

House Wades Into Labor Debate—Whether To Boost Minimum Wage In U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (AP)—The house waded today into its second big labor debate of the year. This one is on whether to hike the national minimum wage from 40 cents an hour to 75.

The democratic party's campaign pledge of last fall to raise the minimum and broaden coverage of the 1938 wage-hour act was up for redemption. It faced the same determined, well organized foes as the still-unredeemed campaign pledge to repeal the Taft-Hartley law.

Democratic leaders were backing a compromise bill introduced last week by Chairman Lesinski (D-Mich.) of the labor committee. Many southern democrats and re-

publicans were lined up tentatively behind a measure sponsored by Rep. Lucas (D-Tex.), a labor committee member.

House members reported labor unions active in drumming up support for the compromise, but said that representatives would not state their support of the measure in writing. It falls short of the original administration bill in its coverage of workers.

"The town is jumping with lobbyists on this thing," said one labor committee democrat.

Major amendments on the wage section of the bill were to be offered by Reps. Sims (D-S.C.) and Combs (D-Tex.), and floor managers of the legislation had notice of scores of other amendments ready to be brought up when the time comes.

The debate was expected to rage most, if not all, of the week.

The situation was very similar to that at the beginning of the Taft-Hartley debate in the house, with one exception. In this case, the democratic leadership's compromise was before the house at the beginning of the struggle.

In the Taft-Hartley debate it came out at the last minute, and was beaten. The house then went on and sent the whole controversy back to the labor committee, where it rests with no hope of getting out until next year.

A minimum wage bill was the first administration labor measure to reach Capitol Hill after the congress got to town last January. This bill would have raised the minimum from 40 cents to 75 and eventually 81, and brought millions of new workers in under the wage-hour act.

The house committee finally approved a 75-cent bill with fewer changes in coverage. It would have added about 5,000,000 workers to the approximately 20,000,000 now covered by the law.

The senate labor committee has approved a bill raising the minimum to 75 cents, and making a few other changes, but omitting any large-scale increase in coverage. This is due for debate soon.

Exchange To Show Films Of Series

Junior chamber of commerce—No meeting this week. The next meeting August 15.

Quota club—Monday noon—Pelican cafe.

Exchange club—Tuesday noon—Willard.

Lions club—Tuesday noon—Willard.

20-30 club—Tuesday 7 p. m.—Willard.

Kiwanis—Thursday noon—Willard.

Rotary—Friday noon—Willard.

On the program for the Lions club this Tuesday is a talk by Betty Zirkle who returned from Scotland recently. She will speak on her impressions of that country. President Jim Patterson will report on the international convention.

The exchange club will have a movie shown on the 1948 World Series between the Boston Braves and the Cleveland Indians. Jack Elliott will be master of ceremonies.

About a dozen Kiwanis club members traveled with their president, Willard Ward, to Bend Monday to present the "traveling gavel" to the Kiwanis members there.

The gavel was brought here from Ashland. The purpose of the "traveling gavel" is to secure greater friendship between the members in the various clubs.

Body Found Along Tracks

The decapitated body of a middle-aged man who was caught beneath the wheels of a train was found about 8:30 this morning in the Southern Pacific yard.

The man was identified as Francis Henry Shimer, 33, of 315 S. Eldorado. There were apparently no witnesses to the incident, and details are not known. He was found by SP employees on the track near the passenger depot soon after the 8:10 a. m. train pulled out of the station.

Shimer made his home with his brother, Roy A. Shimer, at 315 S. Eldorado, and was not married. He was a laborer in the lumbering industry. He was a native of Del Rio, S. D., and lived in Klamath Falls for the past 20 years. He also is survived by a sister, Mrs. H. J. McElroy of this city.

The body is at Ward's Klamath Funeral home, and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

\$280 Price For Ram Sets Record

ALBANY, Aug. 8 (AP)—A top price of \$280 was paid for a ram at a record breaking sale here Saturday of rams and ewes assigned to the Willamette valley 9th annual auction.

The 124 animals brought \$11,832.50 for an average \$93 a head. This was \$1.50 higher than the previous record here in 1948.

