Oregon Lumberman Asks Congress For Revision Of Labor Legislation

WASHINGTON, March 3 (AP)—Court orders, injunctions and criminal prosecutions were recommended to congress today by an Oregon lumberman for enforcing "basic principles" of labor relations.

W. R. Morley of the Western Logging company, Portland, proposed before the house labor committee the following labor legislation:

1. Revision of the Wagner act to outlaw seizures or damages to property, threats of violence in a labor dispute, secondary boycotts, interference with transportation, coercion to compel participation in a strike, and supporting a strike not voted by a majority of union members in a secret ballot.

2. Addition to the Wagner act of authority for an employer to call for a union representation election.

3. Enlargement of the anti-trust act to prohibit jurisdictional disputes.

"We (of the Douglas fir industry) feel strongly that the time has come to remove the special benefits and privileges accorded to labor unions under the protective legislation passed by congress in the early thirties," Morley declared in a prepared statement.

Morley appeared with Fentress Hill of San Francisco, president of the Northern Redwood Lumber company, and John S. Richards of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, representing the Atlas Tie company.

Hill said he represented his own and eight other major redwood lumber manufacturing companies in Humboldt and Mendocino counties, California. He related details of a 14-month-old strike against the firms by two mill and carpenters' unions. The dispute, he told the committee, is over demands for a union shop, which he declared would amount to a closed shop.

"One basic cause" of all labor troubles, Hill asserted, is "compulsory union membership as a condition of employment." He asked that congress outlaw "any and every form of compulsory union membership."

Richards told the committee that "certain corrective measures" must be taken, and said they should be based "on the principle that the employe must remain protected against any and all coercion from either the employer or the union."

"Secondary protection must be given to employers and unions alike, and on an equal basis," Richards added. "Neither should be permitted to organize into oppressive monopolies, and both must be guided by a code of fair conduct equally applicable to both."

Lakeview Works Out Play Program

LAKEVIEW, March 3 — Supervised recreation will be enjoyed by Lakeview youngsters during this summer's school vacation.

Plans to develop this program were made known at last week's Lions club luncheon. The Lakeview park commission pledged to supply $500, the community chest will furnish $250, and the Lions club committee will put up $250.

Plans are now being prepared for the park to be located at the Bullard canyon site.

Flashes Of Life

CLOSE CALL

NEW YORK, March 3 (AP)—Not even James A. Callahan, acting chief inspector of the division of combustibles, cares to speculate as to what might have happened if 200 gallons of gasoline, accidentally pumped into an apartment oil furnace tank, had reached the furnace.

Eleven families, evacuated when the fuel delivery man discovered his mistake, waited today for Callahan to complete final tests and let them return to their apartments in the four-story building.

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NO TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Amuary Phoonphiphutans of Bangkok, Siam, was one of 144 mid-year students to graduate from Lehigh university.

Reserve Officers Club Formed

LAKEVIEW, March 3 — A chapter of the Reserve Officers association of the United States composed of former officers of the army, navy, marines and coast guard has been formed in Lakeview.

Newly elected officers of the chapter include Lt. Col. John S. Hanson, president; Captain James E. Calderwood, vice president; Ensign Bennie Wilkerson, honorary vice president, and Captain Victor Lasater, secretary-treasurer.

Farm Safety Meeting To Be Held Here

The state industrial accident commission has extended a cordial invitation to all farmers of Klamath Falls Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8. This is the first conference of this nature to be held in southern Oregon by the commission and is under the direction of Robert W. Evenden, director. All business sessions will be held at the public library building with a banquet at the Willard hotel on Friday evening.

The Friday afternoon program will be devoted to the discussion of methods to combat the increasing number of farm accidents occurring on farms throughout the state. Under the workmen's compensation act, insurance coverage of farm workers is optional as farming, under the law, is not classed as a hazardous occupation. However, during 1946 there were 10,146 agricultural and agricultural services elected to come under the jurisdiction of the state industrial commission. A total of 1968 claims were filed by farm workers. The ratio of time-loss claims to all claims filed within the farming industry is 14 per cent higher than the ratio of time loss claims against no time loss claims in other industries.

With the increasing use of machinery on farms the general belief exists that machinery is involved in more accidents than with farm animals but such is not the case. Hand tools such as knives, axes, pitch forks, shovels, etc., were involved in 234 accidents on Oregon farms last year.

The conference starts at 10 a.m. and all farmers or representatives of farm organizations are asked to attend .

Worst Blizzard On Record Sweeps Over Crater Lake

The storm threatening Crater Lake national park broke Saturday night, bringing snow and high wind which by Sunday morning had gained the proportions of a howling blizzard.

"Worst blizzard on record," was the comment of park rangers. Snow continued all Sunday and the wind swooped and howled, mingling falling snow with that on the ground and piling high drifts.

Snow measurements recorded 17 inches of new light snow and the maximum temperature Sunday was only 30 degrees with a minimum of 20 degrees. The storm subsided somewhat by nightfall.

Monday morning the temperature was 22 degrees at 8:30 and snow was still falling but indications were for clearing during the day.

Three minor accidents were caused by the storm and poor visibility, resulting in negligible damage to cars but no personal injuries. Cars involved were driven by William W. Olson, 5011 Highland drive and Dr. W. G. Bishop of this city; John A. Van Meter of Prospect and Palmer Zottola of Grants Pass; Lyler Hayden, 2310 Main, and Galen H. Klaus of Portland.

There were 99 cars and 428 people at the park Sunday. Skiing conditions are reported as excellent today, roads are open but chains are advised.

The Russians add preserves to their cup of tea.

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