

THE LABOR CRISIS IN KLAMATH

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Often enough the public is un-
aware of repressive and provoca-
tive tactics used by organized
business and the public becomes
conscious of strained relations
between employers and em-
ployees only when the work-
ers rebel through some
overt act. Just now there is tak-
ing place in the Klamath Basin
one of the most vicious and re-
prehensible schemes with
which I have had experience
in the labor movement.



The A. F. of L. Lumber Workers have been con-
ducting their affairs in an order-
ly fashion. Nearly two years
ago, upon the insistence of local
merchants, who feared the threat
of labor troubles solicited our
organization that representatives
be sent to the Klamath Basin.
We came. Fear has been allayed,
with reference to that particular
menace. Most persons will admit
that the job has been well done.
However, our men were greet-
ed with "no trespass" signs new-
ly erected by lumber operators.
We could not even talk to men
during noon hour to tell them
their rights under the policy of
the government of the United
States. When protest was made
against this unfriendly policy,
one operator said, "That is our
policy now. Ten years from now
we may change our minds." When
majorities were secured in the
plants, even conclusive
majorities of seventy five per
cent or more, managements de-
manded Labor Board hearings
and elections. In one instance
there was a delay of thirteen
months before the management
would even talk with represen-
tatives of the crew. The public
will recall that numerous elec-
tions have been held in which
our union sustained large ma-
jorities. Do you know of agree-
ments that have been signed in
these plants where men voted
under government supervision,
for the right to bargain? Some
of these elections were weeks
ago. Why the delay? What is
going on?

From the beginning our union
has taken the public into its
confidence. Hours of time have
been spent on the radio, thou-
sands of printed pamphlets have
been distributed and columns
of newspaper space have been
purchased. We turn now to the
public for understanding and
goodwill.

In the negotiations of agree-
ments, the same vicious para-
graphs demanding compulsory
arbitration, no strike and open
shop appear in different opera-
tions. This is proof, on the sur-
face, that these paragraphs arise
from a common source. The au-
thors of these paragraphs do not
present themselves to discuss the
merits or demerits of the ideas
put forth. In one instance, a
manager refused to even dis-
cuss the paragraphs involved.
Others have stated they would
have to find out whether any
paragraph could be modified.

I am asking all the operators
in the Basin to mollify their at-
titude and deal in good faith
with the workers. Our men want
peace and work. Our men be-
lieve an aggressive, dominating
attitude on the part of the op-
erators will not solve the issues
involved. We have submitted
proposed agreements that are
brief, simple and straightfor-
ward. Managers are replying
with fourteen to seventeen page
documents that are based on
fear and resistance to honest
dealing.

The three points of difference
are these: Managers are asking
for COMPULSORY arbitration.
This means that instead of col-
lective bargaining, either party
to a contract could serve notice
on the other party, without the
consent of the second party, and
turn the entire matter under dis-
cussion over to outsiders. We
are willing, as the occasion
arises, and in the light of cir-
cumstances, to VOLUNTARILY
submit to arbitration and are
willing to set up in the agree-
ment the machinery for such

arbitration. We are not willing
to destroy the recognition clause
of our agreements, honestly won
through Labor Board elections,
by being "hog tied" in advance
with COMPULSORY arbitra-
tion.

Again, managers are attempt-
ing to get workers to waive their
legal right to strike. We have
no intention of striking, but
simply because we go union, we
do not intend to be compelled
to forfeit a right guaranteed by
state law. We do not believe it
is necessary to make such a deal
in order to bargain collectively.
We are willing to agree to no
strike until after every peace-
ful means has been exhausted.

Thirdly, managers are insist-
ing that we work under "open
shop" conditions. Our men say,
"For years we have had to work
under individual bargaining con-
ditions. Now that we have gone
union, we do not think managers
should attempt to set up a worse
condition of the open shop." We
believe that only through union
shop conditions can responsible
unions be built.

Personally, I know enough
about the labor movement to
know that these are trick para-
graphs, insulating to the intelli-
gence of informed workers. I
shall not betray the interests
and expectations of the workers
by assenting to any such repre-
hensible scheme. The only com-
pensation a man gets for long
hours, tense living, insults and
abuses is the confidence and re-
spect of thousands of men whose
hopes have been raised by the
progressive policy of the govern-
ment of the United States. I
can not and will not be a party
to unfair provisions in agree-
ments that rob workers of their
legal rights and deprive them
of any chance to bargain effec-
tively. Pressures may be brought
upon me to get my job, but I
declare now that I will not mis-
lead the men by saying that
these provisions are fair and
reasonable.