R. W. Hogg and Sons, West Salem, sold the top ram to A. M. Minden, Sublimity. Twin Romneys sold by Lynn Barnes, Harrisburg, brought second and third money. One went to L. J. Knide, Arago, for \$225 and the other to G. H. Seagraves, Oregon City, for \$205.

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EYES AND ALL—Ly Elise Beckman, German dentist who offered to sell her eyes to get to the U. S. and for whom Ex-Sergeant Charles Eller was willing to sell one of his eyes in Fresno, Calif., smiles happily as she arrives in New York—with her eyes. Eller still has both eyes and will be reunited with her in New York. Friends took care of expenses for both.

Jail Break Try Thwarted By Passer-By

SALEM, Aug. 8 (AP)—Four Marion county jail prisoners were thwarted yesterday in an attempt to saw their way to freedom.

One of the four was Edward Charles McEwen, 32, Lodi, Calif., held here on auto theft and wanted in Arizona for questioning in the slaying of a rancher in May.

A passer-by heard the sound of the cell bars being sawed and notified the sheriff's office. Sheriff Denver Young said the men were guarding a treaty and working on two window bars. He guessed they might have cut through the bars in another 30 minutes.

McEwen was arrested Thursday in McMinnville in a car stolen in Salem. He also had taken and then wrecked a hearse the day previous.

The FBI reported McEwen was named on a first degree murder complaint in Maricopa county, Ariz., shortly after the body of Charles T. Shoop, 45, was found May 12 in a dry irrigation ditch. The body was clad only in shorts and socks. Shoop was last seen alive in the company of McEwen in a Phoenix cafe.

Sheriff Cal Boies of Maricopa county said McEwen had served time in the Arizona state prison. He will ask extradition of McEwen, Boies said in Phoenix Saturday.

Quiet Meet Seen For City Council

A quiet, short session is expected tonight when the city councilmen gather for their regular Monday night confab in the city hall. A few routine matters are on the council peg for consideration of the city days.

The ordinance authorizing the sale of dog pound and cemetery property to Ellingson's mill will probably be passed with final reading.

Councilmen are also expected to consider a request from the laborer's league for political education of shipyard laborers regarding the passage of the bill now before the merchant marine and fisheries committee of the house.

Other city councils have taken favorable action on the bill which would allocate shipbuilding work to the west coast.

Red Military Faces Problem In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Aug. 8 (AP)—Shanghai's unemployed total 1,000,000 persons, the communist military control commission announced today.

Of these 250,000 are industrial workers, 650,000 are "paupers" and the others are classified by the communists as "land owners, wealthy farmers and lawless elements," who fled to Shanghai from the interior and are not employed.

Thus the city's unemployed population numbers a sixth of the city's population.

The commission said those with homes elsewhere would be sent to them.

Those without homes are to be sent to North Kiangsu and North Anhwei provinces to be settled on new farm areas. Only the destitute are to have their transportation paid.

The announcement said "all public bodies and charitable organizations are requested to cooperate with the government to carry out the plan."

The communists, who appear to think the nationalist blockade will last indefinitely, say they hope ultimately to move 3,000,000 persons out of Shanghai to farm areas to ease the burden caused by the loss of sea commerce.

WRECK
SALEM, Aug. 8 (AP)—Newlyweds driving a wedding present car got as far as Junction City on their honeymoon Saturday night—and then piled up in a three vehicle collision.

But Mr. and Mrs. John Maulding escaped injury and returned here. None of the persons in the other cars were hurt, either.

Weyerhaeuser Profits Gaining
TACOMA, Aug. 8 (AP)—Second quarter profits of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company were \$2.16 a share, as compared with \$1.77 for the first quarter, a company statement disclosed today.

Net profit for the first six months totaled \$12,030,324. Sales of lumber, lumber products, logs and pulp totaled \$58,068,824. Taxes accrued were \$8,580,895.

