

COMMITTEE OKAY'S RENT BOOST



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Youths Back Teachers In Pay Strike

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 25 (AP)—Approximately 1000 "youth marchers" paraded four abreast to New York's capital today in support of higher teacher pay, and peacefully infiltrated senate assembly chambers and other offices.

Reception of the "marchers," almost all of whom arrived by special train from New York City, was in striking contrast to that given "rent marchers" a week ago. They were denied admittance by armed state police.

Only regular capitol guards were on duty today.

The special train carrying the "youth" demonstrators arrived shortly after 11 a. m. James Mose, a negro leader of the demonstration sponsored by the New York Youth Council, said "we are supporting the Buffalo teacher strike."

He added that he understood delegations already were in Albany from Buffalo, Rochester and other upstate cities.

The "marchers" appeared to be between 18 and 30 years old. Many were young women in typical "bobby sox" attire, including bright scarfs and stadium boots.

Controls Would End In December

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Legislation permitting a 10 per cent increase in rents and wiping out all federal rent controls by next December 31 was approved today by a senate banking subcommittee.

The bill also would eliminate the office of price administration as administrator of remaining controls and give that authority to the court except in states where an enforcement system is established.

The proposed 10 per cent hike in rents would apply to ceilings in effect last December 31.

Major Change

Several other major changes in the rental setup were provided in the legislation, which would become effective on the first day of the month following its adoption.

Senator Buck (R-Del.), chairman of the subcommittee, told reporters the bill would be ready to lay before the full committee in about a week. He said the five-man group split 3 to 2 on many provisions.

Buck outlined these provisions of the legislation:

1. Permission to increase rents 10 per cent over the ceilings of last December 31.
2. Decontrol of new housing and accommodations which were not rented between February 1, 1946, and January 31, 1947.
3. Lift controls on all hotel accommodations including trailer camps.
4. Remove ceilings on rents above \$225 a month after application of the 10 per cent increase. Buck had urged this provision, saying people who can afford to pay that amount "need no protection."
5. Allow reasonably increased rent by agreement between landlord and tenant for certain improvements.

Labor Hike Proposed Legislation

MB Issue To Be Talked Tomorrow

The long-standing and well-kicked-around Marine Barracks vocational school issue will be before the state board of education for decision when the board convenes at Salem tomorrow.

A vote will be taken on the question of accepting the war assets administration's offer of the Marine Barracks plant for a vocational school. If the board acts favorably, there will remain a question of financing the school activity through the legislature.

Recently, the state board rejected the government's offer, and asked that it be revised. This the WAA has refused to do, and tomorrow the board will decide again whether to accept the original government offer.

Veterans Smile At Bargains In War Surplus Property



Dave Moss, buying for members of the American Legion post, was the first purchaser to have a sale recorded at the war assets administration sale of war surplus property which commenced this morning at the air station.

Bargaining, Closed Shop Seen Threat

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—AFL, CIO and Railway union men joined today in contending to congress that such proposed new labor laws as bans on industry-wide bargaining and closed shop would be harmful to the country.

Various, before senate or house labor committees:

1. A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, said congress would invite a return to "jungle law" in industrial relations by any fundamental change in the Wagner act which guarantees workers the right to bargain collectively.
2. Joseph Curran, president of the CIO Maritime union, asserted that the bills "before congress" rather than promoting industrial peace, would "so weaken, subdivide and hogtie the labor movement that its effectiveness in protecting the living standards and political liberties of the American people will wither."
3. David Dubinsky, president of the AFL Ladies' Garment Workers union, argued that to ban the closed shop would deal "a body blow to our democracy" and "increase a thousand-fold industrial strife."
4. Harry Bridges, head of the Pacific coast CIO Longshoremen, contended most of the legislative proposals were designed to "bust unions" and declared they would "provoke strikes." Ill, he sent a statement to the senate labor committee.

Both senate and house committees have about the same general legislative propositions before them although details of individual bills differ widely.

For the last several weeks, they have been hearing representatives of employers organizations and others urge that congress limit the economic powers of unions.