Men are organized in the
Basin by thousands. I shall do
every thing possible to keep
them organized and to organize
others. The result of this policy
of repression and insincerity
rests with management, not with
the workers in Klamath Basin.

It is the announced and re-
peatedly published policy of the
government of the United States
to encourage and foster the prac-
tice and procedure of collective
bargaining. Do you get the gen-
eral impression in the Klamath
Basin that operators are cooper-
ating with the government in
this policy? Does any person sup-
pose that America could have the
Wagner Act if there had not been
need for it? Do you think con-
servative senators and congress-
men voted for the Bill out of
sheer cussedness? These national
representatives were faced with
the accumulated and unbiased
evidence which proved that
American industry had reached
a place where individual bar-
gaining was preventing the free
exercise of the principle of
democracy in industry. I do not
know how to run a sawmill. I
may not know much about the
legal business. But I know the
labor movement. For what it is
worth, I want to put it into the
record now, that the present
policy being pursued by lumber
operators in the Klamath Basin
can only result in trouble.

It is the American way for
men to associate themselves for
mutual aid and protection. Why
should not the men have their
own associations? Not to have
such free association makes men
fearful. And when men are in-
secure and fearful they are not
efficient. When men are not ef-
ficient the quality of production
is affected. Do the operators
want to go along with National
Defense? It is the policy of the
government to remove fear from
workers in the interest of pro-
duction. Fear is not being re-
moved in Klamath Basin, but
hourly is being intensified.

We have a bad spell of "lo-
calitis." We see only our imme-
diate environment. Klamath
Basin is being asked to get in
line with the rest of American
industry. Individual bargaining
has been deliberately kept alive
here. Why should it survive any
longer?

It is like sitting in your home

**"No Child of Mine will
ever get WORMS!"**

Don't be so sure, Mother!
Anybody, anywhere, can have roundworms!
Yes, and the ugly creatures may be living
inside your child right now, starting trouble,
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and the phone rings. You think
on the way to the phone, "Is it
Sister, Brother, Tom, Dick or
Harry?" Then, the operator
says, "Long Distance is calling."
Your horizon is extended. You
think in larger terms.
Organized labor is saying to
men and managers in Klamath
Basin: "Long Distance is call-
ing. We are in the midst of a
national emergency. Will this
plant be here twenty years from
now? Can we make democracy
work in industry? Will there be
an American industry after this
crisis? Will workers have a free
right to work? Is Klamath Basin
a part of America? Long Dis-
tance is calling."

OFFICIALS VISIT AT CRATER LAKE

CRATER LAKE—Miss Isabel
F. Storey, editor in chief of the
National Park Service, Wash-
ington, D. C., visited the park
last Thursday. While here she
enjoyed the launch trip around
the lake.
George Grant, official park
service photographer from Wash-
ington, D. C., has been in the
park during the past week. He
also visited the Modoc Lava
Beds national monument where
he photographed scenes of the
recent fire there. Among other
things at Crater lake he photo-
graphed fish planting activities
and various interesting points
in the park. From here he will
travel to Mount Rainier.
Dr. Carl P. Russell, superin-
tendent of research and inter-
pretation, from Washington, D.
C., visited the park on Friday
and Saturday of last week.

Ranger W. T. Frost and fam-
ily returned Thursday evening
from San Francisco where they
were called by the death of his
father, Rev. Henry H. Frost. Rev.
Frost was the pastor of the Ham-
ilton Methodist church in San
Francisco and was also treasur-
er of the California Conference
of the Methodist church.
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Palmer
of Crater lake entertained
guests from Chico, Calif., during
the first part of last week. They
were aunt and niece of Palmer.
Mrs. Jack Hawk and daughter
Lois.

EAGLES BUGLERS ENTERTAIN HEARST

The Klamath Falls Fraternal
Order of Eagles drum and bugle
corps, state champions for the
past two years, were the guests
of Publisher William Randolph
Hearst Sunday night at his es-
tate, Wynton, near McCloud,
Calif.

The corps played its competi-
tion numbers for the publisher
and were feted at a picnic sup-
per.
The appearance was arranged
by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones of
Klamath Falls.

Rain Upholds Town Tradition

WAYNESBURG, Pa., July 29,
Tuesday (P) — The rains came
this morning in Waynesburg al-
most before the village clock had
finished striking midnight, and
the town's tradition that rain in-
variably falls on July 29—a tra-
dition broken only three times in
the past half century—was up-
held.
Records kept since 1874 show
that it has failed to rain only
three times on July 29—the last
time in 1937.

The observatory seismograph
recorded the impact when an
airplane crashed into Lick Ob-
servatory, Mt. Hamilton, Calif.

