

PHONE UNION MAPS STRIKE PLAN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THINGS begin to pop in Washington today. The department of labor opens a drive to "push for settlement" of all current strikes and get the conversion program BACK INTO HIGH GEAR.

Secretary of labor Schwelmbach advises industry generally to "sign up and trust to OPA."

At the same time, a "high OPA official" (who won't let his name be used) promises employers that price increase applications to offset wage boosts under the new stabilization policy "are going to be handled fast."

He adds that OPA is confident it can STAY AHEAD of any flow of petitions (from industry) for price help, and says that if necessary personnel will be transferred from other OPA departments to "keep the ball rolling."

He concludes: "There are no two ways about it, we have JUST GOT to move speedily."

THE inevitable conclusion, at this distance, is that somebody in Washington is SCARED and is moving fast to get results quickly.

WHY? Well, this is the situation: There will be an election this fall in which ALL the members of the house of representatives and a third of the members of the senate must run the gauntlet of public opinion. If we are still in a state of deadlock and STAGNATION on election day, it isn't hard to guess what will happen.

There will be a lot of new faces in Washington.

PEOPLE are getting tired of deadlock and stagnation. They want to go places and do things. They want to collect on the promises of the brave new world.

A CLOUD appears today in the sky—no larger at the moment than a man's hand. But it has an ominous color.

Washington dispatches tell us the labor department is launching an attempt to beat back a rising tide of unemployment that is expected to leave SIX MILLION JOBLESS by June 30.

June 30 is only FOUR MONTHS before election.

THIS is America's position today: We have the raw materials. We have the labor. We have the INDUSTRIAL PLANT—the greatest since the world began; unscarred by war. Markets for some time to come will be huge.

There is a fantastic demand for goods.

We have ALL THE MAKINGS of prosperity—EXCEPT CONFIDENCE! The feeling is growing swiftly that confidence is lacking because of the blundering ineptness of the government in Washington.

SUPPOSE the Republicans should win control of congress this November. Suppose they should BREAK THE DEADLOCK and open the door to the brave new world we're all yearning for and touch off the long period of prosperity that is practically inevitable if we can get intelligent leadership. What will happen then?

THE answer is as plain as the nose on your face. The Democratic party, New Dealism and all, will be as dead as the Democratic party was after the Civil War and as the Republican party was after 1930.

It isn't surprising that things are beginning to POP in Washington.

It seems quite probable that the members of the sprawling, BRAWLING bureaucracy that today is the federal government may be so frightened by the picture of present events as to be ready to pour on the coal to get the results that people are obviously wanting.

Watch it. It may be something big.

Hung Jury Winds Up Hixon Trial

The trial of Lee Arlet Hixon for receiving and concealing stolen property ended with a hung jury, dismissed shortly after midnight last night after more than eight hours of deliberation.

The case went to the jury at 3:40 p. m. yesterday. Harry E. Wilson, foreman, reported that the 12 men were deadlocked from the first ballot.

Hixon was charged with having in his possession a pair of saddlebags and a tunic allegedly stolen from W. Eberhart last August. He is also the defendant in another case to come into court March 26, in which he is accused of possessing a set of work harness stolen from the Vera Crisler ranch.

The Klamath Indian youth is free on \$3000 bail.

Pauley Issue Splits Demo Party

Pope Pius Warns Of Imperialism

Foundation Of Human Intercourse Said Endangered

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 20 (AP)—Pope Pius in a broadcast directed to the world after he had placed barettes on the heads of 20 new cardinals warned tonight that modern imperialism "carries in it germs which endanger very foundations of human intercourse."

Peoples over the world, he said, are anxious for their mutual security, and "anxiety born of an unbridled tendency toward expansion which has within it the gnawing worm of ceaseless unrest, and brings it about that to each demand made as needed for security there follows another and another without end."

Universality Emphasizing the universality of the church—a universality borne out by the handing of barettes to new cardinals from six continents in a colorful ceremony in the vaulted hall of benedictions—the pontiff declared the church stood out as a warning and a standard in a world torn and divided.

The church, he declared is "indivisible."

The speech, broadcast from the Vatican City radio and heard in many parts of the world, was delivered in the hall of benedictions, where the pope had just placed barettes on 20 of the 32 new cardinals, including four from the United States, in one of the most colorful ceremonies in the history of the Roman Catholic church.

Speaking of social values, the pontiff said the individual man should be able to use his own powers and not be subjected by the community.

Joblessness Seen Rising

Bulletin

LONDON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Russia denied tonight that its agents had obtained important secret data from Canada and said that the attitude adopted by the Canadian government "is incompatible with normal relations between the two countries."

