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Snell Asks Board To Negotiate

State May Take Over Entire Plant To Educate GI's

SALEM, Feb. 13 (AP)—The state board of higher education, at the request of Governor Earl Snell, is negotiating to acquire the \$6,500,000 Klamath Falls Marine Barracks in order to educate returning war veterans, the governor said today.

He said that if the transaction goes through, the state would take over the entire plant without cost to the state, including 65 major structures. He said he would confer soon with the state emergency board, presumably to get funds to operate the plant as a college.

Use of the Marine Barracks by the state of Oregon as a center for veteran education has been under consideration for at least a week, following a visit here last Wednesday of several state higher education and other state officials. It is presumed their report to the governor, upon their return from the inspection trip here, resulted in his statement in Salem today.

ICKES RESIGNS CABINET POST

N.Y.C. Back To Normal; Stores Open

Way Cleared For New Effort To Settle GM Strike

By The Associated Press

Life gushed back into New York City's business arteries today and the way was cleared for a possible new effort to hurdle the one cent an hour difference blocking settlement of the General Motors strike.

New York City, almost a ghost town yesterday with all except essential activities barred, swung quickly back to normal today with lifting of the drastic fuel shortage edict. Fuel rationing remained in effect, however, and schools kept their doors closed.

The National Labor Relations board postponed a hearing in Detroit on charges of the CIO United Auto Workers union that the General Motors corporation failed to bargain in good faith. George D. Reilly, trial examiner, said the "primary reason" was to permit a possible resumption of GM-UAW wage negotiations.

They Are Newcomers To The United States



At left, Mrs. Horace Pendergrass feeds her son, Stephen James, I, on a New York pier after debarking from the liner Queen Mary to start a journey to Roseburg, Ore., to join her husband whom she married in England. At right, Nurse Mrs. George Wallace holds Thomas Hooker Jr., 21 months, who is bound for Los Angeles, while in the basket are Patricia Dora Cohn (left), 6 months, bound for San Jose, Calif., and Frances Karpman, 9 months, en route to Los Angeles. Their mothers were the brides of American soldiers in England. (AP wirephoto).

Reilly added, however, he knew of no arrangements for further negotiations today. He said the postponement was for today only. The union turned down a company offer of an 18¢ cent an hour wage boost yesterday and UAW Vice President Walter P. Reuther said union representatives wouldn't resume negotiations until the corporation was willing to meet the 19¢ cent recommendation of a presidential fact-finding board.

Meanwhile, the end of crucial strikes which had discommoded millions in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia as well as New York, brightened the immediate labor picture.

Hurd Placed On 2-Year Probation

Nelson Woodrow Hurd, 26-year-old ex-soldier arrested for breaking into Ole's tavern early last week, has been placed on probation for two years.

Judge David R. Vandenberg decided against having Hurd committed to a veterans hospital by court order after a sanity hearing had termed him sane but suffering from a war neurosis.

The judge told Hurd to "try to forget his past troubles and war experiences" and in six months, if he was still having trouble, to come back to the court for help.

Community Chest Idea Now Firmly Established In KF

The community chest idea has been firmly established in Klamath Falls and should be carried on, at least on a local level, in the future, it was agreed by the members of the community fund advisory committee in meeting this week.

The committee selected Elton Thompson, U. S. bank manager, as temporary chairman, succeeding Vern Owens, who has served as chairman through two community fund campaigns combined with the state and national war chests.

Whether the combined fund program will be extended to include any state or national beneficiaries was left for later decision, but the group decided definitely to conduct a combined program for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Salvation Army, and possible other local beneficiaries in order to avoid separate campaigns.

Crisis Nears On Argentina

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—The state department's blast at key Argentine leaders as wartime pawns of Nazi Germany hastened a fresh crisis today in the already badly-strained relations between the United States and Argentina.

Whether a formal break in diplomatic ties will result remained an open question.

Dispatches from the Argentine capital disclosed that at least part of the blue book indictment had been published there, and these dispatches speculated on the likelihood of curtailed relations.

Col. Juan Peron, Argentina's strong man and current presidential candidate, refrained in a campaign speech last night from mentioning the "blue book" which included assertions that the Nazis had been allowed to set up in Argentina "a complete duplicate of the economic structure for war" which they had in Germany.

However, Peron did assail U. S. Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden for what he called "insolent intervention" in Argentina's affairs. (See also page 10).

