

# FORD WORKERS FILE FOR STRIKE

## In The Day's News

**RACE** troubles have been filling the news lately. It started with riots that ensued when swimming pools in the Middle West were opened to both white and colored people. Then came the violent disturbances at Groveland, Florida, where National Guard troops, fingering the triggers of rifles and 50-caliber machine guns, have just taken over. More or less contemporaneous have been the prowling of the hooded night riders in Alabama, with their Dark-Ages floggings and intimidations. As in Florida, the better sense of the community is beginning to assert itself and in Birmingham a grand jury has been ordered into special session to search into this nasty business of cowardly men who ride at night to flog and frighten and sometimes kill.

**RACE** troubles are generally supposed to be a cross which America must bear alone in retribution for its deadly sin of importing human slavery into the New World. That doesn't seem to be wholly true. Note, for example, this dispatch from London the other day: "Pits, iron bars, chairs, bottles, crockery and even live coal fires in London's East End last night in what long-line residents described as the city's worst race riot in many years. . . . Two Negroes suffered severe injuries and three 'bobbies' (London policemen) were slightly hurt in the melee. "Reports differed as to the cause of the fight. A by-stander said the white men were aroused when a Negro put his arm around a white girl. Another onlooker reported the trouble began when a Negro ignored a bobby who told him to move along."

If you will search your memory, you will find that race troubles have been occurring all over the world for about as long as there has been a written record of men's doings.

I KNOW it sounds like preaching of the milk-soppy sort, and I have no use whatever for milk-sops, but I can't help observing here that anarchy, nightmarish things like race riots occur when the WRONG KIND OF PEOPLE get temporarily into control somewhere or other in the world.

The corollary of that statement is that such things can be ended only when the RIGHT KIND OF PEOPLE get into control and stay in control.

WHAT are the wrong kind of people? That can't be an easy one, but I think I can at least answer it negatively. They AREN'T necessarily the people who live on the wrong side of the tracks.

Let's take Florida, where the National Guard has had to be called out to control race rioting, as an example. In recent years, Florida has been more heavily Northern-infiltrated than any other Southern state. And with the least admirable kind of Northerners—the war profiteers, the boomers, the speculators, the big shot gangsters.

When anybody back East makes a big, quick killing and finds his pockets suddenly overflowing with money he didn't have to work very hard for, he seems to head for Florida as instinctively as a homing pigeon heads for its roost. The decent, quiet people—both the self-respecting rich and the self-respecting poor—are inclined to stay at home most of their time and when they get away they act like ladies and gentlemen. The show-offs who get hold of a wad of it overnight (usually without giving much in return) head for some fancy place like Florida to make a splash.

WITH cattle like that pouring in for years, I'd say it is no happening that race rioting, which is one of human nature's unadmirable manifestations, should occur in Florida. In a melting pot, steam floats to the top.

**LOGGING DEATH**  
ROSEBURG, July 21 (AP)—A logging tractor overturned yesterday and fatally crushed David Aubrey Butts, 36, in the woods near Dixonville. The widow survives.



**PLANE WRECKS HOMES**—This scene of destruction in Seattle was caused by a C-46 airplane that crashed with 32 persons aboard, and then exploded. The center house was demolished; four others damaged; the plane's route was toward the camera. The plane hit power lines atop poles in the background after takeoff with one faltering engine. Six persons were killed, and 36 injured.

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## Alabama Orders Probe Of Klans

### Los Angeles Cracks Down On Gangdom

LOS ANGELES, July 21 (AP)—The state, county and city merged forces today to fight an upsurge of gang warfare which climaxed with the shotgun blasts that felled gambling boss Mickey Cohen and three other persons.

The victims, including Harry Cooper, special agent assigned by the attorney general's office to protect the dapper little Cohen, are recovering from their wounds.

An emergency meeting of top state, county and city law enforcement officers was called here yesterday after the early-morning blast of gunfire on the swank Sunset strip shocked this "City of the Angels."

