

Seattle Confab To Ponder World-Wide Minimum Pay For Merchant Marine Men

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—Forty nations will gather at Seattle June 6 to tackle an extremely ticklish economic problem—a world minimum wage for merchant seamen.

The conference is called by the International Labor Organization (ILO), one of the few pieces of League of Nations machinery still active and which now seems destined to become an agency of the United Nations. The basis for discussion will be a minimum wage of \$64.56 a month for able seamen.

The Seattle debate will be the first time an official world gathering has ever discussed paying workmen in a single industry the same wages the world over. The seamen's unions of the world have put so much pressure on their governments that ILO representatives here say they think the proposal may win.

The Seattle meeting plans to discuss several phases of the seafarers' working conditions—pay, hours, social security, food, vacations with pay and so on. It is scheduled to last three weeks. The United States is sending a delegation of 41 headed by Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach. The United Kingdom is sending 49 delegates.

Want International Agreement
The conference will consider a proposal to bind all the member ILO nations to the world wage no matter what nation they sail for or under.

That means no worry to American shipping companies in the United States, Australia, New Zealand or Canada. They all pay higher minimums. The United States pays the highest, \$145 a month for able seamen and \$127.50 starting.

Previous to the current negotiations only the Netherlands, in all Europe, approached the proposed minimum. Dutch companies paid \$62.90 a month but have now settled for 18 pounds sterling (\$72) a month. So have Sweden and France.

The United Kingdom was paying \$56.49, with \$36.28 for Chinese and only \$18.07 for Indians. Their pay to Chinese is up now. India itself pays one of the world's lowest rates, \$15.06 a month.

U. S. shipping companies have always been at a disadvantage because of world age differences. They paid higher wages, had to charge higher rates and hence lost much business to other nations. So the U. S. delegation to Seattle is expected to battle for the world minimum proposal.

Largest Merchant Marine
Such a plan is doubly important to the U. S. since right now it has more merchant ships than all the rest of the world together. The administration is determined to see that more American goods travel in American ships than since the days of the clippers.

Wage discrepancies have been a disadvantage to American

seamen as well. Low wages in other nations have acted as a drag on American unions whenever they sought higher wages. American shippers could plead that higher costs mean even less business.

The United Kingdom, Norway and Greece, to name a few, depend more heavily than the U. S. on profits from shipping to give them the income they need to buy goods from world markets. If their costs go up, their lower-cost ships would be less able to take business away from higher-cost lines.

Labor economists point out the debate goes far beyond seamen's welfare. If the seamen win, what of a minimum wage for the world's textile workers, miners, railroad men? What would happen if sweatshop products could no longer out-sell products from such nations as the U. S. with its high living standard?

The Seattle meeting will also consider paid vacations of 18 days for the higher ranks and 12 days for the crews; retirement pensions for men at 55 to 60 years of age and benefits for their dependents if they die; medical care when they're ill; in any port, and 12 weeks' pay during the illness; living quarters of 20 square feet per man in ships of 800 tons and on up, numerous other proposals.

6 States To Hold Primary Elections

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—A big month of primary balloting got under way today as Iowa Republicans chose between a second term for Gov. Robert D. Blue and a crack at the office by George Olinsted, World War II brigadier general.

Five more states hold primaries tomorrow—Alabama, California, New Jersey, New Mexico and South Dakota.

These six states will select candidates for six governorships, three U. S. senate seats, and 49 U. S. house memberships. Eight additional states hold primaries and party conventions this month.

Teen-Age Boy Held In Killing Of Pal

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 3 (CP)—A teen-age boy told police today he hid the body of 14-year-old Kenneth McDougall under the porch of a house and destroyed a sawed-off rifle which killed him for fear he might be blamed for the shooting.

Police said they believed the boy, held as a material witness, may have shot McDougall accidentally, though he has denied it. McDougall's body was found under the porch last Thursday.

CPA Announces Lumber Output

WASHINGTON, June 3 (AP)—The civilian production administration Saturday announced an Oregon-Washington lumber production of \$98,286,000 board feet in March. The total was 17 per cent above February but 15 per cent below March, 1945.

The agency warned that a logging equipment shortage, intensified by strikes, lies ahead.

Governor's Return Expected This Week

SALEM, June 3 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell is expected to return Tuesday or Wednesday from Oklahoma City, where he attended the national conference of state governors. He is making the trip by automobile.

VITAL STATISTICS

ESPINOSA—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., June 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Espinosa, 227 1/2 Commercial, a boy. Weight: 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

FANNING—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., June 1 to Mr. and Mrs. John Fanning, 1021 N. 8th, a boy. Weight: 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

BREWSTER—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., June 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Brewster, 917 Kane, a boy. Weight: 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

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Zamperini Greets Bride-To-Be



Capt. Lou Zamperini, former track star who survived 47 days on a life raft in the Pacific after his bomber crashed and then finished the war in a Japanese prison camp, greets his bride-to-be, Miss Cynthia Applewhite, 20, upon her arrival at Burbank, Calif., by air from Miami Beach, Fla. They said they expected to be married in early fall. —AP wirephoto.

