

SETTLEMENTS EASE PHONE TIE-UP

In The
Day's News

WEATHER
Max. (May 15) 51 Min. 37
Precipitation last 24 hours .09
Forecast for May 16: Partly cloudy
Last year 11.37 Normal 19.57
Forecast: Fair tonight, cloudy Friday.

Klamath Falls and News

Situation May Reach Normal Early In Week

BY FRANK JENKINS
Two full years after V-E Day, hunger appears to be rising to a new peak in Germany. There are growing reports of sullen resentment. There are occasional food riots.

Among other things, there are bitter complaints about too much feeding of livestock. These complaints are significant. Feeding grain to meat animals is a luxury practice. More lives can be saved by feeding the grain direct to humans.

Responsible correspondents describe the situation as explosive.

HOW will it explode?
Probably into communism. Communism is the last resort of hungry, hopeless, desperate people.

RUSSIA'S program in Europe appears to be finally designed to MAINTAIN CHARGES. It seems probable that Russia has planned it that way. Chaos results in hunger. Hunger generates desperation. Desperate people turn to communism. Russia's objective is a communist Europe as the starting point for a communist world.

The pattern of Russian policy is becoming more understandable.

YOU are reading of increasing shipments of American food to hungry peoples abroad. Your intelligence tells you this food can't be paid for, for there is nothing to pay for it with. Therefore we are GIVING it.

Stop and think twice before complaining. What we are trying to do is to use FOOD instead of GUNS as a defense against the spread of communism.

THEN stop and think AGAIN. If we are to feed the world, we must PRODUCE food, in vast quantities, doesn't just happen—the falling of the gentle rain. It TAKES WORK.

Here in America we need to get to work more effectively than ever before.

EARL BUNTING, the new president of the National Association of Manufacturers, told at a meeting here last night, he urged management and labor to "stop bickering and get to work on production."

He said: "National teamwork is what we've got to establish. Everything we have in the country came from it. People want management and labor to stop quarreling and get back to the job of producing peacetime goods, jobs and services that are better than ever before."

They want business to stop slithering at every shadow on the road to American progress. They want labor to get over its growing pains and stop playing cops and robbers all over the economic system."

HE chooses a good place to talk around common sense. Oregon people are good workers. They are good co-operators. They are close enough to the grass roots to realize that we can't have what isn't produced.

For example: In the Pacific Northwest Douglas fir trees, some 2 1/2 billion board feet of lumber have been turned out so far this year—well above the approximate two billion feet produced during the corresponding months of 1946.

The reports show gross stocks at sawmills lower now than at any previous time this year, indicating that lumber is being distributed with all possible speed into the normal construction channels.

Lewis Agrees To Bargain In Contract Talks

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—John L. Lewis agreed today to bargain on a new contract with three-fourths of the soft coal industry and negotiations were set to begin tomorrow (at 9 a. m. EST).

The mine leader's agreement, reversing a previous stand, raised the possibility of avoiding a crippling strike in the coal industry when the government relinquishes control of the pits this summer. The United Mine Workers traditionally have refused to work without a contract.

The Southern Coal Producers association, representing about 25 per cent of the nation's bituminous production, balked at industry-wide bargaining and asked for separate negotiations.

Lewis replied that he wanted a chance to discuss the southerners' request with his policy committee before giving an answer.

Those major developments in the long-troubled coal industry were announced by Navy Capt. N. H. Collinson, federal coal mines administrator.

Lewis' agreement to negotiate with a part of the industry represented an about face on his previous insistence on industry-wide bargaining, in line with a policy adopted at the UMW convention last year.

Most of the nation's soft coal mines are under government operation, but must be restored to private ownership by July 1.

Meet Called
Collinson called the UMW chief and the operators together several weeks ago in the hope that they would produce a contract that would avert a major strike when the private owners resume control.

The owners, who will start wage talks immediately with Lewis included operators of Northern and Western pits and of "captive" mines in the South—that is, mines controlled by such companies as U. S. Steel.

Charles O'Neill, representing those operators, agreed with Lewis to set up a joint conference at once.