Attorney general Fred Hower, who flew from San Francisco to attend the meeting, said last night that Cohen's lawyer, Sam Rummel, has named the persons who he believes fired the shots.

But I am in no position at this time," Hower said, "to disclose the names of these persons. That would be aiding the suspects."

Shot down with Cohen, who fronts as a haberdasher, and Cooper were Edward (Neddie) Herbert, a confederate of the gambler, and blonde actress Dee Davis. All but Cohen were critically injured. They were fired upon as they emerged early yesterday from Sherry's restaurant by two men concealed across the street.

Cohen, from his hospital bed, scoffed at reports that a gang war is brewing. He called his unsuccessful assailants "punks."

"They must have been somebody I stopped from doing something," he said.

A switchboard operator at Queen of Angels hospital, where Cohen is a patient, said a man's voice said over the phone last night: "Be on guard—we're going to get Mickey tonight."



**LIGHTING PREPARATIONS** are under way at Conger field. The task, costing the city recreation department \$13,700, was recently okayed by the city council. The project is being done by Mark Smith and company. Picture shows Mark Smith, on right, with Helpers Leroy Lofdash and Bob Griffith aiding in wiring the poles, preparatory to boosting next Monday. Sam Smith, city recreation head, said that he has hopes of the job being finished by August 1. If so, the county softball league play will be switched to Conger field in addition to scheduling of the district play-offs. Grading on the field was done by the city with generous donations from various persons.

### Three Players Join Line For Santa Rosa

Three players joined the Santa Rosa hall club this morning and Lynn Serpa, acting manager, believes the Cats will be considerably stronger for tonight's game with the Gems at Gems stadium.

Sam Ball, second baseman, and Arnold Rose, shortstop, arrived today to join the club and Ray Adams, regular outfielder who has been out because of illness, has also come back into the fold.

The Cats have been forced to play with a patched lineup having two pitchers in the outfield and outfielders trying to take care of infield spots, but Serpa believes today's addition to the roster will put Santa Rosa back in the Par West league fight.

The Cats have lost two games to the Gems, 19-1 and 30-11.

### Grand Jury May Wind Up Meet Today

With three days of work and some 18 investigations behind it, the Klamath county grand jury was expected to make its report this afternoon.

The jury this morning took up the first degree murder case against William Howard Rice, believed to be the last one on its schedule for this session. Sheriff Jack Franey was the first witness called.

District Attorney D. E. Van Vactor had prepared 19 criminal cases for investigation.

Rice is held in the county jail, accused of slaying his wife, Jennie, whose dismembered torso was found in the Klamath river late in May.

### Taxpayer Says Taxes Too Low

LOS ANGELES, July 21 (AP)—Ever hear of a taxpayer who squawked because his taxes were too low?

The board of equalization found one yesterday. George K. Roth, history and government instructor at John Muir college, Pasadena, told board members:

"Last year I made a protest about the inaccurate figure assessed on my lot on Seaview avenue. This year it was increased to \$400. That is not enough. It is still not equalized with surrounding values.

"The lot is worth \$1000 on today's market and should be assessed at \$500. There is no reason for any taxpayer to try to avoid taxes rightfully owed."

The board, still in a state of shock, made no decision.

### Baseball Scores

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

BOSTON, July 21 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals supported Lefty Harry Brecheen's five-hit pitching with a 10-hit attack today to gain the odd win in a three-game series with the Boston Braves, 3-1.

St. Louis 10 0 100 100-3 10 3  
Boston 100 000 000-1 5 2

Brecheen and D. Rice; Antonelli, G. Elliott (8) and Livingston.

Pittsburgh 100 130 001-6 9 0  
Brooklyn 000 010 042-7 9 2

Chenoweth, Werle (3); Casey (9) and Fitzgerald, McCullough (6); Erskine, Minner (6); Banta (9), Palica (9) and Campanella.

Cincinnati 005 000 000-5 10 3  
New York 200 030 30x-9 8 0

Wehmeier, Eraut (5), Blackwell (6) and Cooper; Hartung, Higbe (3) and R. Mueller.

