

CO PINE MEN GET WAGE BOOST

Increase To Equal AFL Level

A 2½ cents an hour raise for CIO lumber employees of this area appeared a certainty today after negotiators for management and unionists agreed on the boost which puts CIO wages on a level with the recently negotiated AFL scale. The pay hike will affect about 6500 employees from Prineville in central Oregon well into the California pine belt to the south of here. The agreed effective date is January 1, making the boost retroactive.

Negotiations were signed by Chet Irving for the Pine Industrial Relations committee, representing 20 companies with CIO affiliations. The same agreement will no doubt be extended to several other CIO operations not represented by PIRC, and some have already put the boost into effect by independent action.

Both Irving and Vernon Chase, CIO official, said today they expect favorable action on the agreement by management and union locals. It reads:

"To close all outstanding general wage issues between the parties, the two committees recommend to the local unions and individual employees that, by mutual agreement, a 2½ cents per hour wage increase be made effective January 1. Whether or not this increase shall be converted to a contract rate for employees paid on a piece rate basis, and if so the method of conversion, shall be decided by each company and its local union."

AFL Strikes
Early in the fall, the sawmill wage minimum for both CIO and AFL operations was \$7.75 cents in the pine belt. AFL went on strike for \$1.10. CIO negotiated a boost to \$1 on November 1, continuing to work. The AFL finally got a raise to \$1.02½ and has just returned to work. Today's announcement brings CIO up to the \$1.02½ level. This figure sustains the 2½ cents differential between pine and fir operations.

The company operations for which the new CIO increase was recommended today include:

Big Lakes Box company woods, of Klamath Falls, Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company of Bend, Burney Lumber company of Burney, Calif., Bly Logging company of Klamath, Chilquien Box and Lumber company, Deschutes Lumber company of Anderson, Calif., Ewauna Box company of Klamath Falls, Graeagle Lumber corporation of Graeagle, Calif., Kesterson Lumber corporation of Klamath Falls, Kesterson Box company of Klamath Falls, McClure River Lumber company, Medford corporation woods operation of Medford, Meadow Valley Lumber company of Quincy, Calif., Ochoco Lumber company of Prineville, Sacramento Box and Lumber company of Woodleaf, Calif., Shevlin-Hixon company of Bend, Setzer Box company of Greenville, Calif., Sugar Pine Lumber company of Ashland, Tite-Knot Pinemill at Redmond, Weyerhaeuser Timber company of Klamath Falls.

Pelican Bay Lumber company is a major Klamath mill with CIO affiliation but not represented by PIRC. Chase said today he would recommend to the local union that seek the same settlement with Pelican Bay that has been made with the others.

Two CIO plants not connected with PIRC, the Rogue River Box company and the Pacific Wood Products company at Grants Pass, have effected the raise.

RELEASE SILK
TOKYO, Jan. 12 (AP)—Allied headquarters directed the Japanese government today to release 15,000 bolts of silk for sale to occupation forces through post exchanges. The army will select weights, colors and widths.

Nearly complete unofficial returns from yesterday's special election for representative from the first congressional district gave the republican nominee the same heavy lead he showed in first reports.

With 418 of 500 precincts reporting, Norblad tallied 18,655 votes to Spaulding's 9,154. Spaulding conceded the election, congratulating his opponent on "your fine vote."

The 37-year-old former state legislator and son of a former Oregon governor was carrying all of the district's 10 counties.

Norblad, a recently discharged air corps captain, will fill the unexpired term of the late Rep. James W. Mott. He must run for reelection in this year's primary in order to remain in congress after next January.

At Astoria, Norblad was warmly appreciative of support. "I want to thank all who voted for me," he said. "I promise that I will serve the first district voters and the state conscientiously."

The first congressional district, true to its tradition of never sending a democrat to congress, returned a democrat from yesterday's special election.

BULLETIN
SEATTLE, Jan. 12 (AP)—George Donlan, printers' strike committee spokesman, said the union voted late today to accept the wage increase agreement worked out with the publishers of the three Seattle dailies, strikebound since November 18.

