

CUSTOMERS TO BUY HEAT PLANT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE senate, working far into Friday night, passes an emergency labor bill much milder than President Truman had asked and the house of representatives, working in the heat and the pressure of last Saturday, had approved, but with more teeth than many senators (including Morse of Oregon) wanted.

The job now is to reconcile the more drastic house bill with the less drastic but still rather tough senate bill.

THE senate, acting under less pressure and in the somewhat calmer mood that followed the hectic Friday night and Saturday morning of a week ago, when the railroad strike was an accomplished reality and trains were standing still all over the country, eliminated the labor draft contained in the house bill.

Most of us, with the trains running again, will be ready to concede that it is RIGHT in doing so. Conscripting Americans in time of peace is serious business.

NO peace-time emergency can quite equal the emergency that faces us when an armed enemy is bearing down upon us. We all recognize that fact instinctively.

LET us keep clear in our minds what happened.

President Truman, in the decision that he announced to the nation in his radio address last Friday evening, acted under his war powers—as Lincoln frequently did in the critical days following the Civil War.

THE trains ran again. The authority of government was upheld. Those were the things we had to have—or face anarchy.

No Progress In Maritime Strike Talks

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—In an atmosphere of pessimism and bitterness, CIO maritime leaders and ship operators agreed to make a fresh try today (at 5 p. m., PST) in their efforts to avert a shipping strike June 15.

On the one hand, the CIO leaders are claiming that President Truman has torpedoed the negotiations and thrown his full support to the operators—and that he'll regret it come election time.

On the other hand, government agencies are systematically mobilizing to run the ships if CIO seamen, longshoremen, telegraph operators and other maritime workers go through with their threatened strike for a 40-hour week and higher pay.

Strong words entered the situation yesterday when President Truman told his news conference he will use the army, navy and coast guard if that's what it takes to keep the merchant marine running.

Bridges and Curran Aroused
What the president said aroused Harry Bridges and Joseph Curran, co-chairmen of the committee for maritime unity representing seven unions involved in the dispute. They criticized him for adopting such an attitude.

A statement issued in behalf of the committee last night said the unions came here at the request of Labor Secretary Schwezenbach to carry on peaceful negotiations to avert a strike, and they had complied with Schwezenbach's request that neither side make any public statements that might hurt the negotiations.

President Truman today, in complete disregard of the facts involved in the negotiations, and despite the secretary of labor's demand for no inflammatory statements, has deliberately fired a torpedo into the negotiations.

By guaranteeing the American ship operators that he will break any maritime strike and will break any maritime union daring to strike, he has encouraged the American ship operators to refuse any reasonable settlements.

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Stock Sale To Finance Steam Deal

Customers of the Klamath Heating company will undertake purchase of the company's physical plant for \$55,000. It was decided at a meeting of about 70 steam heat users at the circuit court room last night.

The plan is to set up a separate corporation, financed by the customers as stockholders, to acquire and operate the central heating utility here. Under terms of an offer from the heating company, the deal must be concluded by June 10.

An effort will be made to sell stock to the extent of \$150,000, to be used in buying the central plant, steam lines, and other facilities, and in making improvements to put the layout into shape for efficient operation.

Customers will be asked to buy stock in the amount of an average two-year's billing. Total billings for two years to the company's 279 users amount to a little more than \$150,000.

Sales Committee Appointed
First adopted motion at last night's meeting was to authorize the customers' committee to proceed with the purchase of the plant. This was amended to include the provision "if the money can be raised." Next step was to authorize appointment of a committee to solicit customers to sell the necessary amount of stock.

The customers' committee, headed by Mayor Ed Ostendorf, has been working on the heating plant problem for several months. It began its work after D. O. Hood, president of the Klamath Heating company, stated in a public meeting here that the company could not continue to operate on its present basis and would have to close up if it could not dispose of the plant.

Election Mobs Mill In Rome
ROME, June 1 (AP)—The Italian news agency Ansa reported demonstrators broke through a police cordon as King Umberto appeared at the door of Milan cathedral today and forced him to leave through an underground passage.

The dispatch said clashes between monarchists and republicans had been going on in the huge Duomo square while the king visited the cathedral, but did not state whether the demonstrators which broke through the cordon were friendly or hostile.

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U. N. Delegate Proclaims Spanish Threat To Peace
NEW YORK, June 1 (AP)—A delegate to the United Nations security council said today that a subcommittee investigating charges that Franco Spain threatens world peace has expressed moral condemnation of the regime and recommended that the council pass the question to the UN's highest body, the general assembly.

