

RAIL UNIONS DEFER STRIKE CALL

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Vandenberg Beats Humble

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written, shortly before noon, a railroad strike seems inevitable. Only a spectacular, last-minute change of front can avoid it.

PERHAPS it is just as well. The situation on our production front is now somewhat like a boil on the back of the neck. It needs to come to a head before it can be treated effectively. If it isn't treated effectively, the poison may spread with resulting permanent damage.

Something monumental, like stoppage of railroad transportation—which concerns every living person in America—is about all that can bring this boil on the back of our neck to a head.

IF we are to attempt anything like an intelligent discussion of anything so universally disastrous as this threatened tie-up of rail transport—upon which the orderly life of our country depends—we must begin by conceding that the strikers are probably sincere in their belief that they are entitled to what they are asking.

This is a time of universal discontent and apprehension. Even if we are doing well enough at the moment, we are all inclined to be fearful of the future. In a time of universal fear the law of self-preservation—which is generally described as the first law of nature—rises above all other considerations.

That is why people HOARD FOOD at every opportunity. They realize that it is unfair to others, but in the face of the fear that the food supply may become inadequate the law of self-preservation takes command and they lay hands on food when and where and how they can and store it up for their OWN possible future pressing needs.

SO it is with the now closely organized CLASSES of our population, which is a mounting scarcity of things, visibly reflected in the form of higher prices grips them, they take mass action to PROTECT THEMSELVES, regardless of the welfare of the whole population, just as food hoarders act to get their NOW, before it is all gone.

THE pity of it is that these efforts are all so useless. The steelworkers wage cost strike and win a considerable increase in wages. Whereupon steel rises in price. Since steel is a basic raw material, the prices of other things rise in response to the rise in the cost of steel. So it is with coal. So it will be with transportation. All are fundamental necessities, and as their cost rises other costs will rise in inevitable, irresistible response.

The workers, who suffered and denied themselves to win the increased wages, soon find that the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker reach into the pockets where they put their increased earnings and fitch all the new money away—and more besides.

Then it must all be done over again—with worse consequences.

BUT such is the nature of inflation—which is like a squirrel running around and around in his rotating cage. The harder he runs, the more exhausted he becomes.

But he GETS NOWHERE. There is nowhere for him to get, under the system.

THE only hope for the squirrel is to get away from the rotating cage system. The only hope for us in our present dilemma is to get away from the inflationary system.

The only cure for inflation is PRODUCTION.

Recurring strikes hamper production, and so leave us worse off than before and move farther off into the future the time when we can get out of the whirling cage in which we are running ourselves ragged.

THIS is a good time to get back to the seemingly callous statement made at the beginning of this column to the effect that perhaps it will be just as well if the situation now existing in America is brought to a head by a strike that stops rail transportation.

Inflation, which lies at the root of all these strikes and disturbances, is a form of INSANITY. Medical research is teaching us that it is possible to cure certain forms of insanity by administering a SHOCK to (Continued on Page 3, Column 2)

Winners in Yesterday's Primary Voting



Gov. Earl Snell (left) will again be the republican party's wheelhorse in the November general election, gaining the nomination by an overwhelming majority from his republican opponent, Henry Black, in the primaries yesterday. David R. Vandenberg (center) will serve another six years as judge of the 32nd judicial district, having gained a 3-2 majority over Clarence A. Humble, and Frank Howard (right) will remain Klamath county's surveyor. He defeated Wally Hector.

Snell Landslide Features Vote

PORTLAND, May 18 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell, who didn't even bother to campaign, had a landslide republican renomination today, returns from yesterday's primary election giving him better than a 5 to 1 margin over Henry Black, Portland house painter.

Sweeping every county, Snell rolled up 67,639 votes to Black's 12,995 in 1946 to the 1948 precincts. Black, who ran two years ago for president, vice president, U. S. senator and delegate to the republican national convention, lost his home county, Multnomah, by 5 to 1.

Snell's opponent next November will be Carl C. Donough, Portland democrat and former U. S. district attorney, who was unopposed for the democratic nomination.

Epps Defeats Dover

In the only other state office contest, David C. Epps, Mill City publisher who had left-wing support, defeated Floyd K. Dover, Grants Pass mining engineer, for the democratic nomination for secretary of state, Epps leading 26,652 to 17,346 in 1,299 precincts. Epps will oppose Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., who won republican renomination without opposition.