Chicago 010 110 100-4 7 0  
Philadelphia 201 230 00x-8 8 2

Dubiel, Chipman (4), Hacker (5) and Owen; Borowy and Semnick.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York 003 100 010-5 10 0  
Cleveland 021 000 000-3 8 2

Basch and Berra; Wynn, Bearden (8), Paige (6) and Hegan.

### TOUR

**BAKER**, July 21 (AP)—Oregon State Cattlemen's association members will begin a tri-county range and livestock tour August 6 when they inspect operations in Baker region and the Powder river valley, according to Marvin Wendt, president of the Baker County Livestock association.

After two days of touring Baker county the group will go on to Union and Walla Walla counties.

### Truman Says No Cause For Alarm On Hush-Hush Atom Talks Held In Washington

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—President Truman said today there is nothing for the American people to be alarmed about in current hush-hush talks about atomic foreign policy.

Mr. Truman was sharply critical of a news conference, however, of the man he said leaked information to the press in advance of an atomic policy meeting the president held at Blair house last Thursday.

Mr. Truman said he knows who the man is, but he did not identify him.

The Blair house conference, bringing together high government and congressional leaders, was the first of two major conferences which have been held on atomic matters.

The second was a meeting at the capitol yesterday, called by the senate-house atomic energy committee.

The second meeting appeared to have raised misgivings of some lawmakers that the president might act on his own to give Britain some A-bomb secrets.

They said, after another top-level, hush-hush atomic conference yesterday, that they would not now press for a move to keep the president from acting by executive order in this field.

There had been talk of putting at least the senate on formal record as saying that the atomic energy law forbids the supplying of atomic secrets to any foreign power unless congress approves. Apparently, they now are satisfied that Mr. Truman plans no by-passing of congress at this time.

However, the atomic question still was a warm one. Senator Wherry (R-Neb.) told reporters he plans to try to find out what role, if any, atomic secrets and know-how will play in the "mutual aid" section of the North Atlantic pact now up for ratification.

### 4th Quarter Taxes Due

Fourth quarter property taxes on the current 1948-49 Klamath county roll are due and payable now and will start drawing interest after August 15. Mrs. Elsie Siemens, deputy collector, announced today.

Also due on August 15 is the oldest quarter of delinquent taxes of 1935 and prior years which are being paid under the 1935 relief law on delinquent taxes. Accumulative interest will amount to more than 100 per cent if the delinquent taxes are not paid by that date.

Mrs. Siemens also called attention to delinquent personal property taxes still outstanding on the county tax roll. If not paid those assessed may be subject to tax warrant liens.

### Judge Vetoes Murder Appeal

BOULDER, Colo., July 21 (AP)—Joe Walker, convicted rape killer of a University of Colorado coed, will start serving his 30 years to life imprisonment sentence this afternoon.

District Judge George H. Bradford today denied his attorney's motion for an additional 30-day postponement while the 32-year-old metal worker tries to raise money for an appeal to the state supreme court.

Sheriff Arthur T. Everson said he would take Walker to the state penitentiary at Canon City at once. Sentence was pronounced June 20 after a jury convicted him of second degree murder in the slaying of 18-year-old Theresa Foster.

District Attorney Marc Smith opposed any further delay. "If the defendant wishes to appeal he may still do so from the penitentiary," Smith said.

### Predicted Pacific Coast Business Slump Fails To Materialize In Full Force

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21 (AP)—Dire predictions that the Pacific coast's war swollen economy would stagger under the current business adjustment haven't materialized.

"Actually, no greater decline has occurred here than in the rest of the country," the Federal Reserve bank said today. Its report was based on a special survey of the 12th district.

The district includes Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

The report said the predictions were based on the assumption that the district had a one-industry economy and the fact that the percentage is greater in the district than nationally.

The district did experience a greater drop in business late in 1948

### Wreck Victim Better Today

Slight improvement was noted today in the condition of Grace Sharp, 23-year-old Klamath Falls resident, who was critically injured in an automobile accident near Lakeview Tuesday evening.