This conference, which will include about seven men from each side, will be headed—as in past years—by Ezra Van Horn as chairman. He is a representative of Ohio coal companies.

Collinson said he wanted to make it clear that the Southern Coal Producers association is and always has been willing to bargain for its own members. The southerners are unwilling, however, to bargain along with the rest of the industry because they contend they have special problems.

William Henry Nagel, 40-year-old Portland preacher, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl, is still held in the county jail today although court officials expect that the bail of \$2500 cash or \$5000 property will be raised for him this afternoon.

Timber Figure Out To Average 70 Million Feet Yearly



Spring work is under way on East Main street and this trio was found at 9 o'clock Special time fixing a sidewalk. Mrs. Bob Stevens and Judy Ray Gregory are helping L. F. Gregory with the job.

Federal Jury Convicts Former Sergeant At Arms

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—A federal court jury today convicted Kenneth Romney, former house sergeant at arms, on charges of concealing for two decades a shortage of \$143,963 in his accounts.

The jury reached its verdict in one hour and 50 minutes.

Judge Alexander Holtzoff postponed sentencing Romney until Friday, May 23, to allow time for consideration of a defense motion for a new trial. Romney was allowed to remain free on \$2500 bond.

The maximum penalty upon conviction is 30 years' imprisonment and \$30,000 fine.

Neutral Group To Holy Land

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP)—The United Nations assembly formally created a "Neutral" 11-nation Palestine inquiry commission today and set its first meeting for May 16.

The commission's mandate is to investigate the problems of the Holy Land and to report to the assembly.

The commission's members are to be chosen from the 11 nations.

Klamath Falls and other Oregon telephone workers were halting today on the proposed settlement of the 5 1/2-week-old strike.

If the 4700 workers follow their union's recommendation to accept the proposal, Oregon phone service probably will return to normal Monday. Voting was to continue until 4 p. m. today at the labor temple.

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—Additional settlements further narrowed the nation's phone strike today as a new round of conferences got under way in the deadlocked Western Electric tie-up.

John Murray, labor department representative, was hopeful of new wage concessions from both the Western Electric, Bell Telephone System affiliate, and the Association of Communications Equipment Workers, representing 20,000 striking workers.

He summoned both sides to a conference today (9 a. m. EST) amid indications the two sides are closer together than at any time since the strike began.

Negotiations also will be resumed in New York today between the company and another segment of the union.

Separate talks also are slated here with the Western Electric Employees association, which has 22,000 members in 21 plants.

Meanwhile there were these settlement agreements: Denver—The Mountain States Federation of Telephone Workers representing 9000 workers in six states announced acceptance of a \$3-44 weekly wage increase offer by the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph company, part of the Bell System.

Charleston, W. Va.—The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone company and the Communication Workers union settled a strike of 3200 phone workers in West Virginia on the basis of raises of \$2 and \$3 weekly.

Union officials said, however, they had no authority to order members to cross picket lines of the striking Western Electric workers.

In St. Louis the Southwestern Bell Telephone company rejected a union offer to accept a flat \$4 weekly wage increase for striking workers if the company would arbitrate fringe issues. Talks are continuing.

SEATTLE, May 15 (AP)—The telephone strike in Washington and North Idaho was ended today and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company officials said service was restored to almost normal this morning.

Union officials ordered the 38-day strike ended last yesterday and asked workers to return to their jobs "as soon as possible." The strike ending came after a day of polling union membership. On the basis of members contacted, it appeared the company offer of a \$4 a week increase in pay for most employees would be accepted.

At the peak of the strike, between 6500 and 7000 workers were out, a telephone company spokesman said today. He added that company plants appeared 90 per cent staffed this morning.

Greek Loan Bill Goes To White House

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—Congress sent to the White House today legislation authorizing a \$400,000,000 program of financial and limited military aid to bulwark Greece and Turkey against communism.

The house, and then the senate, quickly approved the bill comprising minor differences between the house and senate measures.

On another bill to provide funds for relief of six countries in Europe and Asia, President Truman urged congress again to vote the full \$350,000,000 asked, saying "the peace of the world can be realized only when people are free from the fear of hunger."

