

CIO Okays Pay Increase At Conference Held Here

The following announcement was made at the close of CIO-IWA negotiations with Klamath district lumber operators here today:

The Employers Negotiating Committee and the International Negotiating Committee, jointly recommend to the parties for whom the two committees have the authority to negotiate, the following:

1. A wage increase of 12½ cents per hour shall become effective for all employes as of November 1, 1945.
2. This increase may be converted to a contract rate for employes paid on a piece rate basis, and if so the method of conversion, shall be decided by each company and each local union bargaining agent.

Signed at Klamath Falls, Ore., This 7th day of November, 1945.

Pine Industrial Relations Committee, Inc.,
By C. L. Irving.

International Woodworkers of America, IWA,
By Virgil Burtz.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WE were practically unaware of it in Oregon, but yesterday was the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, and so rated as an election date. The elections were chiefly in the East, and were confined largely to mayors with here and there an off-year congressman.

IN New York City O'Dwyer, Democratic-American Labor Party nominee, ran away with the mayoralty election, getting more votes than his two opponents combined.

Hannegan, Democratic New Deal political chief of staff, interprets this as a sign that Truman's goose is hanging high and there's nothing to worry about.

MAYBE so. This writer has a pious notion that O'Dwyer was outstandingly the best man of the lot, and won for that reason.

IT seems to this writer of late that Truman is SLIPPING. That he isn't quite the big man he SEEMED to be. Maybe he will be able to bounce back. But so far he is showing no signs of GREAT leadership ability.

IN his DOMESTIC policies, that is. His foreign policy has not yet proceeded far enough to be judged by the all-important measuring stick of RESULTS.

AS for the Republican party, it still has NO PROGRAM. Until it gets one, it won't amount to much. So far, it is just the opposition.

IN Detroit, incumbent Mayor Jeffries wins a fourth term over CIO Leader Richard Frankenstein, who had the all-out backing of the dreaded CIO Political Action Committee.

That might be a trend. At this distance it looks as if a lot of voters in Detroit may have been afraid of TOO MUCH PAC.

CHURCHILL gets back into the headlines today.

As leader of the opposition in parliament, he says he's pretty sure Russia wouldn't share the atom bomb secret if SHE ALONE possessed it. He adds: "If the circumstances were reversed and we or the Americans asked for similar access to Russian arsenals our request would NOT be granted."

HE explains to parliament that the advantage possessed by the United States in connection with the atom bomb consists in the "know-how" gained from the practical production methods developed at enormous expense and on a gigantic scale."

Because of this, we are ONE JUMP ahead of the rest of the world at the present moment.

He says Britain should help the U. S. guard the atom bomb as a sacred trust for the maintenance of peace, and intimates that the United States should meanwhile provide Britain with a SUPPLY of the bombs—which we alone, at the moment, KNOW HOW TO MAKE.

That sounds like the established Churchill brand of HARD COMMON SENSE.

RUSSIA is the big mystery nation of the world, and at this particular instant Stalin is the big mystery man.

WHERE is he? HOW is he?

FOR some reason, he didn't take the spotlight at the big Moscow celebration of the 28th anniversary of the bolshevik revolution. MOLOTOV appeared instead.

There are two possible explanations:

1. Stalin is SICK.
2. He is NOT IN RUSSIA.

HIS health is supposed to have been bad (he recently took a month's vacation) and may still be so.

ALSO there are rumors (which may be all moonshine) that he is now or has been in the U. S. There are other rumors that Chiang Kai-shek has been here.

That could mean that a BIG DEAL is on regarding the Chinese civil war.

REMEMBER that we are never TOLD these things—the aged-old theory being that diplomatic negotiations must be conducted (Continued on Page Two)

CIO TO REFER PAY OFFER TO MEMBERSHIP

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 7 (AP)—There were indications today any CIO lumber workers' acceptance of the compromise 12½ cent hourly pay boost would create a new stalemate in negotiating between striking AFL union men and northwest operators.