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L.D. PHONE SYSTEM STILL

Local Service Assured In New York When Union Members Pass Pickets

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (AP)—Paralysis gripped the nation's long distance telephone system today, but in New York a continuation of local phone service was assured when members of two unions crossed picket lines to return to their jobs.

The New York Telephone company reported at mid-morning that all operations for the city exchanges reported for work despite picket lines thrown around 30 of the 38 exchanges by striking installation workers of the Western Electric company. The strikers had asked telephone workers not to cross the lines and in many sections of the nation the request was obeyed. Long distance operators at the American Telephone and Telegraph building at 32 Avenue of the Americas—nerve center of all long line operations—continued to observe picket lines and supervisors and emergency employees were trying to handle urgent calls.

The two independent unions, representing 13,700 local telephone operators and 2500 commercial and headquarters workers of the New York Telephone company, voted last night not to honor the picket lines. Union officials declined to estimate how many returned to work this morning.

The unions are the Traffic Employees association, representing the operators, and the Union of Telephone Workers, representing employees in New York City, Long Island, Westchester and Rockland counties and Greenwich, Conn.

Change Plans
Several hours after the operators went through the picket lines, officials of the Association of Communications Equipment Workers (Ind.) which set up the lines, said pickets would be withdrawn from the local exchanges and concentrated on the Avenue of Americas building and the main office of the company at 140 West street. The latter office houses three local exchanges, in addition to executive offices.

Canada then proposed that Australia be chosen by acclamation. That procedure was ruled out of order but, Canada having in effect withdrawn, Australia received 46 votes on the final tally.

The other five non-permanent members were elected on the first ballot. All ballots were secret.

The five countries elected on the first ballot were Brazil (47 votes), Egypt (45), Mexico (45), Poland (39) and The Netherlands (37). The five elected states and Canada were on a slate which had been circulated by the United States delegation.

WEATHER
(January 12)
Max. (Jan. 11) 31 Min. 8
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date .238
Normal 5.38 Last 4.50
Forecast: Clear Sunday.

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Mexican Freed Of Rape Rap
It took a circuit court jury less than 30 minutes deliberation yesterday afternoon to find Felipe Olalde not guilty of statutory rape and this morning a similar case involving the same Mexican girl against Pedro Palato was dismissed.

The jury's verdict in Olalde's case was unanimous. He had denied, speaking Spanish and testifying through an interpreter, that he had ever been intimate with the 14-year-old girl who was the complaining witness.

Palato was brought into court yesterday to testify for Olalde but he was not put on the stand.

This morning Deputy District Attorney J. Hawkins Napier entered a motion before Judge David R. Vandenberg that the case against Palato be dismissed, saying that there was even less evidence corroborating the girl's charges against him than there was in Olalde's case and that he believed it would be a waste of time to try him.

Olalde's trial took three days in court. Judge Vandenberg granted the motion and Palato was released from custody.

Also this morning the case against William Daniel Richards, alias Bill Murphey, was continued until January 19. Richards has waived indictment and pleaded guilty to giving Merrill Billiards a \$50 bad check and was to be sentenced this morning.

The district attorney's office has not received all the wanted information concerning Richards' past activities, so his sentence was postponed.

Oil Board Proposes Pay Raise
Fact Panel In Favor Of 18 Per Cent Increase
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—A presidential fact-finding panel today proposed a general 18 per cent wage increase for CIO oil workers involved in a three-month-long pay dispute with a major portion of the industry. Settlements have already been reached between the union and several individual companies on that basis.

The proposed increase would boost the average hourly pay of the 25,000 workers involved from \$1.20 per hour to \$1.40 per hour.

The navy, which took over 53 refineries and pipelines on October 4 when government conciliation efforts failed, still is in control of 36 plants and pipelines of 23 companies.

Settlements were reached in cases affecting the other facilities.

Secretary of Labor Schweikert, to whom the three-man panel reported and who released the findings, described the report and recommendations as "sound and fair."

"The recommendations proposed by the panel provide a basis for the speedy conclusion of collective bargaining between the parties so that the plants and facilities may be released promptly to their owners by the navy," Schweikert said.

The CIO oil workers had demanded a 30 per cent wage boost.