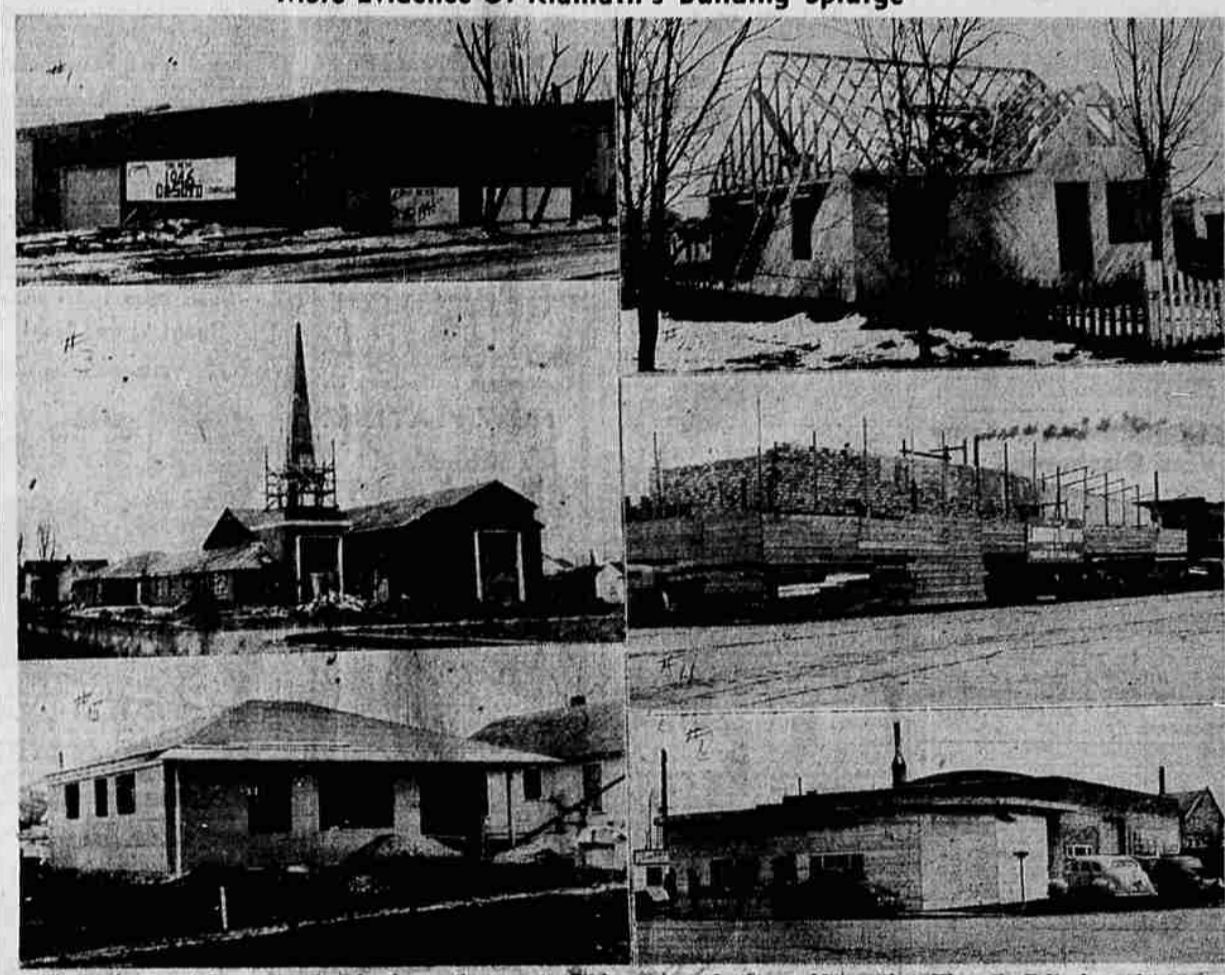
Pistol Duel Fatal To Two In Shiloh Sect Shooting

DURHAM, Me., Feb. 20 (AP)—A double slaying etched another chapter today in the colorful history of Shiloh, the hilltop "temple" here of a religious sect, "The Kingdom, Inc."

Sheriff Louis E. Gendron said a pistol duel between Irene Laprise, about 30, of Brunswick, and Dr. Charles Reeder, 39-year-old Durham osteopath, ended yesterday with both men dead and Carl Webster, 32, and Mrs. Kneeland Godfrey, 71, slightly wounded.