Mr. Truman's appeal was contained in a letter transmitting the tenth quarterly report of UNRRA.

It reached the capitol as senate and house conferees sought to resolve differences in their respective bills. The biggest point at issue is the amount to be provided.

The joint committee failed to reach a compromise in vital talks scheduled an afternoon session. The house voted to cut the fund to \$300,000,000 but the senate favors providing the full amount.

The senate approved yesterday, 79 to 4, a bill to provide general relief for Austria, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, the free city of Trieste and China. This version, however, does not specifically name the countries.

The senate refused on a 64 to 19 vote to go along with the house in trimming \$150,000,000 off the \$350,000,000 which the president and the state department requested.

Airport Water System Talked

Means of financing extensive repairs on the water and lighting systems at the municipal airport will be discussed at a meeting of the city airport commission with civil aeronautics authority representatives Friday afternoon.

Both utilities are in need of repair. Mayor Ed Ostendorf said today, with the cost of the necessary work amounting to several thousand dollars.

Police Have Quiet Day

Police business has apparently hit a springtime slump. Only one person appeared before Police Judge Harold Franey in court this morning.

The lone man was Cornelius O'Sullivan, 37, of the Kern hotel, who was fined \$10 on a drunk charge.

Other bookings in the past 24 hours included James H. Phipps, 18, of Midland, for exceeding the speed limit on East Main, and Kenneth L. Allen, 26, of 909 Alameda, for running a red light at 11th and Main. Both were given traffic tickets.

STORM WARNING
SEATTLE, May 15 (AP)—Small craft warnings were hoisted at 10 a. m. today along the coast from Newport, Ore., to Tatoosh and through the Strait of Juan de Fuca for fresh to strong southerly winds beginning late this afternoon, the weather bureau reported.

Tacoma Cops Stage Rodeo In City Streets As Cattle Escape

TACOMA, May 15 (AP)—A city-wide rodeo had this sprawling town by the horns this morning as dozens of bawling steers broke from a packing house unloading platform and rapidly spread throughout the business and residential district.

Sweating policemen were issued their larriat-twirling orders a few moments after first reports were received at 2:15 that "wild cows" had been seen running through the industrial tide-flats area, near the Carstens Packing company.

State Board Of Education To Decide MB School Name

The name to be given the state vocational school at the Marine Barracks, the selection of a director for the school and other such matters of policy will be decided by the state board of education at a meeting slated in Salem within eight to 10 days.

Several names are up for perusal and decision by the board, suggested by Klamath folks and residents elsewhere in the state who have shown interest in the school.

Purvine has spent the greater part of the past four weeks here supervising final inventory of the barracks for the state property control division. A crew has been detailed to recondition lawns and shrubs in the post area.

Some 35 men have been recruited locally, Purvine said. Two people were brought in from the outside including Walter Travers of Portland, office manager, and H. A. Pedersen of Oregon City who is leaving the job of director of Oregon City's regional vocational school to take the job as supervisor of trade and industrial education at the school here.

Three Die In Collapse Of Elko, Nevada, Apartment

ELKO, Nev., May 15 (AP)—Three persons were killed and four injured early today when a two-story brick apartment-business building collapsed and crashed into an adjoining excavation in Elko's business district.

Sheriff C. L. Smith of Elko county said the dead were tentatively identified as Ralph Nielsen, Beatrice Nielsen, believed to be Nielsen's mother, and Mrs. Robert Norris.

Broadhurst Appeal Slated

ONTARIO, Ore., May 15 (AP)—The bill of exceptions for the appeal of Mrs. Gladys Broadhurst, 40-year-old reformed convict, of inciting a young paramour to slay her wealthy husband, has been filed, her attorney announced today.

The attorney, P. J. Gallagher, said arguments on the appeal probably would be made in the October term of the state supreme court at Pendleton.

Former Slave Marries At 103

PORTLAND, May 15 (AP)—Daniel J. Jones, 103-year-old former slave, got married Tuesday, and spent his honeymoon catching catfish.

The best way to celebrate, declared the aged negro, was to go fishing.