SCOUTS MAKE ANNUAL 3-DAY TREK TO PEAK

Eleven older scouts and two
camp staff men left Camp Mak-
ualla, Modoc area council sum-
mer camp last weekend for a
three-day back-packing trip to
Diamond peak.

For the past four years this
hike has been one of the high-
lights of the summer season.
Only those scouts who have
been outstanding are selected to
go.

This year the following scouts
were selected to make the trip:
Phil Brogan and Gordon
George of troop 23, Bend; Dale
Constans, Jim Grimes, Bill Rad-
cliffe and Bob Riggs of troop 1,
Klamath Falls; Bill Masters of
troop 4, Klamath Falls; Don
McKenzie of troop 26, Redmond;
Rod Harlan of troop 13, Lake-
view; George Davidson of Mo-
doc Point and Roy Kephart of
Klamath Agency, both members
of troop 30, Chiloquin. Leading
the party were Clark Weaver
and Bob Burgess of Klamath
Falls.

While this party was out all
the other campers took an over-
night boat trip to Whitefish
creek. Plans are under way for
the annual frog jumping con-
test which will be held next
week. The arena is in excellent
shape and promises a fast hard
track. Another event of impor-
tance next week will be the
overnight trip to Cowhorn
mountain. This trip is open to
any scout who wishes to go.

So far this week in the com-
petitive games the Cowhorn
troop holds the edge on the
Skyline troop. The games so far
are of the wide type that cover
a lot of territory and require
great skill in stalking and other
kindred woods virtues. Starting
next week the program em-
phasis will be on water safety
and water sports. Each Sunday
afternoon there will be a dem-
onstration of swimming, life
saving and rowing.

Teamsters, Fuel Dealers Announce New Contracts

Announcement of new union
contracts between the Klamath
local of the AFL teamsters and

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two local fuel dealers was made
Monday.
The new agreements, covering
drivers for Fred Heilbronner and
Peyton and company, provide
for union recognition and set a
weekly hour maximum and wage
scale.

According to the contract new
drivers must receive \$5.50 per
day, those with six months ex-
perience \$5.75 per day and those
with over one year's experience
\$6. A 48-hour week was estab-
lished.

According to Fred Heilbron-
ner, his firm has been paying
these wages since September,
1937. The union agreement, he
said, involves no changes in
wages and hours but merely pro-
vides union recognition.

DI MAGGIO MODEL
LOUISVILLE—Increasing de-
mand has forced the manufact-
urer to double production of the
Joe DiMaggio model baseball
bats since the Yankee Clipper
broke loose on his consecutive-
game hitting streak.

BOWMAN WORKED UP
NEW YORK — Pitcher Bob
Bowman of the Giants was once
a bat boy for his home town
baseball team at Keystone, W.
Va.

SEVERAL WEEKEND WRECKS REPORTED

No personal injuries were re-
ported by city police after they
had investigated some half dozen
minor crashes within the city
limits this weekend.

Property damage resulted fol-
lowing an intersection collision
which involved cars operated by
W. J. Doyle, 615 Conger avenue,
and Mrs. D. Chapel, 1421 Pleas-
ant street, at Main and Sixth
streets Saturday.

J. B. Chastain, 3250 Bristol
avenue, and Vincent Herlihy,
Algoma, were involved in an
accident at Fifth street and Oak
avenue. Grover Levelles of
Lakeview, and Emil T. Bloom,
Montelius street, reported a
minor crash at Seventh street
and Walnut avenue. Bob Er-
landson, 310 North Ninth street,
reported an accident involving
his car and one parked machine
Saturday in the business dis-
trict.

A minor crash involved a car
operated by Myrie K. Harrison,
Beatty, and a second motorist
named Carr, on Main at Twelfth

street. F. A. Bowen, lumber
grader, and a second machine
had a minor crash at Sixth and
Main streets.

Elwood Lewis, 4815 South
Sixth street, reported a minor
accident Sunday on Reclamation
avenue. G. L. Halvorsen of Mt.
Shasta, Calif., reported a minor
accident on Stukel street early
Monday.

2 NLRB HEARINGS SLATED FOR WEEK

Two National Labor Relations
board hearings over bargaining

rights in a pair of Klamath lum-
ber operations were scheduled
for this week in the area.

The first, involving the woods
crew of the Kesterson Lumber
company, is on the petition of
the CIO IWA local 6-12 and will
be held Thursday, July 31, at
9:30 in the Klamath Falls
Public library. The other, on a
petition of the AFL claiming
a majority at the Crater Lake
Box company, is slated for Fri-
day morning at Sprague River.
In both instances, the petitions
ask for NLRB investigation and
certification of their majority
claims and in both cases the op-
posing unions are intervening.

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