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More Evidence Of Klamath's Building Splurge
These pictures, taken at random in the southern sector of town, are further evidence that Klamath Falls is undergoing a comprehensive postwar building boom and also indicates that when new automobiles are put on the market, this city will be well equipped with places to sell them. Upper left, Burness Motor company, DeSoto dealer, building going up on Walnut between 5th and 6th. Upper right, frame dwelling being built for Cletus Reeves at 1749 Summers lane. Center left, the red-brick Church of Jesus Christ. Lower left, prefabricated dwelling on Eberlein. Lower right, Jack Elle's Nash Motor company building at S. 8th and Willow.

4 Critically Hurt In Wreck

SALEM, Feb. 20 (AP)—A bus driver and three Salem women were seriously injured last night when a chartered Pacific Greyhound bus collided head-on with an oil truck on the Pacific highway 12 miles south of Salem.

The bus was carrying 36 Salem women to an Eagles lodge meeting in Albany. Mrs. William Ogle was in a critical condition today, while Mrs. Reva Davidson and Mrs. June Wallace were reported in fair condition.

Paul Hart, the bus driver, also of Salem, was in a serious condition.

Seventeen other women were treated at hospitals for cuts and bruises and were discharged.

Melvin L. Stimson, Lake Grove driver of the oil truck, was not injured.

The bus was thrown off the highway but remained upright.

Butter Lack Grows Worse Because Of Price Ceiling

If the scrounging housewife thinks the butter situation has developed into an all-time headache, she'd better think again.

The present scarcity of butter is nothing to what is in store for the nation's consumers, according to Glenn Kent, manager of the Klamath Falls Creamery, who returned last night from San Francisco where he attended the Pacific Coast Butter, Egg, Cheese and Poultry association session.

"The picture isn't good," was Kent's first comment. Then he elaborated on the convention which brought 550 butter and egg men to the Bay city.

"The farmer is getting from 35 to 40 cents more for fluid milk than he was getting a year ago, but that goes into butter, and they won't divert into the butter channel because of the price discrepancy. That just means there won't be any more butter."

"The government is doing nothing to remove the ceiling so that dairymen can find it profitable to bring in cream, and the government men present at the convention did not commit themselves in any way. They spoke, not so much on control, but on the dairy market in general," Kent said.

Coast Scoured According to Kent the Pacific coast is being scoured for possible sources of butter. He and Stanley Soran, in charge of the poultry and egg department for Klamath Falls Creamery, were unsuccessful in making contacts for butter. Kent observed that dairy products were more scarce than at any time during the war and that instead of getting better would be much worse.

Speaking for his own plant, Kent said that four years ago the government men present at the convention did not commit themselves in any way. They spoke, not so much on control, but on the dairy market in general," Kent said.

Rose Poole Seeks Office

Rose M. Poole, republican member of the state legislature from Klamath county, today mailed in her notice of intention to be a candidate on the May 17 nominating primary to the secretary of state in Salem.

Mrs. Poole is now serving her first term in the lower house. Henry Semon, democrat, the senior representative from this county, announced his intention to run for re-election several days ago. Senator Marshall Corbett of Klamath county will hold over into the next year, and is a leading candidate for senate presidency.

The situation surrounding the judgeship of the 13th judicial district was cleared a bit this morning when L. Orth Sisemore and Dayton E. Van Vector, local attorneys said they would not be candidates opposing Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Judge Vandenberg has announced that his name will be on the non-partisan primary ballot. District Attorney Clarence A. Humble, who has also been mentioned as a possible nominee for the post, was in court today and unavailable for a statement.

Gary E. Cozad, present Linkville district constable, filed his petition for re-nomination with the county clerk this morning. Cozad was first elected constable in 1924. He is a republican.

There have been no other constable candidates filed as yet, although the post in Plevna, Odell, Lost River, Klamath Lake, Sprague River, Tulelake, Yainax and Wood river districts is up for balloting this year.

Klamath housewives are now paying 55 cents a pound.

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Withdrawal Proposed By Stewart

Fortas Says He Heard Oil Suit Talked With Ickes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—Senator Stewart, Tennessee democrat, asserted today Edwin W. Pauley's nomination as undersecretary of navy had "seriously split" the democratic party and Pauley should withdraw his name "in common decency."

Both President Truman and Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan, national democratic chairman, must "certainly be embarrassed" by the fight the nomination has provoked," Stewart said.

"I regret that Mr. Pauley has not withdrawn his name or that Mr. Hannegan has not had him do it," Stewart added. "To continue to embarrass the president is bad."

Praises Truman Later, Senator Bilbo (D-Miss.) in a statement praised Mr. Truman for "standing pat" on the nomination. Bilbo said he wanted to vote for Pauley's confirmation "by his own utter contempt" of statements made by Harold L. Ickes in opposing Pauley's selection.

