

West Coast Ports Open Despite Labor Dispute

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17 (AP)—West Coast ports, in marked contrast with the shipping paralysis in the East, bustling with activity today despite a "no contract" situation with two CIO unions.

The word around the waterfronts of Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego was that "anything might happen." But it hadn't yet—two days after contracts terminated with the radio men (ACA) and the cooks and stewards.

A spokesman for the employers said negotiations with both unions were scheduled today. There had been reports that if the June 15 deadline was reached without all unions in contract agreement, none would work.

"We expect to reach agreements with all the unions," said a representative of the shipowners.

Four Renewals

"So far, we've renewed contracts with four big unions representing 31,500 men. The two unions not yet signed to renewals have 5,000 men.

The radio men, cooks and stewards give evidence they would refuse to sign on for the week while negotiations were pending. But an employer spokesman said none had been asked to sign.

The two unions without contracts said they would only continue to work ships in port, posing questions in San Pedro today as to the scheduled sailings of CIO-manned ships and Seattle where the passenger steamer Alaska was due to leave for the north.

Portland reported "normal" waterfront activity. No ships were in port at San Diego and none was due for the next few days.

Six ships cleared from San Francisco yesterday and more sailings were scheduled today. The unions said yesterday's sailings occurred before any "no work" program was properly organized.

A cue for the next development was awaited from two top CIO leaders on the West Coast, Harry Bridges and Hugh Bryson, flying in from the East. Bridges' longshoremen have extended their contract. Bryson's stevedores say they want to extend theirs—but also want an immediate wage review.

Bridges' West Coast CIO maritime committee continues to urge full-page advertisements for a manifestation of "immediate public indignation"—and supplied the telephone number of the Pacific American Shipowners association.

The committee predicted that the shipowners at any moment would exercise a reservation written into the renewed contracts and cancel agreements already reached with the majority of workers. Bryson's association professed no knowledge of such an intent.

Goshen Youth Given Prison

EUGENE, June 17 (AP)—Leo Higgins, the 15-year-old "Goshen Gunman" who twice escaped jail here and attempted to saw his way to freedom on two other occasions, was in the state prison today.

Lane County Sheriff Tom Swartz reported he advised the state authorities to watch the boy carefully during his five-year term.

Higgins was taken to the prison yesterday, the same day most of the county's teen-age youth were dismissed from school for summer vacation. When sentenced, the youth was told by Judge Dal M. King that "it is regrettable to send a boy of your age to the penitentiary, but it would be unthinkable to let you remain at large to prey on society."

During his last week of confinement here he wore an "Oregon boot," a heavily weighted shoe clamped on, after he bent the county's leg irons out of shape trying to saw them and again escape. He was sentenced yesterday after entering pleas of guilty to five felony charges.

Tractor Upset Injures Girl

LANGELL VALLEY, June 17—Edith Gift, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gift, was seriously injured yesterday when a tractor she was driving overturned.

The young girl suffered three broken ribs, a broken nose and broken collar bone. She was taken to Hillside hospital in Klamath Falls.

Edith was driving the tractor from the highway into the entrance of the Bill Burnett place when the accident occurred. Slick conditions resulting from the rainstorm probably caused the tractor to overturn.

CRUISER SAILS

YOKOSUKA, Japan, June 17 (AP)—The navy cruiser Fall River sailed today for the United States. The vessel was replaced here as flagship of cruiser division one by the USS Toledo, commanded by Capt. A. G. Detzer.

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By Dick Turner



"Ya got three together down front?"

Bridges Denies Story Of Meeting With Communists

NEW YORK, June 17 (AP)—The World-Telegram said today that Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union (CIO), held a secret conference yesterday with top officials of the communist party.

Present with Bridges at the meeting in the apartment of Murray Winocur, secretary of the CIO maritime joint policy committee and one of the leaders of the current maritime stoppage, the World-Telegram said, were William Z. Foster, national chairman of the communist party; John Williamson, C. P. national labor secretary; Robert Thompson, New York state secretary; and Al Lannon, the party's "national coordinator for the marine industry."

The story said that Bridges, approached as he left the building and entered a taxicab, said in response to the questions about the conference: "What conference? I don't know what you're talking about. I just ran down the street after this car. I didn't come out of any building."

At communist party headquarters, a public relations officer said today that the story was "not true."

A spokesman for the party, speaking only for himself and that party, said: "I am very confident of a thoroughly satisfactory outcome," he said.

Peace Talks Continue

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17 (AP)—Speakers of the Northwest Institute of International Relations today continued discussing phases of "the politics of peace and war," theme of the first two days' sessions in the eight-day program at Reed college.