Agents for 15,000 CIO plywood workers voted last night to refer to the membership a 12½ cent offer which the AFL committee rejected a few hours earlier from the same operator group.

After the CIO action, the Plywood Employers association committee issued a statement in which it declared an AFL counter proposal to the operators' offer had been rejected.

The operators asserted their 40 mills were almost evenly divided as to union affiliation and it would be "impossible in a highly competitive industry to have one wage rate for one union group and a different one for the other union."

AFL Committeeman Frank Chapman said earlier the plywood group's offer would establish a \$1.024 cent rate. The union struck six weeks ago over demands for \$1.10 minimum. About 1000 of the AFL's 61,000 workers are now working at the higher pay.

Counter Proposal

The plywood group stated after the CIO action that the AFL counter proposal called for a 15 cent boost over the present minimum 90 cent rate and an additional 5 cents January 1.

Meanwhile other operator groups of strike-bound mills were scheduled to meet this week with district AFL councils in the four states. Similar 12½ cent offers by some have already been rejected.

Truman Plans Atomic Talks

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7 (AP)—President Truman will begin his atomic energy discussions with the British and Canadian prime ministers on Saturday.

The White House, disclosing today, said the three-power talks will start at the White House and continue on the presidential yacht, Potomac, on Sunday.

Prime Ministers Attlee of Great Britain and MacKenzie King of Canada will accompany the president to Arlington cemetery at 11 a. m. (EST) Sunday when he lays a wreath on the tomb of America's unknown soldier.

After the Armistice Day ceremony there, the party will go to the grave of Sir John Dill, former British representative on the combined chiefs of staff, where Mr. Attlee will lay another wreath.

Eben Ayers, assistant press secretary, also disclosed that there will be a state dinner at the White House Saturday night in honor of the distinguished visitors.

Reds Claim Victory Over Foe Along Vital Railroad

By SPENCER MOOSA

CHUNGKING, Nov. 7 (AP)—Chinese communists claimed a victory today over 70,000 Nationalist troops in fighting along the Peiping-Hankow railroad as the Kuomintang official news agency reported intensified battling throughout the provinces of Shansi and Suiyuan.

The communists also said they had recaptured the Hopeh province rail junction of Tzeshien Oct. 25. The already strained relations between Yanan and Chungking were further endangered by the communist claims.

Under the veteran Gen. Ho Lung, the communists are tightening a ring of steel around Kwetsui, Suiyuan capital, while other red columns move from the west, preparatory to assaulting the important city of Paotung.

THIS GUY'S PERSISTENT!

PORTLAND, Nov. 7 (AP)—Jesse E. Kirkland, 24, broke jail in Paducah, Ky., and fled to Oregon.

Arrested and jailed at Heppner, he broke jail there.

Yesterday a deputy marshal went to Kirkland's detention cell here, found him picking the lock with a metal coat hanger hook.

Kirkland and Earl Demery, 19, who were arrested at Baker after their Heppner escape, were removed to county jail to await removal to Paducah.

WAGE SHOWDOWN SEEN

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Lewis Crosses Picket Line To Attend Conference



John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, is forced to pass through a picket line in order to attend the labor-management conference opening at the labor department in Washington, D. C. Pickets are members of independent unions who charge that they were given "brush off" in their attempts to participate in conference.

AFL TRANSIT WALKOUT ENDS

By The Associated Press

AFL bus and trolley operators who struck yesterday for higher wages voted almost unanimously to resume work in Washington today.

The end of the strike that had tied up the capital's transportation system came as 273,000 other workers were off the job in scores of labor disputes over the nation. The newest major walkout involved 10,000 rubber industry workers in Akron, O.

An agreement in the Washington strike was accepted at a mass meeting of the 4000 union members involved. The plan was proposed after a conciliation conference.

Back On Job

Under it, workers will go back to their jobs with the Capital Transit company at once and negotiations over increased pay will begin tomorrow. Rep. Jennings Randolph (D-W.Va.), chairman of the house District of Columbia committee, said the agreement guaranteed no disciplinary action against the strikers.