Auto Phone Hook-Up To Be Tried Soon

PORTLAND, June 3 (AP)—Service linking regular telephones with cars, trucks and buses will be tried experimentally in this area this year, I. D. Winslow, district manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, reported today.

He said telephones, similar to small two-way radio-operated phones developed for military use, would be installed on the auto instrument panels. Bell and light signals will be used to call in operators and stations, he said.

Vancouver Police Nab Strike Taggers

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 3 (CP)—Vancouver police today began arresting "taggers" who appeared on city streets with tin cans and placards, soliciting money for the International Woodworkers of America strike fund.

Nearly 1000 "taggers" are reported to have been sent out by the union, despite two refusals by the city council to grant the IWA permission to hold a tag day.

Lake County 20-40 To Sponsor Rodeo

LAKEVIEW, June 3—The 20-40 Farmers' club of Lake county will sponsor a rodeo at the Lakeview Round-Up grounds on Sunday, June 16. Bucking, roping and other events will be on the program and participants are invited from Lake and adjoining counties.

The average for more than 92,000,000 accounts in 13,481 commercial and mutual savings banks protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. is \$552. It was \$308 before the war.

Australia Ready To Market Wool

MELBOURNE, June 3 (AP)—Australia is prepared to sell wool in any quantity to any country—except former enemies—that can pay for it, secretary of the Australian wool realization commission, H. P. Leigh, said today.

Commenting on reports current in Canberra that sales to some countries including Russia were limited, he said the only limitation was the ability to pay. He said inquiries had been made by many countries including China, Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and India, but few had practical methods of payment.

Lakeview Auxiliary Chooses Officers

LAKEVIEW, June 3—Mrs. Floy Bagley was elected president of the American Legion auxiliary at the annual election. Other officers named were Helen Moss, secretary; Pauline Lukl, treasurer; Beatrice Getty, first vice president; Clara Morris, second vice president; Mary Lukl, sergeant at arms; Marion Franklin, chaplain, and Jean DeShazer, historian. Installation will be held June 10.

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Centennial Meeting Set

A general meeting of all persons and groups represented when the Klamath Centennial association was organized, plus others interested in the historical pageant to be presented this fall, has been called by President Geneva Duncan for Wednesday evening, 8 p. m., at the chamber of commerce office.

"Immediate decision is needed on several matters of such importance that we felt they should be referred to all interested persons," Mrs. Duncan stated this morning. "These matters include underwriting, the search for talent, selection of technical directors and similar subjects."

Effort is already being made to secure financial underwriting, script material and talent. Chilouquin and Malin have active groups working on these endeavors, while several other communities have indicated their interest and intention to cooperate.

Local cooperation has been pledged by groups interested in coaching groups of young people and children in chorus work and folk dances.

Mrs. Duncan pointed out that any surplus funds derived from activities of the Centennial association were required by the group's by-laws to be designated for the benefit of the Klamath County Museum.

Preliminary contacts have been made with Horace Robinson, head of the dramatics department at the University of

Oregon, whose pageant directing work is well known throughout the northwest. Pageants with which he has been connected have been dramatically and financially successful. It is hoped that he can be secured to direct the local pageant.

Operation of the pageant and other association activities is in the hands of an executive committee consisting of E. H. Baisiger, A. M. Collier, W. C. Dalton, Mrs. Geneva Duncan, Mrs. Twyla Ferguson, Fred Fleet, Mrs. E. A. Geary, Arnold Grapp, Mrs. Dick Henzel, John H. Houston, Frank Jenkins, Vern Moore, Hazel Morrison, Sam Ritchey, Henry Semon, L. O. Sisemore, Charles R. Stark and Willard Ward.

Over Seven Million Loaned To Veterans

PORTLAND, June 3 (AP)—Veterans' loans totaling \$7,110,968 have been granted by the Oregon veterans' administration office here, Albert E. Tate, Portland VA official, reported.

He said applications have averaged 800 a month and in the past three months the number has doubled each previous month's total. He said 85 per cent were for homes, businesses were second, farms third.

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Holiday Auto Toll Hits 164

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Although 164 persons were killed in traffic accidents during the four-day Memorial Day holiday, the number fell short of the national safety council's forecast of 329.

A total of 292 persons met violent deaths in the four days which ended last midnight, compared with 327 in the last four-day Memorial Day observance, in 1944.

Drownings accounted for 74 fatalities. The remaining 54 lost their lives by such various mishaps as shootings, stabbings, fires and plane crashes.

Pennsylvania's toll of 37 was more than double any other state. Parts of Pennsylvania were washed by floods, creating hazardous driving conditions, and 19 deaths resulted from traffic accidents. Eleven persons drowned.

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Lakeview Operators Buy Coast Theatres

LAKEVIEW, June 3—Merle Alger and Dennis Lane of Lakeview have purchased two theatres on the coast, which will be operated as a partnership with Lane as manager. One of the theatres, The Chinook, is located at Gold Beach, where Lane will have his headquarters, and the other, the Colonial theatre, is at Port Orford.

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