Democratic congressional nominations apparently went to State Sen. Lew Wallace, Portland, democratic national committee man, and Lyman Ross, former state senator and Aloha farmer and realtor.

Wallace, in returns from 507 Multnomah county's 512 precincts, was ahead 20,768 to (Continued on Page 3, Column 3)

Utility Issues Get Poor Vote

By The Associated Press

Oregon voters thumbed down five public power proposals in the primary election and approved one, incomplete returns indicated today.

The one successful public power proposal was granting a franchise to the northern Wasco county public utility district to enable it to build a power system.

Astoria rejected a charter amendment which would have enabled the city to issue bonds for a municipal power system. An election on establishment of a PUD there may come up in the fall.

Linn county turned down a PUD for the fourth time, and another proposed PUD, including only the town of Lebanon, was defeated.

Northern Lincoln county on the coast rejected a PUD in that area. Malheur county voted down formation of a PUD by a 2571 to 1071 majority.

Locust Host Blocks Sardinian Railway

ROME, May 18 (AP)—Swarms of locusts so thick that they blocked Sardinia's main rail line were reported today in a dispatch from Cagliari, the island capital. Five UNRRA-sponsored planes have arrived to fight the plague with poison.

Cabinet Resigns After Dutch Vote

AMSTERDAM, May 18 (AP)—The Dutch cabinet tendered its resignation to Queen Wilhelmina today as final returns showed Premier William Schermerhorn's socialist party of labor ran second to the middle-of-the-road Catholic party in parliamentary elections yesterday.

The Catholic party scored a narrow victory over the labor party by gaining 30.8 per cent of the more than 4,750,000 votes cast. Representatives were chosen in the election for the lower house of parliament.

Gandhi Endorses British Proposal

NEW DELHI, May 18 (AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi told a group of his congress party followers last night that the British cabinet mission's proposals for a union of India contained "a seed to convert this land of sorrow into one without sorrow and suffering."

Gandhi, at his usual evening prayer meeting, said the cabinet mission had "every reason to be proud" of its proposals, which recommended a plan for a federation of Indian states under a single national government.

"There are some who said the English were incapable of doing the right thing," Gandhi said. "I do not agree with them."

No Quarter Order Given Nazi Panzers

DACHAU, May 18 (AP)—Nazi armored troops poised for the 1944-45 winter counteroffensive into Belgium were ordered to "quarter take no prisoners," prosecution witnesses in the Malmédy trial testified today.

The testimony was given by four enlisted men of a combat team of the SS regiment commanded by Col. Joachim Peiper, one of the 74 defendants. The prosecution maintains that as a result of such orders more than 500 American prisoners of war were slain in cold blood, more than 90 Belgian civilians were murdered and other atrocities were perpetrated against unarmed persons.

Strike Grist Flows At Last As Railway Labor Machinery Grinds Slowly But Certainly

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—Here's the ABC of the railroad strike due to start at 4 p. m. today.

Only two—of the 20 big railroad unions—called the strike. Those are the engineers, and trainmen, about 250,000 of them.

A strike of them would be enough to tie up the railroads, they're key men. The other unions would hardly operate the roads without them.

But, although the strike was called by only two of the 20 unions, all 20 wanted the same things:

They wanted higher pay and some changes in their contracts with the railroads.

All of them put in their demands almost a year ago. They argued with the railroad companies for months.

Then, when no settlement was reached, the dispute went before a number of government boards.

All this has taken time, plenty of time, and is just coming to a head now, and for this reason:

Government Halves Demand

The government boards decided the unions were entitled to about only half the wage increases they wanted.

Also, the boards decided, the demands for contract changes would need a lot more time to straighten out.

Not all the unions asked for precisely the same things. Nor did all go through precisely the same procedure. Here's an explanation.

The 20 unions are divided up this way:

1. There are five very big unions, the big five brotherhoods, which operate the trains. They're called the operating unions. The five unions are: engineers, trainmen, conductors, switchmen, enginemen.

2. There are 15 other unions of railroad workers. They don't (Continued on Page 3, Column 4)

Close Race Ends In Win For Howard

David R. Vandenberg was returned to the circuit judgeship of Klamath county yesterday in a decisive 3-2 victory over his single opponent, District Attorney Clarence Humble.