She has been a patient at the Lakeview hospital and is suffering from possible internal injuries and a pelvic fracture. Attendants said she spent a fair night.

Also injured, but not as seriously, in the automobile accident were E. A. Hamilton of Eugene and Michael H. Schuster of Glendale, Calif.

Kaler's ambulance left early this afternoon to move the injured woman from Lakeview to Klamath Valley hospital.

### Between-Lakes Fire Quelled

Fire fighting crews were released Wednesday afternoon and mopping up operations are being completed on a fire which blackened 4500 acres of land between Tule and Lower Klamath lakes.

Of the area burned, 400 acres were Modoc National forest land but flames did not go into timbered areas, and destruction was confined to grass land.

The fire first broke out near the old Kandra sheep corrals on the West Side road.

### Collisions

MYRTLE POINT, July 21 (AP)—A collision of a pickup truck and a car here yesterday killed John Henry Hostetter, 75, Portland, and put a Medford resident in the hospital.

Hostetter died in his truck of a skull fracture. Police said one tire blew out, throwing the truck into the path of a sedan driven by Rudolph Jennings Bills, Medford. Bills suffered a chest injury and cuts.

### BEAN CROP

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## WEATHER

Klamath Falls and Vicinity—Fair today and Friday. High today 85. Low tonight 47. High Friday 84. Max. (July 30)—79. Min.—44. Precipitation last 24 hours—0.0

## Lower Meat Prices Seen This Fall

FULLMAN, Wash., July 21 (AP)—The Midwest's bumper corn crop will mean stiff competition for northwestern livestock producers, but should also bring lower prices for the butcher's customers.

That was the opinion expressed today by Karl Hobson, extension economist at Washington State college.

Hobson said the corn crop, estimated at 3½-billion bushels, will mean cheaper food for hogs and cattle in the corn belt. Corn sold around \$1.90 a bushel in many midwestern areas last winter, Hobson said, and added that a price increase is unlikely with a large harvest in sight. He compared that price with the cost of wheat in the Northwest which is generally near \$1.50 a bushel.

The economist said the large corn harvest and a large carry-over from last year's crop should mean lower retail meat prices for two years.

## Fingerprint Check Turns Up Suspect

EUGENE, July 21 (AP)—A routine fingerprint check of a jail trustee at Portland put him in jail here today while police checked on whether he was wanted in Iowa or Illinois on a 1947 murder charge.

Howard Jack Holmes, 48, the prisoner, said he was wanted at Davenport, Ia., Sergeant Verne Hill of the state police reported. However, the police bulletin that led to his arrest was from the Illinois state identification bureau at Springfield, Ill. It gave no details.

At Portland, Identification Supervisor Lou Morton said Holmes, a trustee serving a sentence for drunkenness, walked away from a work detail yesterday shortly before a fingerprint check with a blurred, single print on the Illinois bulletin showed that he was wanted in 1947. The bulletin gave a Davenport, Ia., police number for Holmes, but no other details.

Morton, knowing that Holmes was a railroad laborer, had employment offices checked and learned that Holmes had signed to work on a Southern Pacific gang at Oakland, near Eugene. State police arrested him there when he arrived.

Hill said Holmes told him he would waive extradition. He will be held here until Iowa and Illinois authorities report whether he is still wanted, Hill said.

## House Vote Kills Aiken Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, July 21 (AP)—The house voted today to kill the Aiken farm law enacted by the republican 80th congress.

There were only a few scattering "nays" on the voice vote.

The house moved on then toward a vote on what should replace it—a continuation of the present farm law or the administration's new plan.

Many republicans joined democrats in the vote to destroy the law authored by Senator Aiken (R-Vt.). The measure provided for a flexible 80 to 90 per cent of parity price support program for major crops beginning next year.

There was bitter debate before the house got down to voting. Representative Pace (D-Ga.) argued that the whole issue is "whether your government will continue to buy food and destroy it."

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