Randolph also said he had been assured taxi cab drivers would not take a threatened "holiday." Busy even in normal times, the cabbies were hard pressed during the transit tieup that deprived 1,500,000 daily commuters of their means of transportation.

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WORLD WAR 2 VETS WILL LEAD PARADE

Veterans of World War II, both men and women, are requested to report in uniform to Memorial hall on S. 4th street, at 10 o'clock Monday morning for the American Legion parade.

United States marines will lead the "Welcome Home Comrades" parade which will start at 2nd and Main, at 11 o'clock the morning of November 12.

World War II veterans will form in line at 4th just south of Main, and follow the marines.

American Legionnaires will follow the veterans, then the American Legion auxiliary, the Klamath Union high school band, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Spanish American war veterans. The Sheriff's posse will ride at the end of the parade.

The parade will proceed to Modoc field where Lynn Roycroft will address the crowd, followed by a short speech from Col. Charles T. Brooks, commanding officer of the Marine Barracks.

After the program at the field everyone is welcome to attend.

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Agness Winters Enters Contest

The first candidate to enter the Klamath Victory Queen contest is 21-year-old Agness Winters. Miss Winters is being sponsored by the Northwestern Theatres.

Miss Winters is unmarried and lives with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Howells, 5628 S. 6th. She is employed as an usherette at the Esquire theatre where she has worked for approximately six months. She is a native of Butte, Montana, and has lived in Klamath Falls for the last year and a half.

Marvin Hixon, chairman of the contest committee, urges all girls interested in entering the contest to do so as soon as possible so that bond buyers may cast their votes for their chosen favorite candidate.

First Entry

Max. (Nov. 6) 31 Min. 24
Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
Stream year to date 111
Normal 1.24 Last year 1.04
Forecast: Snow tonight, warmer Thursday.
Thursday Shooting Hours—Klamath-Tulelake
Open 8:32 a. m. Close 4:48 p. m.

WEATHER

also on the Peiping-Suiyuan railroad.

Large communist reinforcements are pouring into the province, the nationalist dispatches said.

Meanwhile, the Yanan forces continued their attacks against the beleaguered rail junction of Tating in northern Shansi. In the south of the province, communists were attacking different points along the Tating-Puchow railroad, including Hohlien.

Loss of several towns west of the railroad was acknowledged by the central government, but it contended that Kuomintang forces beat off more than 30 attacks against Chaocing in four days.

A semi-official dispatch reported the reds had breached the Yellow river dyke near the important highway center of Taiyang in eastern Honan, inundating hundreds of square miles of territory and flooding many towns and villages. The flood threatened to engulf Taiyang.

Further communist destruction to railroads north of the Yangtze also was charged.

Forces over which the communists claimed "victory" in the Hopeh fighting included eight divisions, three "equipped with American arms and noted for their combat powers."

O'DWYER VOTED NEW MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY

By The Associated Press

Democrat William O'Dwyer swamped two major opponents and won election as mayor of New York City yesterday.

His vote far exceeded the aggregate of his opposition. It prompted democratic leaders to see good things ahead for the party in the state and nationally. They saw in it a decline in the political fortunes of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Republicans withheld comment for the time being.

In the second municipal scrap that captured more than local attention in yesterday's first postwar voting, Mayor Edward J. Jeffries was elected to a fourth term in Dewey's hot non-partisan mayoralty race against Richard T. Frankenstein, CIO union leader.

Frankenstein had the backing of the CIO's political action committee.

Other Elections

Democrats elected these mayors elsewhere: David L. Lawrence, national committeeman for Pennsylvania, in Pittsburgh; incumbent Thomas A. Burke of Cleveland, and Rep. James M. Curley for a fourth term, not consecutive, at Boston. The Curley victory was in a non-partisan race involving six registered democrats.

A democrat, E. Leland Taylor, was leading the race for mayor of Louisville.