Laurence Sears, professor of American philosophy and political theory at Mills college, spoke today on the "Soviet Enigma."

Dr. A. Curtis Wilgus, George Washington university, told the assembly yesterday that he could see no reason to fear a rise of communism or fascism in Latin America.

He declared the Argentine government is not fascist and that President Peron is "running true to form as the South American dictators have in the past."

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Solons Lose Faith In Agencies

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) asserted today that members of congress, including himself, "have lost confidence in the efficiency, ability, and yes, even the integrity, of many of our government departments."

He said in a statement that the later straw was the handling of the sugar situation by the agriculture department.

Recalling that a year ago many Oregon poultry producers liquidated their flocks because of a feed shortage, he said the government later found there was no shipping available to take the grain to Europe and the freeze order on wheat was lifted—but not until farmers in the Northwest had lost heavily.

Erratic Action

"The erratic action of the department of agriculture regarding wheat was brought to mind by the fact that similar unexplainable antics have been going on lately with respect to sugar," Ellsworth said.

"On June 7, for example, Secretary Anderson testified before the house committee on banking that removal of sugar controls at this time was not considered possible. Four days later, he removed the controls."

"The wheat and sugar illustrations are but samples of administration blunders with which we are confronted constantly."

Briton Raps U.S. Policy

LONDON, June 17 (AP)—Archibald McDougall, president of the Amalgamated Union of Foundry Workers, declared today the United States was using its economic power to hold Britain to ransom and to penetrate former British markets.

"This is power politics undiluted," McDougall told the annual conference of the union, one of Britain's strongest, at Ayr, Scotland. "And yet it is to America we show the greatest allegiance in our foreign policy while the Soviet Union, which claims no naval or air bases and has reduced its armament to prewar standards, concentrates its energies on reconstructing its devastated lands."

REPLACEMENT

SEOU, June 17 (AP)—Lt. Col. Othel W. Stewart, Knoxville, Tenn., has entered a taxicab, said in response to the 24th corps. He replaces Lt. Col. Walter W. Abbey, Medford, Ore., who is returning to the United States.

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Pvt. Wayne A. Fitzsimmons has just completed basic training with the U. S. army and has been assigned to occupation troops. He is the son of Mrs. Gladys Kellum, 2625 Radcliff. An expert rifleman, Fitzsimmons is 17 years old.

Local Girl To Graduate

Among the top 32 students scholastically, who are members of the 1947 graduating class of San Jose State college is June Virginia O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. O'Brien of 1422 Canby.

Commencement exercises will be held at 4 p. m. Friday. Miss O'Brien, in addition to holding a high scholastic record, was named for her outstanding achievement in mathematics and chemistry.

Another Klamath Falls student who placed high in scholarship is Pearl Jeannette McLean, who is in the group of 61 students ranking next to the top honor group. She also has been outstanding in mathematics.

There will be 565 graduates in the class who will receive diplomas Friday.

School Tax Levy Gets Voters' OK

SALEM, June 17 (AP)—Voters of the recently enlarged Salem school district approved 568 to 225 yesterday a school tax levy of \$273,350 over the 6 per cent limitation.

Edward Marjek, Salem insurance man living in West Salem, was elected school director over Robert M. Evenden, Salem, state industrial safety supervisor, and John M. Dasch, Liberty.

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Phone Rate Up Opposed By Council

Klamath's city council today was on record in protest of proposed increases in rates by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

Members of the council at last night's meeting voted unanimously to oppose the rate increases which have been asked of the state public utilities commissioner by the telephone company, and would amount to \$2,349,000. Councilman Landry made the motion to have the city attorney draw up the protesting letter prior to a hearing set for July 7 at Salem by the PUC.

The \$2,349,000 figure constitutes an upward revision of \$699,000 over the P.T. and T. request of last month, at which time the company asked \$1,550,000. The original request was suspended by the commissioner pending an investigation and hearing, and the second request has also been suspended for the same purpose.

Not All Up

Not all of the proposed revisions would be upward, according to the changes in toll rates proposed by the telephone company. Certain long distance rates are to be reduced. Tolls for distances over 175 miles would be reduced from 5 to 45 cents.

However, rates for distances up to 133 miles would be generally increased. Service charges would be increased in most instances, but the bulk of this cost hike would be born by businesses.

A revision would be made in the relation of the day and the night long distance rates. In many cases day rates would be reduced and night rates increased.

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Type Expert To Speak At Confab

EUGENE, June 17 (AP)—Gilbert P. Farrar, New York, typographical expert who has re-designed scores of American newspapers, will speak at a session of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' association in La Grande this week.

Carl Webb, association secretary, said Farrar would speak at the Friday afternoon meeting of the 60th annual convention.

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