The oil board was the first fact-finding panel appointed by Mr. Truman to investigate a major postwar dispute. Subsequently President Truman appointed similar boards for the General Motors strike and the CIO steel workers dispute with the U. S. Steel corporation.

Klamath Firm Changes Hands
Sole of the Wilson Title and Abstract company, pioneer business concern of Klamath Falls, to Commonwealth Inc., of Portland, was announced today by Arthur R. and Roxana P. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson came to Klamath Falls 35 years ago in February of this year, from Pueblo, Colo. They engaged in the abstract business under the name of City and County Abstract company. Their first 13 years were spent at 517 Main street. In 1929 the Wilsons incorporated under the name of Wilson Title and Abstract company.

The business continued to expand and it became necessary for the company to seek larger quarters. In 1923, the firm built the present building at 311 Main street across from the courthouse.

Wilson announced that the title plant only was sold to Commonwealth and he and Mrs. Wilson will retain the building and management of the title plant for an indefinite period. They expressed appreciation to the community in a statement made today. The present staff includes Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Thor Newlin, Mrs. Stanley Hajjick, Madeline Schreiner and Harby Bechen.

GI Heat Keeps Capitol Hill Uncomfortably Warm
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—GI heat kept Capitol Hill uncomfortably warm today, despite the promise of a speedy airing of the whole demobilization situation.

Announcement that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Adam Chester W. Nimitz would discuss the thorny problem before a joint congressional session next Tuesday brought no immediate halt in the flow of angry cables and radiograms from overseas personnel.

"When the blazes is a tuba player considered essential for a fighting army?" one GI cabled a senator.

Messaged another from Guam: "Don't let the Pentagon become the center of American life."

And from Munich: "We want home quick with none of the damned excuses."

The war and navy departments are so desirous of talking back that they requested the joint house-senate session be arranged to hear Eisenhower and Nimitz. This information came from a congressional leader who would not be quoted by name.

The session is tentatively set for Tuesday morning (7 a. m., PST) in the auditorium of the congressional library.

Meanwhile, the army cut the training period for new recruits in order to stop up the flow of replacements to relieve long service men overseas. The train-

This One Got Away!



A heavy Beacon truck crashed into the residence of Mrs. Beryl Houston, 526 N. 12th, at 11 o'clock this morning when brakes failed to hold. Carl F. Sandell, 1219 Lincoln, operator of the truck, was unloading heavy timbers across the street when the machine got away. Mrs. Houston was using the vacuum cleaner in the living room when the truck hit the side of the house, showering the interior with glass. No one was injured.

Seattle City Of Aching Arches, Curtailed Phone Service, No Newspapers

SEATTLE, Jan. 12 (AP)—Seattle today was a city of aching arches, no newspapers and curtailed telephone service as a strike of bus drivers set many afoot, a strike of printers went into its 56th day and picketing by Western Electric installers kept many telephone company workers off the job.

It was one immense traffic jam through most of the daytime working hours yesterday and a strangely silent place at night as every available automobile was called into service to haul folks to stores and offices and left at home in the evening.

A University of Washington Western Washington college basketball game in the Washington pavilion, which seats 10,000, drew 2500 customers last night. Gone from the city was the flash of the hurrying trolley and the stench of scorched diesel oil from the stuttering motor coaches.

Still a fourth strike was in the offing. Officers of the United Steelworkers of America (CIO) said 750 employees of two Seattle steel plants planned to leave their jobs Monday in line with a nation-wide dispute.

Mayor William Devin called to his office at midday the Seattle transit commission, which operates the city-owned bus lines, and representatives of the striking bus drivers. At dinner time he left with the request that they remain until a basis for settlement could be established.

At 3 o'clock this morning, the mayor called the Associated Press and said in a very tired voice that "progress has been made but the meeting has recessed until 1 o'clock this afternoon, when I hope further progress will be made."

Negro Handyman Seized In Degan Kidnap Case
CHICAGO, Jan. 12 (AP)—Chief of Detectives Walter Storms announced today a negro handyman who worked at an apartment building near the home of Suzanne Degan, 6, kidnap-killing victim, was seized for questioning about the fiendish crime.

The man was seized in the office of a doctor in suburban Wilmette.