Lane Trial Starts Today

Delbert (Dink) Lane, 40-year-old woodsman on trial in circuit court today, won the first round of his fight when Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg ruled that events coming after the time of the alleged crime for which he was indicted could not be discussed on the witness stand.

Lane was indicted for threatening the commission of a felony, specifically accused of threatening to kill Delbert Manuel Chandler, 44, a fellow logger. The threat was assertedly made a day or two before Chandler died of a bullet wound while on a coyote hunt with Lane and Frank E. Lockwood, Lane's brother-in-law.

Bud Chidester, woods foreman for Weyerhaeuser camp 4, was the first prosecution witness placed on the stand this morning. He said that in his presence Lane threatened to kill Chandler. That was a day or two before Thanksgiving Day, last year.

Chandler was killed by a rifle bullet near a place called Big Rock on the Green Springs highway Thanksgiving Day afternoon.

When District Attorney Clarence A. Humble began to question Chidester about events following the threatening statement, H. C. Merryman, attorney for Lane, put in an objection.

Merryman argued against any testimony past the actual time of the threat, maintaining that if such testimony was admitted the state "would be trying Lane for murder, not the crime listed in the indictment."

During the arguments the jury was out of the box. Judge Vandenberg ruled in favor of Merryman's argument, but on the next day the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Bulletin

Names of 86 veterans accepted for Tulalake homesteads were announced today. The names include 10 alternates who were put in for homesteads when 10 of the original selections were rejected. The winners were told to be here on March 13 for final selection of their homesteads.

Klamath basin veterans included in the final list follow:

Ernest Lindsay, Shirley Congdon, Frank J. Sullivan Jr., Robert H. Lillard, Philip Krizo, Robert F. Anderson, Leland L. Cheyne, all of Klamath Falls.

William P. Berks, William D. Hamilton, Stanley Bradbury, Fred A. Robinson, Andrew J. Naylor, Lawrence H. Hartley, Robert R. Heiney, Wesley N. Anderson and George A. Douglas Jr., all of Tulalake.

J. E. Sisemore, Fort Klamath; Merle E. Woodley, Merrill; Harry H. Hundley, Kenneth H. Dunbar, Frank A. Elzner, Mallin; Robert L. Heacockman; Chiquin; Roy A. Hodges, Bonanza; Larry Ferrell, Rocky Point; Gerald L. Johnson, Merrill.

IF the increased production that is so vitally necessary is to be achieved, the government white paper goes on, MORE PEOPLE must do MORE WORK.

The women of Britain must go back into the factories and work again as they did during the war. Displaced foreigners who poured into the country (to escape Hitler's rampaging armies) must be taken into the permanent labor forces and put to work at British wage scales, thus going into competition with Britain's NATIVE workers.

NOTHING, this amazingly frank statement of a government to its people asserts, must be permitted to stand in the way of getting maximum production. Unions and employers alike are asked to SCRAP all arrangements and agreements that result in restricting production, prices or employment.

That is, the unions must abandon all their rules that are

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Crowds Attend WAA Sale Here

A long procession of cars, reminiscent of recent war convoys, streamed through the gates of the air station this morning, hearing hundreds of veterans bent on buying bargains at the war surplus sale which opened at 9 a. m.

The men, some of whom brought their families, prowled through the two huge hangars, poking among the mammoth stacks of war surplus property and in short order a buying line was formed into the office where the war assets administration crew signed order blanks.

Long before noon red sales tags fluttered on a good majority of the bunks and mattresses.

The general comment among prospective buyers seemed to be that prices were too high and the standard of merchandise not high enough. Many discrepancies have been found.

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School Board Urges Move To Stop "Open Defiance"

A stern policy in regard to major infractions of school rules and open defiance of authority on the part of a group of 16 to 18-year-olds attending Klamath Union high school under the present compulsory education law, was urged by members of board No. 2 in session last night.