The delegate, who declined to permit use of his name, said the report, prepared after a month of deliberations, summed up the evidence and offered these two recommendations:

Oshkosh Mayor Can't Take Josh

OSHKOSH, Wis., June 1 (AP)—Mayor F. Oaks says he is getting just a wee bit fed up with people who make or attempt to make wise cracks about the name of his home town.

Oaks said that a telegram he received from Fort Bragg, N. C., bearing the signature of "Mac" McIntosh, read:

"To win a bet I claimed your town named for violent, uncontrollable sneeze. Please wire reply."

B C Newsprint Plant Reopens

POWELL RIVER, B. C., June 1 (AP)—The Powell River Paper Co. resumed at 4 p. m. yesterday the production of newsprint—which it supplies to many papers in Canada, the United States and Australia—following a two-day shutdown growing out of the strike by some 35,000 loggers.

Premier John Hart said at Victoria, meanwhile, he was confident of an early settlement of the dispute between the CIO-International Woodworkers of America and the timber operators, which entered its 18th day today.

This morning Chief Justice Sloan, federal mediator, was scheduled to present to both sides his outline of a basis for settlement. Union leaders and the operators were to reply by 5 p. m., either accepting or rejecting the proposal. The union has demanded an increase of 25 cents per hour in wages and a 40-hour work week, once offering to compromise at 18 cents. The last reported management offer was for a flat boost of \$1 per day.

The premier has promised action by the provincial government if Justice Sloan's efforts fail.

The Powell company closed down its operations when IWA pickets were placed on its millpond, filled with the raw materials of newsprint. The CIO union held that the logs in the pond were "hot," while Powell's AFL unions termed them "fair," and the mill closed as the two unions threshed out the problem.

Feed Relief Begins Today

PORTLAND, June 1 (AP)—Oregon's share of the wheat allocation announced yesterday will be diverted from shipments already in Portland, production and marketing administration officials said today.

The grain—good news to the state's poultry industry—will be released through five merchandising firms here. Officials reported critically short areas would get first supplies, starting today.

French Ballots To Show Trend

PARIS, June 1 (AP)—A clear indication of the strength of the postwar communist trend in France is expected to emerge from tomorrow's empire-wide elections to choose a new constituent assembly.

Two major factors put the communists squarely in the election spotlight:

1. The American loan, which some observers believe may have cost the communists seats and benefited the socialists, whose leader, Leon Blum, negotiated the credits, announced this week in Washington.

Senate OK's Truman Bill Minus Draft

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—The senate stamped its approval today on a diluted version of President Truman's emergency labor program.

It took a week of bitter argument and a final session that lasted until well after midnight to pass it, 80 to 20.

But the senate bill is vastly different from the one the house passed, 306 to 13, just a week ago today after listening to Mr. Truman.

Other Clauses Eliminated
In addition to tossing out the labor-draft provision, the senate also eliminated sections which would deny seniority rights to strikers in seized industries and requirement of "just compensation" to plant owners whose property is taken over.

This left in the measure a provision arming the president with seizure authority similar to that now has under the wartime Smith-Connally act. After seizure he could adjust wages and working conditions, an authority the senate upheld by a 54 to 28 vote.

Union leaders also would be required to take "affirmative action" to call off a strike, with penalties of \$5,000 fine or a year's imprisonment for violation of this section.

As approved by the senate, the bill likewise would permit the attorney general to seek injunctions to enforce the no-strike ban, a provision some senators said would authorize imprisonment of those who violate court orders.

U. S. Protests Romanian Acts

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—The United States reached behind eastern Europe's "iron curtain" today to register a sharp protest with the Soviet-controlled Romanian government for its alleged curbing of political freedoms.

The state department charged that the Bucharest regime was making "unfriendly commitments" it had made on political liberty.

The note, made public last night, contained demands that Romania fix a date for free elections and take measures to protect the opposition parties competing.

Paralleling a British protest on the same matter, the note asserted that American representatives had investigated or witnessed enough incidents "to establish beyond any doubt that political violence is on the increase."

It also charged government censorship was impeding the flow of news from India to the United States, and that the government was monopolizing broadcasting facilities.

Busy Baking Days Ahead As Bread Shelves Empty

By LOIS STEWART
It's a fine kettle of fish, says many a housewife these days, as she seeks a loaf of bread late in the afternoon and meets the patient stare of the bakery clerks!

There will probably be more biscuit making, bread kneading and bun baking in the next year or two than ever before in the nation's kitchens since the professional baker got wise to the idea that he was taking a big load off the cook's shoulders and ringing the bell on his own cash register.

Right at this point we are interrupted by a telephone call from a bachelor. He wants to know what we are going to do about his lunch pill? He leaves in the morning for work because the stores are open—he gets back to the store and the bread supply is exhausted.