Union Pickets G. P. Restaurant

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 13 (AP)—Pickets appeared before Tracy's steak house this morning in a move to secure a union agreement between the Restaurant Local 329, Restaurant Employees and Bartenders, AFL.

The action culminated several months of discussions between Jim Tracy, owner of the steak house, and Mrs. Marjorie Barnes of Medford, secretary of the local and members of the Central Labor council.

15 Injured In Tornado

ARDMORE, Okla., Feb. 13 (AP)—Fifteen persons were hurt, five seriously, when a tornado roared through the east half of this southern Oklahoma city of 20,000 early today.

At least 25 frame houses were ripped apart and their wreckage scattered over a wide area. Fifty more were damaged. Some lost roofs, others windows and porches.

A 2-story brick building was demolished at the east end of the city's main thoroughfare. Plate glass windows in business buildings in the area of the brick structure were blown in. Signs were scattered over the section.

A search of most of the wrecked area indicated no lives were lost but the hunt for persons who might have been trapped continued.

Four Killed In Indonesia

BATAVIA, Feb. 13 (AP)—Four British and Dutch soldiers were killed and three wounded today in fighting between search columns and Indonesians in the area of Bekassi and Batavia.

British tanks and two battalions of troops searched villages along the route from this capital to Bekassi and encountered 25 road blocks. Returning, a British officer and two men were ambushed and the enlisted men were killed. The officer was injured.

Dutch forces searching settlements arrested 50 suspects. A Dutch officer and a Dutch soldier were killed and two others were wounded.

Jury Tampering Charged In Case

PORTLAND, Feb. 13 (AP)—Jury tampering was charged in circuit court here today and Judge Frank R. Longren halted selection of a jury in the first degree murder trial of Lawrence R. Ogilvie.

Lester W. Humphreys, one of the defense attorneys, told the court a man, whose name was not made public, had told him that certain members of the panel would be good defense jurors, had telephoned at least one member of the panel to discuss the case and had talked to jurors after being cautioned not to do so.

New Dealer Quits Due To Pauley

'Curmudgeon' Asserts Truman Challenged His Veracity

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes resigned today with an assertion that President Truman had challenged his veracity after telling him to be "as gentle as you can with Ed Pauley."

The old-line new dealer and self-styled "curmudgeon" stepped out of the cabinet after 13 years' service as a direct result of the controversy over Mr. Truman's nomination of Edwin W. Pauley, California oil man, to be undersecretary of the navy.

Ickes has testified Pauley made him the "rawest" kind of proposition involving funds for the democratic campaign and Mr. Truman has said Ickes could be mistaken.

Blistering Letter

In a blistering, 2000-word letter, Ickes told Mr. Truman he had spoken the truth about Pauley before a senate committee, had no apologies and asserted the president had no right to pass judgment on his veracity.

Shortly after the White House made the first announcement of the resignation, Ickes released the text of his letter and added details at a news conference in response to reporters' questions.

He said Mr. Truman knew in advance that he would oppose Pauley's nomination at the naval affairs committee hearing but never once asked his reasons "although I gave him opportunities."

Cabinet Meeting

At last week's cabinet meeting, Ickes related, he informed Mr. Truman that he had been asked to testify. He asserted the president told him "You must tell the truth, of course."

Then Ickes quoted the president as saying "Be as gentle as you can with Ed Pauley."

"I said, 'Will,'" Ickes told reporters.

When a reporter asked whether he will work against Truman in 1948 if the latter is a presidential candidate, Ickes replied flatly, "No."

He said he could conceive of certain conditions under which he could support him, adding a lot would depend on the character of Mr. Truman's opponent.

Just An Old Fuddy-Duddy!

BOSTON, Feb. 13 (AP)—Proposals for the construction of Helicopter platforms in Boston were opposed today by Rep. Jacinto F. Diniz (D-New Bedford) who said:

"Now we'll have gas and oil dripping on our straw hats. Pigeons weren't bad enough."



HAROLD L. ICKES

O'Neill Asks Reduction Of Murder Count

J. C. O'Neill, attorney for Clyde Edward Todd, made a strong plea in justice court this morning to have the charge against Todd reduced from second degree murder to manslaughter and to admit him to bail.

The Southern Pacific railroad patrolman has been held in the county jail since January 25 for fatally shooting Ross Simmers in a Pacific Fruit Express office shack in the railroad yards. The second degree murder charge is not bailable in this state.

O'Neill termed Todd's incarceration "unjust punishment" and said that it was an unnecessary burden to the state and Todd's family to keep him in jail.