The final count: Vandenberg 3037, Humble 1918.

Seizing a commanding lead on the first vote count at 8:03 p. m. in The Herald and News office, Judge Vandenberg was never headed and mounting returns increased the trend in his direction.

At 10:30 p. m., District Attorney Humble visited the newspaper office, and over radio station KFLW conceded defeat, congratulating his opponent. Fifteen minutes later, Judge Vandenberg spoke over the KFLW mike, thanking his supporters and pledging an efficient and just administration of the office he had won in a hot campaign.

A majority in the primary delivered the office to Judge Vandenberg, without the necessity of another race in the November general election.

Pension Fund Fails To Pass

LEVY RESULTS

Retirement Fund	1154
Yes	1300
No	1300
Park Paving Levy	1312
Yes	1086
No	1086
Lot Revolving Fund	1340
Yes	1092
No	1092

Klamath Falls taxpayers voted yesterday to increase their property levies by three-quarters of a mill for the coming year, but declined a city invitation for an additional boost of a mill and one-quarter for the city employees retirement fund.

The so-called "lot revolving fund," bringing with it a half-mill levy for one year, was okayed by the public, 1340 to 1092, and goes into effect. The money brought in next time taxes are paid goes into a special fund and from that fund the city takes out the amount necessary to pay its cost of paving streets in front of city-owned lots.

Private owners on the other side of the street will pay for their share and the city's cost will be added to the price of the lot. When the lot is sold, the money is returned to the fund to be used again.

The "park pavement levy" passed by a slightly smaller margin, 1312 to 1086, bearing a quarter-mill levy for one year. That measure, and the money brought in, permits the city to do some small paving jobs around two or three parks and when that money is spent it is not recovered.

Most important of the measures on yesterday's ballot was the one which voters turned down, the "retirement fund," vetoed 1300 to 1154. That measure would have set up a permanent mill and a quarter levy to provide a pension system for policemen, firemen and street department workers.

It was voted down and city employees, not covered by social security, are still not in line for any pensions or retirement benefits.

County Returns NON PARTISAN Circuit Judge

Clarence Humble 1918
 David R. Vandenberg 3037
 Vandenberg's lead: 1119.

REPUBLICAN

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 Governor—Black 291, Snell 2198.

Secretary of state—Farrell, 2424.
 Labor commissioner—Kimsey 1928.
 State Representative—Cook 1440, Poole 1870. (2 nominated)
 County commissioner—Pope 2188.
 Surveyor—Hector 1148, Howard 1404.

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Hungry Mobs Loot German Food Trains

HERFORD, Germany, May 18 (AP)—Wholesale looting of food trains by massed crowd in the Essen area—involving a number of clashes between German police and civilians—has taken place every day this month, the British military government disclosed today.

Crowds in some cases numbered more than 500. More than 100 persons have been arrested in this area it was announced.

No Yamsay Votes

Yesterday's primary election was a more or less lethargic affair all over the county—less than 30 per cent of the voters turning out—but nowhere was there more lethargy than in Yamsay precinct. Nobody at all voted up there.

Yamsay, up on Sand mountain, has 20 registered voters, three republicans, 16 democrats and one independent, but all 20 stayed away from the polling place at Sand creek.

A few years back, when the logging camps were working around Yamsay, there were more than 200 voters in the precinct, but not so today.

Even the election board officials sat at the polls all day and didn't cast a ballot. Board Chairman W. A. Donnelly and the other four members are all from Fort Klamath and voted there.

Yamsay's returns were the first called in to the county clerk's office after the polls closed last night, beating even precinct 8, which voted in the courthouse basement. Donnelly's speed in getting his returns in was due, no doubt, to rapid counting—up to nothing.

Troops Alert For Jap Mobs

TOKYO, May 18 (AP)—American troops in the Tokyo-Yokohama area today were placed under alert orders as organizers of a mass demonstration claimed that tens of thousands would gather at the imperial palace gates tomorrow demanding more food.

A second gathering was planned for Yokohama.

Americans, as is their policy, will not interfere, but will be prepared to protect U. S. property and lives if trouble develops.

Meantime, Premier Shigeru Yoshida floundered through another day in a vain attempt to form a cabinet. Several of his choices were reported to have declined positions.