His suggestion—the grocers put out a certain amount of bread early in the day and then a quota for the late shopper, the working folks. A good idea!

But going back to the cut on commercial breads and pastries. It may open a new vista of delightful cooking to the average housewife unless she turns green at the sight of a yeast cake and a baking powder tin.

We are not, what you'd call, an original cook. In fact the only original piece of cooking

Plane Accident Fatal To Five

NAPLES, June 1 (AP)—American military police announced that five persons were killed and 30 were missing in the crash of an American four-engine plane in the sea near here today.

The military police said four persons were rescued by Italian fishermen.

They added that it was not immediately determined whether the plane, en route from India to the United States, was an army plane.

Shrine Chief



This is Glen Inman, president of the Klamath Falls Shrine club, which is holding its annual benefit ball at the armory tonight. Proceeds will go to the Crippled Children's hospital, Portland.

Customers May Take It Over

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Basin Rodeo Group Favored

Formation of a basin-wide rodeo association, to take over where the Klamath Buckaroo Days committee has voluntarily left off, was favored at a meeting of representative citizens held at the chamber of commerce yesterday afternoon.

A committee headed by Elmer Balsiger was named to take preliminary steps toward a rodeo association, and also to "find someone" to stage a rodeo and celebration here in the coming Fourth of July period. The idea was that the rodeo association should be developed for the permanent set-up and annual shows, but that it might not get under way soon enough for this year's event.

Other members of the committee are Marshall Cornett, W. C. Dalton and Bill Serruys.

Opinion was virtually unanimous among those present that the Klamath rodeo can be made a huge success. County court, fair board members, and others pledged cooperation toward that end.

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MEDFORD, June 1 (AP)—Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris reported two suicides here last night in unrelated shootings.

Morris said James J. Bohl, 38, shot himself in the head with a .22 caliber rifle and William Willard McClain, 65, a deaf mute, shot himself with a .32 caliber pistol.

Bohl was dependent over domestic difficulties, Morris said. McClain had been in ill health.

No True Peace Seen By Pope

VATICAN CITY, June 1 (AP)—Pope Pius XII said in a world broadcast today that the path to "true peace" seemed further away now than at the end of hostilities a year ago, and that the "first resolve step toward the attainment of true peace has not yet been taken."

Speaking from his private library, the pontiff said that all responsible men, instructed in the bloody school of war, did not yet show themselves to be "truly against despotism and domination of other nations with force."

Observing that two countries, Italy and France, would hold elections tomorrow, the pope asserted:

"What will be decided is whether these Latin sisters will continue the Christian way of life or choose a materialistic state—without religion and without God."

The decision, he added, would depend upon "the names of the candidates elected."

The pontiff declared that the present lack of security in the world, which he said arose from "disturbing international relations," can "exasperate passions to the point of preparing and provoking in a dark tomorrow a violent explosion." The way to peace, he said, "is long and arduous."

The pope spoke on the occasion of his name day—the Feast of St. Eugenio—a few minutes after he had received the greetings of members of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

20 Lashes Given Soldier Thieves

LITTLE ROCK, June 1 (AP)—Three Camp Robinson soldiers were whipped publicly in circuit court here today after pleading guilty to charges of burglary and grand larceny.

The whippings were administered after they testified they had written and signed a letter addressed to the court consenting to whippings, asking clemency from prison sentences and agreeing to confirm to any further court order.

Naval 'Noah's Ark' Sails For Atom Bomb Test Site

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1 (AP)—A cargo of animals faintly resembling that of Noah's ark sailed today aboard the navy transport Burleson for a rendezvous with destiny at Bikini atoll.

The ship carried about 4000 white rats, 200 goats from the region of Houston, Tex.; 200 pigs from Sacramento, Calif.; an odd assortment of disease germs and insects; a few guinea pigs and a few mice. The animals will experience the effects of the atomic bombs in "operation crossroads."

Like Noah's charges, they will ride out a catastrophe—this time a man-made one—which may affect the future of the whole world. Their keepers expect many to survive the fury of the splintered atoms and live to a ripe old age in the luxury of government laboratories.

Atomic Ray Tests

Certain of the animals will be dosed with vaccines, virus toxins, antiserums, hormones and vitamins to test the influence of atomic rays on those disease-fighting substances.

Some of the goats will be clipped so that their hair length corresponds to that of humans. This will tell the investigators something about the value of hair as a protection to the brain against heat and other kinds of radiation. Other goats will be smeared with anti-flash creams to test the worth of those substances.

The 120 white mice aboard are highly susceptible to cancer. Will rays from the blast start the cancer process? Will the rays cause sterility? The sex organs of some of the animals will give the answer.