Principal Stanley Woodruff presented problems to the board in which he cited cases of "truancy, wilful disobedience and open defiance of authority," all of which involve possible suspension from school. Woodruff said that violators of the school law were students attending school through the compulsory education law which is now under discussion in the state legislature with an idea of modification.

Strong support of Principal Woodruff was given by the board and Superintendent Arnold L. Gralapp in handling such cases which have been detrimental to school attendance and school morale.

Both boards were in session last night but the problems of KUHS affect only district No. 2, Gralapp explained.

Mrs. Reva Snell, former Riverside teacher, was named to the 5th grade at Mills, replacing Mrs. Walter Nitzel who moves up to the seventh grade vacancy left by Harold Hicks.

Mrs. Marie Bond, who held an assignment at KUHS on general science, world geography and study hall, was named to fill the vacancy in the physical education department created by the death of Mrs. Dorothy Gustafson Lorenzen who lost her life in the Evans apartment fire. Mrs. Niletta Patterson, a newcomer, will take over Mrs. Bond's assignment.

A report was given by both boards by Harold Teale, director of vocational education, on the veterans vocational program.

Boards continued their study of teacher salaries, instituted a month ago, with submission of additional material by the teachers' salary committee. Gralapp reported briefly on legislation affecting education and Joe La Clair gave a demonstration of audio and visual education materials and equipment. He is director of this phase of education in the city schools.

Soviets Okay Island Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall said today Russia has advised the United States that the Soviet government feels an American trusteeship over the Japanese-mandated islands in the Pacific would be "entirely fair."

Marshall told a news conference that the Soviet note said Russia took into account that the islands were won chiefly by American armed forces which bore "incomparably greater sacrifices" than others in the Pacific advance.

Only Russia, Marshall said, has concurred in the American trusteeship proposal, which was submitted to the United Nations last week.

Collapse Of Bleachers Kills Two, Injures 200

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 25 (AP)—A section of new wooden bleachers in the Purdue university gymnasium, jammed with 3500 fans in the crowd of 11,000 at the Purdue-Wisconsin basketball game, collapsed last night, killing two students and injuring about 200 persons.

The crash of splintering timbers, the 62 rows of the 100-foot-long structure sagged and crashed to the dirt floor brought an ominous silence over the cheering, howling fans.

There was no panic. The hundreds of the occupants of the bleachers, some of whom had tumbled as high as 30 feet, clumped or crawled through the crowd to seek medical attention. Many of those in the bleacher seats had been standing and cheering for the Purdue team as it was leaving the floor at half-time with a 34 to 33 lead over the Wisconsin Badgers, western conference leaders.

The splintering of huge supporting beams gave out sharp, cracking noises and within a space of a few minutes the entire structure had been leveled. As the first screams of the injured were heard a panic among the huge crowd threatened but athletic officials appealed for order and quiet and asked uninjured persons not helping the injured to leave the building as quickly as possible. An orderly movement toward the exits followed.

Officials mobilized crews of students, many of them war veterans with experience in handling wounded. The students improvised stretchers by using padding from the collapsed bleacher and carried scores of persons to the fieldhouse doors.

A passing Greyhound bus was utilized as an ambulance and took about 45 persons to a hospital. All of the city's ambulances were summoned and for nearly two hours took the injured to the city's two hospitals.

Dog Mutilation Funds Given

Klamath people are digging into their pockets to show where they stand on the matter of the mutilation of a mother dog.

Mrs. Ida M. Odell, president of the Klamath Humane society, said today offers of contributions toward the reward for the conviction of the person committing the act, kept the phone busy Monday.

One woman doctored \$50 toward the reward, Mrs. Odell stated.

The reward is being offered by the humane society for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party who mutilated a dog in the Homedale area so that it had to be put to sleep.

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Survivors Tell Story Of Greenland Crash

By CHARLES MERCER

WESTOVER FIELD, Mass., Feb. 25 (AP)—Eleven American airmen who cheated death for three days 600 miles from the north pole after their B-29 crashed in northern Greenland were flown back here today.