The diet continued in recess, awaiting completion of the cabinet. It still was puzzled as to the status of Takekichi Miki, elected speaker of the house of representatives but now considered a possible purge on the basis of his ultra-nationalistic and political record.

Baseball Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Chicago	18	18	6
New York	3	5	3

Schmitt and McCullough; Voiselle, Joyce (1), Budnick (2), Kraus (6), Carden (8) and Lombardi; Warren (4). (First game).

Cincinnati at Philadelphia, postponed, rain.

Pittsburgh at Brooklyn, postponed, wet grounds.

Chicago at New York, second game postponed, rain and wet grounds.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
New York	1	3	1
Chicago	3	8	2

Bonham; Marshall (8) and W. Dickey; Grove and G. Dickey.

Washington at Cleveland postponed—to permit Washington club to train for Chicago before anticipated rail strike.

No Action On Coal

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—Charles G. Ross, presidential press secretary, said he anticipated no White House development today in the deadlock coal contract dispute.

There was no indication from the soft coal operators or John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers of a weekend change in the picture.

Truman's Plea Brings Respite At Last Minute

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—President Truman announced a five-day suspension of the scheduled nationwide railroad strike today at a special news conference, minutes before the 4 p. m. deadline set for its start.

The president said the Brotherhoods of Railroad Trainmen and Engineers had agreed to his request for delay on assurance that he was confident further progress could be made toward a wage agreement if they negotiated anew with the management.

Mr. Truman said A. F. Whitney, head of the trainmen, and Alvanley Johnston, chief of the engineers, would fly here tomorrow for resumption of negotiations.

He telephoned the brotherhood chiefs at Cleveland at 3 p. m. Mr. Truman related, and they called him back at 3:34 p. m., accepting his proposal to postpone.

Byrnes Arrives In Washington

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes returned from the Paris foreign ministers conference today and announced that he would report to the nation Monday night.

Byrnes' plane landed at the national airport at 10:35 a. m. (EST). He went directly to the state department, saying he planned to let President Truman know immediately of his arrival. Evidently, Byrnes expected to see Mr. Truman promptly.

Otherwise, the secretary, who had left for the Paris conference with relative small hope of success in writing European peace treaties, had nothing to say on the outcome of the meeting, which many diplomats termed an almost complete failure.

Byrnes was accompanied home by his principal advisers: Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the senate foreign relations committee, and Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich.). The secretary is slated to return to Paris by June 15 for resumption of the sessions in an attempt again to write peace treaties for Europe.

Connally told newsmen that Byrnes had played "a distinguished part" in the conference and added:

"While it did not accomplish all that we had hoped for, it made substantial achievements which I am sure will be helpful to the meeting in June."

Vandenberg, who had been assailed by the Soviet newspaper Pravda in Moscow as the "gravedigger" of the conference because he publicly stated his doubts of its success a week ago, declared he had no comment on either the conference or the Pravda charge, at the moment.

MacArthur Asks Renegade List

TOKYO, May 18 (AP)—General MacArthur today instructed the Japanese government to prepare a list of American nationals who applied for Japanese citizenship, entered the Japanese armed services or served with Japanese government agencies in the war.

Under the 1940 U. S. nationality act, anyone in any of those categories forfeited his United States citizenship.

Raeder Asserts Hitler Urged Singapore Move To Bluff US

NUERNBERG, May 18 (AP)—German naval chief said he concluded his defense against charges of conspiracy.

"I believed that with Singapore's fall the United States would be intimidated and stay out of the war," Raeder scoffed at charges by the prosecution that he "conspired" to bring America into the war, contending that "with my small navy fighting England I certainly didn't want the United States also on my neck."

Raeder duplicated the testimony of another defendant Grand Adm. Karl Doenitz, that the attack on Pearl Harbor was "a complete surprise to the reich, which thought Japan's moves would be against the British and Dutch in the Pacific."

Get The Count In and Put It Out—Election Night Motto



A speedy newspaper-radio election service was provided Friday night at The Herald and News office. A mike from KFLW was set up in the news department, as shown above. Left to right: Bob McCarl and Mel Baldwin, KFLW announcers; Joy Biggs, Herald-News editorial staffer; Malcolm Epley, newspaper managing editor; George Godard, assistant pressman, who helped canvass precincts; Lois Stewart, city editor.