

DAIRYMEN VOTE AGAINST STRIKE

Discussions To Continue With Bureau

Klamath valley dairymen today voted to continue negotiations with the OPA for a \$1.15 a pound butterfat price until April 15, and if the boost is not granted by then each individual producer will have to decide whether to continue operation or to just go out of the dairy business.

The dairymen, meeting this morning in the circuit court room of the courthouse, were preponderantly against a strike which would outlaw them in the eyes of the OPA now and be injurious to public health, but feel it impossible to go on under present milk prices.

One young southend area farmer put into words the general feeling of the dairymen when he said that by April 15, he would be milking 44 cows but if the price boost didn't come through by that time he would sell his herd and put his feed and pasture acre into spuds.

Russell Kuntz, OPA accountant from Portland, is in town today and representative dairymen this afternoon are to lay before him detailed data of milk production costs which are to be the basis of further negotiations. Lee Holliday, member of the directors of the Dairy Producers association, is on his way to San Francisco and will confer with the OPA regional office there tomorrow morning.

Public sentiment here has been solidly behind the dairymen and that factor has probably kept any radical action from cropping out among the dairymen.

The door is still open for a strike if the price raise demand is not met by April 15, it was pointed out, some dairymen may dispose of their herds and go into farming before then.

Rent Out Land
Land now in pasture or alfalfa can be rented out for spuds for as much as \$85 or \$100 an acre and individual producers may decide on that course before any settlement is made by the OPA.

Acceptance of the 91-cent butterfat ceiling offered by the OPA would tend to stop the effort to gain a better price, producers feel, but an outright strike would enable the OPA to cut off dealings entirely and tell the dairymen to get back into operation before negotiations continue.

Strike Continues
Portland's 3-day-old strike is continuing but approximately 25 per cent of the normal milk supply is being allowed consumers, and an announcement from Salem indicated that part of that area's supply will be restored tomorrow.

Grants Pass and Roseburg producers began diverting their milk to manufacturing this morning, both cities making allowances for hospitals, babies and invalids. Corvallis and other Willamette valley districts are not taking any action for two weeks.

Lobby Probe Widens Search
WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP)—The lobby investigating congress is contemplating today in the direction of government bureaus and democratic party officials.

House rules committee members, who tentatively approved the inquiry yesterday, told reporters privately that was their purpose in widening the course of the democratic national committee, as well as other administration leaders.

"We have decided," one member told a reporter, "to make this a full fledged investigation while we are at it and to inquire not only into the activities of so-called professional lobbyists but also the pressure tactics of federal bureaus interested in legislation."

Soviets Asked To Give Food
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 28 (AP)—British Minister of State Philip Noel-Baker today called upon Soviet Russia and the Argentine, "with one of the great untapped reserves" of food, to contribute to UNRRA's work of preventing mass starvation.

He told delegates from UNRRA's 49 member nations here that Britain "rejoiced" at the report Russia was planning to sell France 500,000 tons of grain. Then he suggested that the Soviet use its food surpluses to help feed neighboring countries to increase harmony in that area.

Noel-Baker told the council's plenary meeting that Soviet contribution to eastern Europe's food needs could prove a big contribution to the "great effort to meet the demands which loom ahead."

Iran Army Will Not Reenter Red Areas
TEHRAN, March 28 (AP)—An Iranian general staff officer said today the government had ordered the army not to re-enter territory evacuated by the Russians.

He said the order had called for a halt to general staff plans to reoccupy northern garrison posts.

Arriving In United States
By The Associated Press
Joe D. Delgado, 7 1/2, West, arrived on a transport ship, due in New York March 28.
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Russia Hedges On Walkout

Gromyko Discusses Iran Situation At UNO Meeting



Andrei Gromyko (seated at table, left), Soviet delegate to the UNO security council meeting in New York, tells the council there is no need to place the Iranian case on the agenda because it has been settled by agreement between Moscow and Tehran. At table (left to right) are Gromyko, Sir Alexander Cadogan, United Kingdom representative; Edward R. Stettinius, United States representative; James F. Byrnes, U. S. Secretary of state, and Col. W. R. Hodgson, Australian delegate. —AP wirephoto.

Split Poses Problem Of Procedure

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP)—The closed executive meeting of the United Nations security council began at 4:35 p. m. EST, today without the representative of the Soviet Union.

A representative of the United Nations handed reporters a statement saying that the meeting of the security council has begun and that all delegates were present except the Soviet representative.

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP)—Russia backtracked slightly today on its sensational walkout from the United Nations Security council, but the council still faced a critical decision on whether Russia's absence from Iranian discussions would virtually paralyze it.

Secretary of State Byrnes and Edward R. Stettinius conferred with their advisers at length in preparation for this afternoon's secret session of the council. Indications were that Byrnes would insist that no single member, however powerful, had the right to hamstring the council's work and that hearing of the Iranian case should proceed with or without Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko in attendance.