Lt. Bobbie Joe Cavnar, 22, of Okmulgee, Okla., set down the rescue plane—a big C-54 transport—of the army air transport command at 7:55 a. m. (EST) here after a 2310-mile non-stop flight from Thule, Greenland.

Less than 24 hours earlier Lt. Cavnar wagered his life that a sheet of ice beside the crashed B-29 would hold his 20-ton four-engine plane—and won.

The 11 men climbed stiffly from the rescue plane. They appeared exhausted from their ordeal.

An army medical officer said none was in serious condition.

Lt. Vern Arnett of Riverside, Calif., pilot of the downed B-29, only crewman to discuss the belly-landing and rescue before all were hospitalized for rest and observation, described Lt. Cavnar's landing as a "wonderful job."

Permitted to talk to newsmen for five minutes, Arnett said his ship was "on a routine training flight. We were not making photos."

The big plane, flying out of Ladd field, Fairbanks, Alaska, ran into a storm which blew it completely off course, he related, and added:

"We were running short of fuel and since we had been flying for 15 hours, there was nothing to do but make a belly landing."

We landed on a lake and luckily, no one was hurt. "We made regular contact four hours after we crashed. We stayed on the plane and had plenty of food."

Others members of the crew were Lt. Russell S. Jordan, Albany, Calif.; 2nd Lt. Robert Liudke, Los Angeles, Calif.; Lt. John G. Lesman, Kearny, N. J.; Lt. Burl Cowan, Grand Island, Neb.; Lt. Talbert M. Gates, Fenwood, N. J.; Master Sgt. Lawrence Yarborough, Springfield, Ore.; Staff Sgt. Ernest C. Stewart, Birmingham, Ala.; Tech. Sgt. Robert Leader, Philadelphia; Staff Sgt. Paul R. McNamara, Geneva, O., and Lt. Howard R. Adams, Lebanon, Pa.

Lt. Cavnar said his plane with a seven-man crew flew Westover field at 3:30 a. m. (EST) Sunday and left to Sondrestrom yard, Greenland, where emergency supplies were picked up.

The flight continued to Thule.

"The crew and I figured we could make it," Cavnar said.

"We were informed there were two to 10 inches of smooth snow on the lake where the B-29 crashed. So we loaded supplies and took off."

"We found the aircraft without difficulty. The men had built a fire with oil from the engine and when they saw us they got so excited they tossed a life-raft on the fire."

He said the C-54 cruised the area and "dragged" the lake where the crashed plane rested twice before making a landing.

It was sort of tense," he said. "The B-29 crew lined up on each side of a landing area—a strip about 2500 feet long. We approached over an 800-foot hill and at air speed of 120 miles so we would not bounce in. In case the ice gave we had sufficient speed to go on."

"We were able to stop about 500 feet from the B-29. We taxied back and forth to smooth the snow so as to be sure the snow would not stop our wheels when we tried to take off."

The C-54 crew unloaded all unnecessary supplies. At the time the weather was 25 to 30 degrees below zero.

"When we got the men on board we started off and then fired the four rockets which gave a 1450-horsepower thrust. The rockets burned only about eight seconds. Then we were off at a speed of about 85 miles an hour."

The entire operation took only 20 minutes, Cavnar said.

When Lt. Cavnar and his crew stepped from their plane they were greeted by Maj. Gen. William H. Tunner, commander of the Atlantic division of the army transport command. Tunner said yesterday he was recommending Cavnar for the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf clusters for this and other Arctic rescue feats.

In carrying out the rescue the army launched one of its most intensive efforts since the end of the war, racing against time and weather to save those who crashed in the B-29—"Kee Bird."

Efforts converged in a vast pincer operation from the limits of the North American continent—from Ladd field, and northward from the United States into Greenland.



Here's how the 11 survivors of the Greenland crash appeared when they landed after their rescue by a daring army pilot. At left front is Lt. Burl Cowan, of Grand Island, Neb., and waving is Lt. Talbert M. Gates, of Fenwood, N. J. The picture was taken as the men were leaving the field in an ambulance, hospital bound.