Republicans, after 14 years on the outside, swept into control of the city government of New Haven, Conn., electing William G. Gelantano as mayor.

Cornelius A. Moynihan, a republican, was chosen as mayor of Hartford, but Waterbury picked a democrat, John S. Monagan.

Bridgeport kept its socialist mayor, Jasper McLevey, elected for his seventh consecutive term.

To offset the democratic victory registered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania republicans elected two superior court judges.

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The issue may pop up at the first session of the executive committee, key conference group empowered to sift all business for formal consideration.

CIO President Philip Murray has contended that wages and a "decent standard of living for the worker" cause all labor troubles and that mere creation of machinery for settling disputes will not solve the pay issue.

So far the majority of delegates seem disinclined to tackle wages. They point to President Truman's call to the group to work out better methods of collective bargaining. AFL President William Green told them the conference would be doomed to failure if it started talking pay rates.

R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO auto workers, told the conference yesterday no amount of dispute-settling machinery could prevent strikes.

"You can't make democracy live," Thomas said, "by writing a few formulas down on a piece of paper."

PAPER PLANTS MAY BE CLOSED BY AFL UNIONS

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 7 (AP)—Two AFL unions threatened a possible tie-up in the Pacific coast pulp and paper industry today in the wake of a war labor board decision which the unions considered unsatisfactory.

John Sherman, vice president of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, and Russell Drummond, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, announced that their bargaining committee was meeting here today to consider the decision.

"If the members reject the only offer contained in the WLB decision, namely a slight raise in night pay," they said, "we expect the industry to be tied up unless the association employers meanwhile seek negotiations."

First Dispute

It was the first dispute in a decade of successful collective bargaining between the unions and the Pacific coast association of pulp and paper manufacturers.

A tie-up would affect 32 mills in Oregon, Washington, and California, and from 11,576 to 20,000 workers. The lower estimate was made by the WLB, the higher one by the unions.

The 12th regional war labor board recommended only one union demand: increase of the 2½ cent hourly night differential to 4 cents for the second shift and 6 cents for the third.

The board recommended denial of the 20 per cent wage increase asked to offset reduction of the work week from 48 to 40 hours. It advised, however, that the contract allow renegotiation on the increase when the work week is actually cut. Union representatives said they would accept the board's recommendation.

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Two Klamath Men Hurt In Wreck

Harry I. Wayne, general agent for the Great Northern, and M. V. Schoonover, traveling freight agent for the line, suffered injuries late Tuesday morning when their car overturned on the icy roadbed of Highway 97 north of Algoma.

Schoonover, driver of the car, is in Hillside hospital with a severe back injury. Wayne received severe body bruises but was able to be at his desk for a short time today. The two were en route to Bend on business when their car struck an icy stretch, skidded and overturned on the road. The machine, a total wreck, came to rest on its side in a ditch.

The two men were brought back to Klamath Falls by passing motorists. Schoonover, 33, was recently appointed traveling freight agent for the Great Northern replacing Pete Lesmeister who has left for Brookings to raise bulbs. His home was in Oakland, Calif.

Arriving In United States

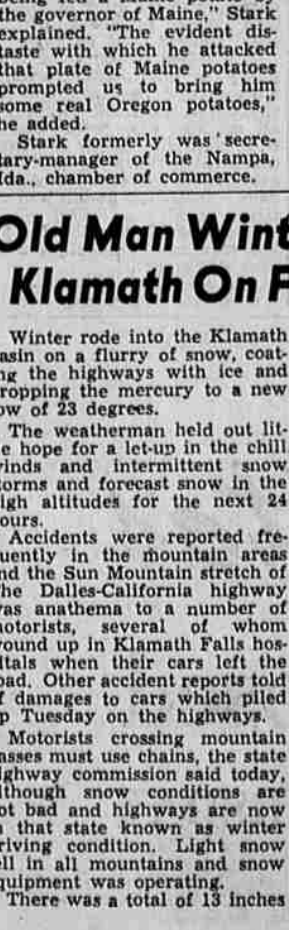
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