

# Blackout Of Commerce And Industry Covers Argentina As Tie-Up Begins

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**BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 14 (AP)**—A virtual blackout of commerce and industry covered Argentina today at the start of a 72-hour close-down called by the nation's business leaders.

The shutdown was in protest of the military government's refusal to modify a decree ordering wage increases and year-end bonuses for workers.

Although transportation functioned within the city of Buenos Aires and suburban trains of the British Railways operated normally, other activities came to a virtual standstill.

There were no deliveries of bread or groceries. The bakers' association announced shops were open today but would close tomorrow. Milk was delivered. The government promised no one would be deprived of "articles of prime necessity."

Representatives of the manufacturers, industrialists and businessmen expressed satisfaction of first reports of the lockout, saying only milk and ice were being delivered and that a number of drug stores were operating on an emergency basis.

**Deliveries Questionable**  
 Whether bread and meat deliveries would be permitted tomorrow and Wednesday was questionable, although President Gen. Edelmiro Farrell's government may order the deliveries resumed on the grounds that public health is menaced.

Only factories where 24-hour processing was necessary permitted workers to enter and these limited staffs to skeleton maintenance crews. The great packing houses were idle.

The large amount of construction going on in Buenos Aires was halted.

Many taxis, most of which are owned individually, remained off the street. Only a few restaurants and bars were operating.

Passenger traffic was not heavy and could be accommodated by buses, trolleys and subways which maintained normal schedules.

Reports from the large interior cities of Rosario, Mendoza, Barana, Corrientes, La Plata, Cordoba, San Juan, Tucuman and Santiago Del Estero said all business and industry were halted there. The situation in Cordoba was further complicated by a continuing transport strike.

In Buenos Aires, the port strike continued although representatives of the employers expressed hope that an agreement would be reached with stevedores before the end of the week.

In Mar Del Plata, the country's largest seaside resort, most patrons abandoned the roulette and other gambling tables in the government-operated gambling casino that the place closed.

The gamblers formed a parade in the shape of an "L", for liberty, in front of the casino. Police dispersed them with tear gas. Later there was a shooting in front of the casino between two unidentified groups and two persons were wounded slightly.

A spokesman for the business leaders said an extension of the lockout would be considered if no solution was reached by Wednesday.

Workers last week had threatened a general strike in Argentina in protest against refusal of employers to pay bonuses and wage increases. Numerous places were closed and sit-down strikes were common.

Opponents of Col. Juan Peron, candidate for the presidency in the election next month, said the government decree was chiefly for his benefit and an open bid for labor votes.

The permanent committee which ordered the lockout disclosed that in its negotiations with the government, it had proposed a 90-day postponement in the wage-bonus decree to allow the situation to be studied without it becoming an issue in the election campaign. The government rejected a postponement and the industrialists and businessmen ordered the close down.

## Bridges Urges Union Unity

**PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)**—Harry Bridges, president of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, said here today the maritime union conference at Washington February 4 would be asked to formulate a "common economic and political program for action by all maritime unions."

The west coast union leader asserted the purpose would be to "amalgamate the programs of all unions regardless of affiliation."

At the same time, he denied a report by the San Francisco Chronicle quoting him as proposing a new nationwide organization of maritime unions on both coasts.

The Chronicle reported that Bridges told a meeting of 7000 ILWU Local No. 10 members there Saturday that the unification must come because "contract negotiations haven't been successful. The newspaper reported Bridges had said many union leaders would oppose the new union idea because of fear of losing their jobs.

Bridges asserted "as far as I know the meeting was closed to the press."

He said the San Francisco meeting was similar to one held here yesterday when union members ratified a demand for a 35 cent an hour increase to a \$1.50 hourly minimum. Negotiations begin with shipping operators in San Francisco January 18.

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## Lebanon Man Killed When Car Overturns

**LEBANON, Jan. 14 (AP)**—Jack L. Mingo, 16, Lebanon, was killed and a companion injured on the South Santiam highway west of here early yesterday when a car driven by William S. Hodges, also 16, Scio, overturned on a curve.

General hospital here reported Hodges' condition "fair" and said he had no fractures.

Deputy Coroner Walter Kropp said the Hodges car was going east between Albany and Lebanon.

## Portland Will Not Get Base

**SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14 (AP)**—The Portland army air base at the municipal airport here will not be made a permanent major army installation, fourth air force headquarters reported today.

The statement said an earlier statement by Brig. Gen. E. M. Moore, chief of staff, on army plans to make the base permanent, was an error. The air force headquarters said war department officials had not advised the headquarters of changed plans until after Gen. Moore's announcement.

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Pressure canner gauges and valves may be entrusted to the home demonstration agent's office for testing, says Mrs. Gillen, because they are sent to the Oregon State college foods industries department for expert checking, to see that they are in perfect working order. A nominal charge is made for the testing service, and the instrument is returned with the correction lettered on a tag attached to the gauge. Gauges and valves should be brought to room 208, Federal building, or mailed directly to the foods industries department, Oregon State college, Corvallis. The complete instrument should be removed from the lid of the

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## Man Killed When Struck By Auto

**PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)**—George D. Courville, 35, an auto court resident here, was killed early yesterday when struck by a car driven by Walter A. Johnson, 37, Vancouver, sheriff's deputies reported today.

Deputies said a brother of the victim confirmed Johnson's account that Courville had stepped in front of his auto.

## Fire Department Answers 3 Calls

Last week's lull for the city fire department ended Sunday when three calls sent the trucks out to as many residences.

The first alarm was received at 9:18 a. m. when a small house owned and occupied by Victor Cook on Hawkins street in the Shippington district was partially destroyed by fire which is thought to have originated in the kitchen. A second call came at 5:17 p. m. from the Bob Henry residence, 616 Lincoln, when a floor furnace caused some damage to the structure. A false

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