Calls for Tighter Economic Boycott on Cuba

Washington—Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) called on the Kennedy administration today to tighten what he termed its "half-hearted" economic boycott of Cuba.

Mundt recommended a four-part program of action "far short of war" which would deny U.S. ports to ships of any country letting its vessels trade with Cuba and would use the foreign aid program to reward nations joining in an anti-Castro effort.

He also proposed that the Organization of American States and NATO be asked officially to halt trade with Cuba and that similar requests go to every other nation outside Communist domination.

Trips Increase

Mundt, in the latest in a series of Republican Senate speeches on Cuba, said that the number of trips by free-world ships to Cuba had increased since January and that the "volume of Soviet-bloc shipping to Cuba seems to be rising."

He contended that there was a "virtually complete embargo on U.S.-Cuba trade" in effect since February 1962, and that most Latin American countries were sharply curtailing their own Cuban trade.

Provision Not Enforced

But Mundt said a provision of the Foreign Aid act denying assistance to countries whose ships carry arms or strategic materials to Cuba was not being enforced as to NATO-type aid to NATO countries. Thus, he said, the aid restriction is "virtually inapplicable."

The other present restriction, Mundt said, is an order of last February barring U.S. government-financed cargoes to foreign ships that have traded with Cuba since Jan. 1.

Part of Women Fliers in Illinois

Springfield, Ill.—Eight-teen women fliers punched their time cards, climbed aboard their airplanes and took off from Springfield today on a cross-country flight to Atlantic City, N. J., in the 17th annual Powder Puff Derby.

Other women, who bedded down overnight in Colorado and New Mexico, were expected to arrive at this stopping-off point later in the day. Arriving pilots taxied up to a painted area on the parking strip and shut off their engines while their co-pilots punch a card in a time stamp.

When they are ready to leave the next morning, the pilot must again taxi to the designated point, shut off the airplane's engine, and wait until the propeller stops before her co-pilot can again hop out and punch her card.

The 2,460-mile run started Saturday and the deadline for reaching Atlantic City is noon Wednesday. Each flier has a handicap, so the women with the most mileage are not necessarily the leaders.

Eight Forest Fires Reported to State

Salem—Eight fires, seven of them caused by lightning, were reported on state protected forest lands over the week end.

A blaze in the La Grande area was caused by a careless camper and burned about one acre.

All of the fires were small and occurred east of the Cascades.

The largest, on the California border south of Klamath Falls, covered a little more than an acre.

Jacksonville Boy Rescued From River

Timmy Mapes, 4, Jacksonville, was rescued from the Applegate river near McKee bridge, Sunday, by Mrs. Leon Myers, 1284 Ross lane.

The boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Mapes, 891 Huener lane, Jacksonville, and Mrs. Myers, who are acquaintances, were talking near where the boy was wading when Mrs. Myers saw Timmy slip on a rock, jumped in and pulled him to shore.

Southern Pacific Train Derailed

Dorris, Calif.—Twenty-five cars of a Southern Pacific freight train derailed last night, closing the main north-south line between California and the Northwest.

Two southbound passenger trains were held up at Klamath Falls and two northbound trains at Dunsmuir, Calif.

One line was reopened shortly before noon, allowing one of the southbound trains to resume its journey.



PLANE LANDS HERE—A U. S. Air Force C-119 landed at the Medford Municipal airport Sunday afternoon and stayed here about an hour. It is one of the larger planes which have landed at the local airport in recent months. The plane was flying Civil Air Patrol cadets from Portland on a routine flight to Medford where it picked up eight CAP cadets from Medford and Grants Pass and a CAP officer for their summer training session in Portland.

Good Grief, Charlie Brown! Italian Reds Pick on Peanuts

Rome—Italian Communists, apparently with nothing better to do during the summer doldrums, took issue today with the American comic strip "Peanuts."

According to the Communist Party newspaper Unita, Lucy is simply a fascist. Other characters have tendencies ranging from a suicide complex to simple stupidity.

Here is what Unita had to say about the different characters in "Peanuts" in an article Sunday:

—Lucy: "When you have turned to the last page, you hate her. She is a fascist. Patty, however, like Violet, is simply stupid."

—Linus: "He has a suicide complex. He saves himself by carrying around a blanket which substitutes for the motherly bosom."

—Schroeder: "He is taken with music and plays Bach, getting angry when Lucy asks him what he will win if he is able to memorize all the sonatas of Beethoven."

—Snoopy: "He is a nervous wreck. He varies between his own life as a dog and the aspiration to become another beast or man."

—Charlie Brown: "He is the only one who is precariously balanced between mental health and a nervous breakdown. . . . faced with the strangeness of his friends he is overwhelmed or exclaims his alarming 'good grief.'"

Five Oregonians Die in Week End Traffic Accidents

By United Press International
Five Oregon residents lost their lives in separate traffic accidents during the week end.

One of the accidents occurred in Washington state.

Gerald Jensen, 3, Florence, was killed when he was struck by a car on State Highway 36 near his home Sunday night.

Mrs. Joanna Bowcutt, 40, Gladstone, was killed when her station wagon collided head-on with a car three and one-half miles northeast of Shelton, Wash., early Sunday.