Neither Bilbo nor Stewart are members of the senate naval committee which is holding hearings on the nomination.

Stewart issued his statement shortly after Abe Fortas testified he heard Pauley discuss democratic campaign contributions and the tidelands oil suit with Harold L. Ickes but could not recall whether the two subjects were linked "on a contingent basis."

The former undersecretary of interior offered his testimony to the senate naval committee, which is studying Pauley's nomination to be undersecretary of navy.

Downs Placed At Fire Scene

Mrs. Mabel Shearer, witness for the prosecution, testified this morning in circuit court that she saw Alva W. Downs, former city building inspector being tried for arson, enter an unoccupied dwelling owned by D. L. Mosier on the Old Ford road and a few minutes later saw the building on fire.

That was on July 18, 1945. Mrs. Shearer said she was living across the road from Mosier's house at the time.

Downs, she testified, drove up to the house, entered through the back, carried out a roll of linoleum and other articles, and drove off. Shortly after he left the tarpaper-covered four-room house began to burn.

Took Stove Mrs. Shearer also said that she had seen Downs enter the house about a month before and carry off a stove. She identified the defendant sitting in the courtroom as the man she had seen visit the Mosier dwelling.

Mosier, owner of the property, was the first state witness called this morning. His testimony was that the dwelling was livable, but that he had left it locked up and with some articles of furniture inside when he went to California to work in August, 1944. He intended to return here to live when his work was finished, he said.

Tie-Up May Be Called At Any Time

Strategy Session Now Underway To Set Walkout Date

By The Associated Press
The National Federation of Telephone Workers (Ind.) mapped lines today for a possible nationwide tieup of telephone service "at any time" after conclusion of a strategy meeting now underway.

The executive board of the union, authorized yesterday to call a strike for higher wages, went into a special session at Memphis, Tenn., with heads of 15 affiliated unions which have complied with the Smith-Connelly act by filing strike notices.

John J. Moran, president of the Federation of Long Line Telephone Workers, which has filed notice, said it was "very probable" a strike date would be set at the conference.

Negotiations However, Joseph A. Beirne, NFTW president, has stated no strike would be called until "all avenues of peaceful negotiations are closed."

A strike of the union's 250,000 members would tie up long distance telephone service and shut off local calls in most states.

A union spokesman who declined to permit use of his name, said strike strategy would be completed enough in detail at the Memphis meeting, so that "a national strike can be called at any time." This included appointment of a national strike director and strike strategy committees on a local, regional and national basis.

Wage Demands The 50 NFTW affiliated unions are demanding a \$10 weekly wage hike, minimum hourly wage of 85 cents and a return to the 40 hour week.

With the number of strike idle in the nation reduced to around 970,000 by continuing settlements in the steel strike, the labor department started a drive to "push for settlement" of all current work stoppages.

Secretary of Labor Schwelmbach told industry generally his advice was to "sign up and trust to OPA," while an OPA official promised employees that price increase applications to offset wage increases under the new stabilization policy "are going to be handled fast."

Schwelmbach said the new wage-price policy's success hinged on prompt government action and he added federal agencies involved had assured him that speedy consideration would be given to all requests for price relief.

Legion Leases NCO Quarters

Negotiations for the purchase of equipment of the Marine NCO quarters and the lease on the space in the Willard hotel for use by Klamath Falls American Legion post, No. 8, have been completed it was announced last night at the Legion meeting.

O. D. Matthews, chairman of the club committee, reported that the club room lease had been obtained from W. D. Miller, owner of the Willard. Further plans as to usage of the club will be made by the Legion.

550 Trapped In Coal Mine

LONDON, Feb. 20 (AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Herford, Germany, said that 550 persons were trapped below ground today in a coal mine at Unna, near Dortmund in the British occupation zone, following an explosion.

Nine of the 16 persons brought to the surface thus far were reported to be dead. The dispatch said the others were believed doomed.

Lumber Executive Taken By Death

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—Charles Edward Miller, 54, president of the Young's Bay Lumber company, Roseburg, died suddenly at his home here today of a heart ailment.

Born in New York City, he had been prominently identified with the lumber industry of Oregon for the last 25 years.

Arriving In United States

By The Associated Press
Chester V. Carlson, Sgt. Wood, arrived on General Anderson due in New York February 18.

WEATHER
February 20, 1946
Max. (Feb. 19) 44 Min. 28
Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
Stream year to date 8.70
Normal 7.97 Last year 6.86
Forecast: Snow in mountains.