Speculation
On the other hand some press speculation revolved around the point that unity of action among the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China is the heart of the new world peace organization, and the physical absence of Russia from any meeting was seen by some as perhaps a paralyzing break in this unity.

Experts said the situation is one for which the United Nations charter makes no provision whatever. Russia's backtracking came in two developments today following the tense moment at yesterday's council meeting when Gromyko strode impassively from the chamber under his instructions from Moscow not to stick around if and when Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala started speaking.

Work Out Rules
Today Soviet Professor Boris Stein attended a meeting of a committee of experts charged with working out rules of order and procedure for the council, signaling specifically for the first time the limited nature of the Russian withdrawal.

Soon afterward Victor Ulaner, press secretary of the Russian consulate, where Gromyko makes his headquarters, said unequivocally that Russia had not "walked out on the United Nations" but only on the Iranian dispute. Russia, he said, would be represented at the secret council gathering today.

Subsequently a Soviet official said there would be an announcement later as to whether Gromyko personally would attend.

Election Of Thomas To UAW Post Set-Back For Reuther
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 28 (AP)—R. J. Thomas who was defeated for president of the Auto Workers union, was elected to one of the union's two vice presidential posts today.

His victory was considered a set-back for Walter Reuther, the new president, in his announced efforts to unify the UAW-CIO. Thomas defeated Melvin Bishop, of Detroit, backed by the Reuther group.

President Signs Housing Measure
WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP)—President Truman signed a bill authorizing \$250,000,000 in temporary housing today as the administration pressed its fight for a \$800,000,000 subsidy program. Senator Mead (D-N.Y.), who with Housing Administrator Wilson Wyatt witnessed the president's signature, predicted speedy congressional approval of legislation contemplating 2,700,000 new homes by the end of 1947.

The measure signed today provides for an additional 100,000 temporary housing units for veterans and their families. This makes a total of 200,000 units now approved. Barracks and other wartime structures will be used. (See also page 7).

Thief Steals 420 Pounds Of Sugar
Someone was desperate for sugar! So much so, that an unknown culprit made off with 420 pounds of the more-precious-than-gold commodity belonging to the Safeway stores, from a Southern Pacific freight car, located in back of a warehouse on Riverside.

Police believe that the theft occurred at about 11 p. m. Tuesday. Entry was gained by breaking the seal on one side of the car and opening the door. The door on the side near the loading platform was padlocked.

The monetary value of the sugar is \$30.24, but with "sweet-starved" families clamoring for more sugar every housewife knows its real value.

OPA Dusts Off Meat Control

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP)—James H. McCall, chairman of the directors of the American Meat Institute, asserted today that OPA "has created a black market" in meat which is costing American consumers "more than \$1,250,000,000 a year."

By comparison, he told the house agriculture committee, "the liquor racket of the 20's was petty crime." The committee is investigating meat "production" problems.

"The only remedy" for both the inflation and black market problems," he testified, is "full legitimate production" and "removal of price controls from the livestock and meat industry."

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP)—With restoration of one wartime meat control already ordered, OPA today dusted off another it may use against black market dealing in cattle.

A price agency official who withheld use of his name said the government is prepared to re-institute more drastic slaughtering regulations if the measure which goes into effect next Monday does not turn the trick.

These, he said, would limit to a certain base period figure the number of animals a non-federally inspected packing house could butcher. The purpose, as during the war, would be to drive more meat into established trade channels and away from newcomers in the slaughtering business.

Many of these newcomers, OPA said yesterday in ordering another crackdown, are "fly-by-night operators with little or no experience in cattle buying."

These operators, the agency added, have been forcing up cattle prices to a point where "legitimate" packers cannot compete and still remain in compliance with ceiling regulations.

The control order OPA is restoring is aimed at curbing so-called custom slaughtering—slaughtering on a fee basis by packing houses for those who own livestock.

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Atomic Bomb Explosion Will Not Blow Up Part Of Ocean

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
ST. LOUIS, March 28 (AP)—The question of whether the Pacific ocean, or a large portion of it, might explode if an atomic bomb is set off in the Bikini atoll area this summer in navy tests was discussed privately today by scientists attending the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The conclusion was that the chain reaction of water explosion might start, but that it will not continue, and probably will not even add visibly to the violence of the underwater bomb explosion. The discussions were based on Washington reports that a second atomic explosion might be under the water instead of on the surface as originally planned.

There have been published reports that an explosion under water would change the water into hydrogen and oxygen, and that it would start a chain reaction in which the explosion would spread in the water itself.

The facts of the case are that, as everyone knows, water boils to steam at 212 degrees; and, as few people know, it turns into steam without boiling at a little over 3000 degrees; and, as almost one has heard, that at around 20,000 degrees water is converted into hydrogen and oxygen at the rate of two parts of hydrogen to one of oxygen, according to a familiar formula H2O for water.