Benjamin Maxwell, 45, Dayton, died at a Portland hospital Sunday from injuries suffered Saturday when the pickup truck in which he was riding crashed into a light post in Portland.

Hermiston Man Dies

Edgar Charlton, 47, Hermiston, died at a Pendleton hospital Sunday from injuries suffered in a one-car accident on State Highway 207 in Umatilla county Saturday.

Larry Sade, 20, Roseburg, was killed when he fell from a moving car at the city limits of Roseburg early Saturday.

A Montana woman was fatally injured Saturday night when the car in which she was riding collided with another on U.S. Highway 101 two miles south of Bandon.

She was Myrtle LaRue Etter, 66, of Great Falls.

The Oregon traffic toll for the first 15 days of July shows 18 deaths, compared to 16 for a similar period last year. So far in 1963, 271 persons have died in Oregon traffic, compared to 210 in 1962.

Construction Worker Confesses To Murders

Santa Rosa, Calif.—A construction worker confessed to sheriff's officers Sunday that he killed three children, who had known him affectionately for years as "Uncle Robert," and left their bodies in an Arizona forest south of the Grand Canyon.

FBI agents and sheriff's deputies from Coconino County, Ariz., said Robert Alford, 56, a Negro, confessed the slayings after 12 hours of interrogation. The confession climaxed a month-long investigation by authorities in two states.

Alabama Governor Calls for Defeat Of Civil Rights

Washington—Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace told Congress today that President Kennedy should be "retired from public life" and his civil rights program defeated.

He said the legislation is totally unacceptable to the South and called for a national referendum on the proposals. If a referendum was held, Wallace said the civil rights bill would be overwhelmingly rejected.

The fiery Southern Democrat, testifying before the Senate Commerce Committee, accused Kennedy of making his White House office a "virtual switchboard" of communication with the Rev. Martin Luther King and other Negro leaders who were involved in the Birmingham racial demonstrations.

Wallace joined Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett in accusing King of having "pro-Communist friends and associates." He urged the committee to investigate the matter, which he noted now had been raised by "at least two governors." Barnett testified similarly before the committee Friday.

Chairman Warren Magnuson, (D-Wash.) told Wallace such an investigation was a task for other committees which have been active in inquiries about Communist activity.

Wallace rolled out charge after charge against the Kennedy administration. "A president who sponsors legislation such as the civil rights act of 1963 should be retired from public life," Wallace said. "And this goes for any governor or public official who has joined in this mad scramble for the minority-bloc vote."

Wallace said that the President and his brother, Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, "by design and political motivation are sponsoring and fostering a complete and all-inclusive change in our whole concept of government and society—a revolution of government against the people."

Sen. A. S. (Mike) Monroney (D-Okla.) said a charge by Wallace that the President was abetting racial violence by his public statements is "hard to believe" because the President had appealed for law and order. But Wallace insisted that the Birmingham situation was "inflamed all over again" because, he said, Kennedy told a nationwide television audience Birmingham Negroes had been "abused" for a long time.

Slippage Damages Irrigation Canal

Extensive damage to the main canal of the Eagle Point Irrigation district was discovered about mid-afternoon Saturday, which necessitated turning off the water, according to Lawrence R. Silveira, district manager.

The canal is expected to be in full service by late Tuesday, Silveira said.

The break, in the upper reach of the canal near Butte Falls, is about 350 feet in length. It was discovered shortly after it occurred between 3 and 4 p.m. Saturday by C. J. Kelley, foreman.

Water was turned off before extensive damage could be done to surrounding property. Sixteen men plus heavy equipment are making necessary repairs, Silveira said. The break was caused by slippage due to geological conditions in the area.

The manager explained that present plans call for the section in the area of the break to be concrete lined following the end of the irrigation season about mid-September. The section to be lined will be between 400 and 500 feet long.

NEWS BRIEFS

TWO U.S. AIR FORCE JETS COLLIDE
Lakenheath, England—Two U.S. Air Force Super Sabre jets collided off England's east coast during a training exercise today, killing one of the pilots.

KREBIOZEN DISTRIBUTION ILLEGAL
Washington—Dr. Steven Durovic's withdrawal of an investigational drug for Krebiozen during the week end automatically made all interstate distribution of the so-called cancer drug illegal, a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) spokesman said today.

LIQUOR BOARD INVESTIGATION DEMANDED
Olympia, Wash.—State Sen. Albert C. Thompson (R-Bellevue) today formally demanded "a complete and comprehensive investigation" of the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

ON AERONAUTICS BOARD
Salem—William F. Maddron, Eugene, has been appointed by Gov. Mark Hatfield to another term as a member of the State Board of Aeronautics.

WEATHER
FORECAST: Fair with variable cloudiness at times tonight and Tuesday. Low 46, high 82.
Highest Yesterday 87
Lowest This Morning 57

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 8:47 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:18 a.m.
New Moon July 29
The total phase of the eclipse of the Sun at this New Moon will begin at sunrise in Japan, cross Alaska, Canada and Maine, and end at sunset well out in the Atlantic Ocean.