Police Capt. John L. Sullivan said the Wilmette police reported the handyman had been the subject of complaints by women for annoying them and children. The handyman worked at least part time at an apartment building near the Degan home. He was reported to have been missing from his usual haunts for several days.

The new angle to the many-phased search for the killer came as the police had settled into painstaking analysis of all information they have assembled since the crime occurred Monday.

The value of the personal property and the annual net income of the estate are estimated at \$80,000.

Vera Crisler Will Probated
Distribution of the estate of Vera L. Crisler, who died here suddenly November 20, 1945, is provided by a will and two codicils filed at Sacramento, Calif.

Three houses in Klamath Falls are bequeathed to John L. Stewart Jr., Klamath Falls, and one at 45 Pine to Dola N. Clemens of the Ewauna Box company.

The residue of the estate is set up in trust for Mrs. Lena King Nelson, an aunt, of Ashland. Its net income goes to Mrs. Nelson, sister of the late Mrs. C. B. Crisler, Klamath Falls pioneer.

When Mrs. Nelson dies the net income will be equally divided between E. G. Funk, Sacramento lawyer, Dola N. Clemens of Klamath Falls, and Rollin P. Rodolph, San Francisco, accountant for the late Miss Crisler. Rodolph is named trustee.

On the death of Mrs. Nelson, the entire estate is to be distributed among the above three heirs.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE is an interesting development today in what might be termed the "GI gripe" news. It is contained in a dispatch from Manila, which says: "An army officer exercised SUPERVISORY JUDGMENT (censorship) today over material carried in the army newspaper, Daily Pacifican, including its popular Mail Bag column in which soldiers air their views."

AMONG the subjects to be banned hereafter from the Mail Bag are race relations, religion and officer privileges vs. enlisted men's privileges.

The officer doing the censoring (Col. W. E. Waters, heading the information-education section of Army Forces in the Western Pacific) explains that the new POLICY has for its aim building up rather than undermining the army. He adds: "Nothing can be done at this command level about such problems, and it does no good to provoke ill feelings."

TO get a reasonable understanding of this "gripe" problem, you must put yourself in the place of the American GI.

He isn't a professional soldier. He is a CITIZEN soldier, removed from his status as a citizen and inducted into the army to defend his country against its enemies. He recognizes this obligation and ACCEPTS it. The record of our armed services is proof enough that he DOES HIS JOB to a whole-hearted and workmanlike manner.

But he remains a CITIZEN soldier at heart, and as such he is burned to the core by the restrictions and the regimentations of army life. ("Browned off" is the army term for it.) He endures these restrictions and regimentations (including a caste system that reduces the enlisted man to the humiliating position of a member of an inferior class) partly because he has to but chiefly because he realizes that discipline is necessary in handling vast bodies of men in warfare and so contributes to the winning of the war and the defense of his country's ideals.

So he puts up with the system, and relieves his feelings by griping—just as we do on the home front.

The telling—the editor column—carried by the army newspapers under various headings such as "Mail Bag," "B Bag," etc.—has provided for the browned-off GI an outlet for his pent-up discontent that has been simply invaluable. Up to now, the army policy toward these publications has been liberal and intelligent, based upon tolerant understanding that getting it off our chests does us Americans a tremendous amount of good and enables us to get our troubles under our feet where we can handle them.

Now comes this new and utterly senseless policy of censorship that takes from the citizen soldier what he regards as his traditional American right to air his peevish. It looks like a typical case of brass hat bungling.

NOTHING is more understandable than the GI's desire to get home. So far as he can see, his job is done. It is up to him now to make his place in the world—to get going on his personal job of reconversion. He knows that the longer he is kept away from home the scarcer the good jobs and the promising openings will be when he gets back.

He hears vaguely about the responsibilities his country has been committed to, but he isn't told what these commitments are. It isn't surprising if in his frame of mind all this hazy talk of commitments appears to him to be a lot of bushwa.

It would be far better if instead of censoring his gripes out of print, thus compelling him to bottle them up in his system where they will be pretty sure to fester, the GI were told frankly and fully all about these commitments that prevent him from getting home and getting back to work.

There is a lot of room for more frankness in our governmental system.

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