The heat of the atomic bomb is millions of degrees by official announcement and higher than that by some published figures. The heat is certainly, for some distance from the bomb, enough to convert water into hydrogen and oxygen.

It is expected by scientists that there will be some conversion of this sort in an underwater explosion. Furthermore, the hydrogen is likely to explode because of the large amount of oxygen created along with it. This is the start of a chain reaction.

But the reaction is not expected to continue because when hydrogen explodes it does not create the great heat that will continue to turn more water into hydrogen and oxygen.

Only the bomb is that hot. And bomb heat, even of millions of degrees, lasts only a very short time. After that the interval, no more water will be converted into hydrogen and the underwater explosion will be finished.

Rose Ordered Held For Trial
MONTREAL, March 28 (AP)—Fred Rose, a communist and a member of parliament, was committed for trial today on charges of imparting official secrets to Soviet Russia, and was ordered to prison. His \$10,000 bail was cancelled.

The parliament member was ordered to prison and "to be kept there until delivered according to law."

Rose's lawyer, Joseph Cohen, offered no defense at today's appearance before Judge Rene Theberge, declaring "we reserve our defense for the trial."

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Police say that there are no suspects so far.

Death Claims Gus Melhase

Gus Melhase, 82-year-old Klamath pioneer and last of the Melhase family which came to Klamath county in the late '80's, died at Klamath Valley hospital early this morning following a brief illness.

Mr. Melhase was a native of Berlin, Germany, the son of Frederick and Fredericka Melhase who came to the United States some 80 years ago from Germany.

They settled first in Hannibal, Mo., location of a German colony. Their three sons, Richard, Gus and Fred, came west as very young men and scouted the country for a possible location. They spent some time in Humboldt county near Eureka, Calif., and later returned to Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melhase, with Gus and Fred, came west again in '88, taking up land in the Fort Klamath country.

Homesteaded
Gus, who never married, took up homestead land with Fred on Wood river. They operated a cattle ranch for a number of years. (Continued on Page 2, Column 4)

Traffic Toll Climbs Higher

CHICAGO, March 28 (AP)—The nation's traffic deaths in February totaled 2450, a 45 per cent increase over the same month a year ago and only 7 per cent below traffic's deadliest February in 1941, the national safety council said today.

The council said that on the basis of last month's record, it stood pat on its prediction of a near-record toll of 38,000 traffic deaths in 1946—"unless the drivers and pedestrians decide to do something about it." Traffic fatalities in the first two months of 1946 were 5450, compared to 3700 for the corresponding period in 1945.

Mileage figures for last month were not available, but the council said latest information indicates that January mileage on rural highways increased sharply, even exceeding the pre-war year of 1941 by 7 per cent. The nation's total mileage went up about 30 per cent in January over a year ago.

"This indicates," the council said, "that the nation—tires or no tires, cars or no cars—is going on a travel binge and paying for it in human life."

Harry's Decision To Build Horseshoe Court Applauded

By ARTHUR L. EDSON
WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP)—Congressmen today hailed President Truman's decision to build a horseshoe court on the south grounds of the White House.

Party lines were ignored. Republicans joined Democrats in calling the plan "a move in the right direction."

With one exception, which will be explained in due time, there was agreement that the art of tossing horseshoes is worthy of a presidential boost.

The whole thing came up after Mr. Truman told Rep. George Bender (R-Ohio) he hankered for a little exercise and so planned a horseshoe court.

Sample congressional opinion collected by a reporter: Rep. Clarence Brown (R-Ohio) who measures 6 feet, 2 inches tall and not a great deal less around, decry in the right direction. "I might even play myself. Of course, the president will have to agree to pick up the shoes for me. With my middle, I'll need a caddy."

Rep. Gene Cox (D-Ga.) allowed as how it was a smart move "because everyone likes to play horseshoes."

All this caused Rep. Marion Bennett (R-Mo.) to wonder what had happened OPA.

"Remember the time some fellow in the OPA figured out a way to save wear and tear on horseshoes? He decided the thing to do was to take 'em off each night."

Seizure Of Plants Seen

By The Associated Press
The possibility of government seizure of strike-bound farm equipment plants and idle California canneries and of federal attempts to comprise the deadlocked coal negotiations arose today.

Labor department officials, who prefer to remain anonymous, said disputes involving the farm equipment plants and the California canneries would be placed before Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach today or tomorrow.

The California canneries, idle by a CIO-AFL jurisdictional dispute, produce about a third of the country's canned fruits and vegetables. The farm equipment strikes, involving 42,500 workers, have curtailed output of farm equipment which farmers need to meet record crop production goals.

Dock Workers Vote To Postpone Strike
PORTLAND, Ore., March 28 (AP)—Approval of postponing the CIO Dock Workers strike was voted by longshoremen here last night, Maurice Fisher, secretary of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, announced today.

Fisher said the men voted to give union heads at San Francisco authority to hold strike action in abeyance until they see fit. The coast-wide strike had been scheduled for Monday.

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