Charge In Error

In contending that the charge against his client was in error, O'Neill pointed out that he was being held for "feloniously, maliciously and purposely" shooting Simmers with a 32-20 pistol, and that the state had no evidence of malice or bad feeling between the two men or that a felony had been committed.

Pointing a gun, either loaded or unloaded, is only a misdemeanor and not a felony, O'Neill stated.

Answering the request for a reduction of charge, District Attorney Clarence A. Humble claimed that Todd's action at the time of the shooting, according to an eyewitness, constituted purpose and that he could not pull his pistol from the holster by accident.

Shot Through Heart

The bullet passed through Simmers' heart, Hendricks said. Simmers groaned "My God, right through the guts," and slumped to the floor. He did not see Simmers.

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Eruption Of Crater Would Hurt Only Oregon's Pride

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 13 (AP)—An eruption of Crater lake wouldn't damage anything but Oregon's pride and the tourist trade.

That's the indication from a report by Dr. Howell Williams, famed volcanologist who is probably the world's greatest authority on the Crater lake region.

The University of California geology professor said that if Mount Mazama—the extinct volcano in whose crater the lake now lies—erupts again, the explosion would not be violent.

But "an eruption today would kill a lot of fish, and would ruin the beautiful blue color of the lake," Williams added.

Williams, who studied the crater over a five year period, said that once a volcano collapses there is little chance of violent activity. An eruption—considered possible by geologists since the lake began "burping" huge smoke clouds—"wouldn't kill people," Williams said.

"Furthermore, I doubt if there is even enough activity in the volcano to produce a cone high enough to rise above the level of the lake, which is 2000 feet deep."

Arriving In United States

Fred L. Murphy, T/5, Klamath Falls, arrived on Marine Fox due in Seattle February 11.

O. Anderson, T/4, Klamath Falls, arriving on Sea Tiger due in New York February 14.

Parsonage At Glide Destroyed

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 13 (AP)—Severe burps were suffered by Harry Turnbull and his daughter Susie, 4, when fire of undetermined origin destroyed the parsonage at Glide, 18 miles east of Roseburg, early this morning. Turnbull rescued the girl from an upstairs room after Mrs. Turnbull and their two other children reached safety in their night clothes. The family lost all of their personal possessions.

Mercury Shows 9 Above Zero

A minimum of 9 above zero and a maximum of 31, one below the freezing mark, was the 24-hour report on weather in these parts from CAA.

It was 3 above on the Green Springs and 5 above on Sun Mountain of the Dalles-California stretch.

The state highway reported crews busy scraping on packed snow and sanding curves but as no new snow has fallen in 48 hours the plows are idle.

New York City Voted Temporary UNO Headquarters

LONDON, Feb. 13 (AP)—A United Nations assembly committee voted overwhelmingly today to establish temporary United Nations headquarters in New York City.

The committee rejected a proposal that the temporary site should be in San Francisco.

The action puts the site question up to the whole assembly.

The Westchester-Fairfield area of New York state and Connecticut had previously been recommended by the committee as temporary United Nations headquarters.

One other top issue, the Indonesian question, remained to be decided by the security council before the United Nations could adjourn its current meeting. Trygve Lie, secretary-general, was reported to have expressed the hope that the assembly would wind up its business by Friday night.

The security council was scheduled to meet at 9 p. m. (1 p. m. PST), to take up the Indonesian problem.

One other issue, the demand of Syria and Lebanon for evacuation of French and British troops from the Levant, appeared likely to come before the council, however, before it concludes its winter session.

A Lebanese delegate said negotiations for an outside settlement were almost completely deadlocked and "the matter will definitely go to the security council."

The security council adjourned yesterday to give members a chance to consider an Egyptian plan to solve the Indonesian issue, in which the Ukrainian delegation had demanded the appointment of a commission to probe British military activities in Java.

The plan proposed by Egyptian Delegate Mahmoud Riaz called for the earliest possible withdrawal of British troops and for a report on the progress of Dutch-Indonesian negotiations now in progress in Batavia on Indonesian independence demands.

The plan also called for a (United Nations) charter and the right of self-determination of peoples.

One difficult issue before the UNO was disposed of yesterday when the political and security council approved limited association of both the world federation of trade unions and the American Federation of Labor as United Nations consultants on labor policies.

The decision marked a decided victory for U. S. Delegate Senator Tom Connally (D-Tex.), who had battled for a month

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