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No Break Seen Yet In ILWU Strike

By DOUGLAS LOVELACE
HONOLULU, Aug. 8 (AP)—An imminent threat of government dock seizure brought no sign of early peace today in Hawaii's 100-day waterfront strike.

Backed by a new territorial law to put the government in the stevedoring business, Gov. Ingram M. Stainback ordered the islands' 2000 striking CIO longshoremen and seven struck firms to resume work immediately.

There was no indication either side would obey the order to keep the territory from taking over and operating the struck firms.

The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union said its stevedores would not work for the government. ILWU President Harry Bridges said the union would fight "government scabbery" on the docks and in the courts.

No announcement was announced. Spokesman Dwight Niele said their attorneys still were studying the law, overwhelmingly approved Saturday by a special session of the Hawaiian legislature. To forestall seizure, the employers must come to terms with the union—or go to court.

U. S. Government Conciliator George Hillenbrand was trying to set up a new negotiations session. But both sides still were far apart on the issue—a raise of 32 cents in the \$1.40 hourly basic longshore wage.

Employers said they would be willing to negotiate with Bridges "at a figure substantially below 14 cents." Bridges, who came here last week, said he thought the employers should come up with a "solid offer somewhere between 18 and 22 cents."

The governor's back to work order came with a state of emergency he proclaimed under the new dock seizure law. "Continuous furnishing of stevedoring services," the act reads, "is essential to public health, safety and welfare."

Missing Man Found Alive On Mt. Hood

ZIGZAG, Ore., Aug. 8 (AP)—An aged man, lost since July 27 in the wooded country near Mount Hood, was found today—alive, but in poor condition—by two searchers.

District Forest Ranger Jim Langdon was notified that the two men came upon John Harrison Tracy, 76, shortly before noon in a trail shelter at Mud creek.

The report said Tracy was very weak, and foresters planned to carry him out.

Ray Goodhead, Sandy, and Ben Franklin, Escadada, found Tracy just a few hours after his relatives increased a reward for finding him to \$1000.

Relatives, friends, and foresters had been combing the woods for Tracy since his car—abandoned, and its door open—was found on a mountain road July 29. The elderly Escadada, Ore., resident had gone alone into the area after hearing reports that gold ore might be located there.

Indian Booster Still Up, But Has New Son

CLEVELAND, Aug. 8 (AP)—Cleveland's flagpole sifter has a new son—Charles Lupica Jr., seven pounds and one ounce.

The baby, fourth child of the Lupicas, was born at St. Ann's Maternity hospital last night.

Charley promptly began handling out cigars and tried to forget that his beloved Cleveland Indians had just lost two games in Philadelphia.

"I got a baby. That's more important right now than baseball," said Charley.

Tomorrow Lupica, a 37-year-old store proprietor, rounds out 10 weeks on top of the 20-foot pole where he vowed to stay until the Cleveland Baseball club reaches first place in the American league.

As his wife drew near here time, Charley came in for some criticism from those who felt he ought to leave his 6 by 6 foot perch on the rooftop and go to her side.

"If there was any doubt about my wife in that hospital, I'd of come down from here," Charley replied.

"My wife was in that hospital over 30 hours," he added. "I couldn't of stood it much longer."

Quake Felt In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8 (AP)—A wide area around San Francisco bay was shaken by an earthquake at 3:02 a.m. today.

The jolt rattled windows and dishes and awakened some people. No damage was reported.

University of California seismologists said the quake centered 18 miles from Berkeley.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Edgman and Kenneth, former Merrill residents, were here last week-end at the Roland West home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reeder spent the week-end at Richardson Springs, Calif.

Major and Mrs. E. E. Teers visited with his brother, C. F. Teers, at the William Jinnette ranch recently. Major Teers is stationed at Fairfield, Calif. Others who have been houseguests of the Jinnettes during the past two weeks were Mrs. E. McClymen and son from Linfield, Calif., sister and nephew of Eugene Ramsey, and Prof. and Mrs. John Agnew of Kirkville, Mo. The professor is a cousin of Will Jinnette.

Some \$35 was netted by the food sale which the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church held July 30. The money will go into the church building fund.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lehr visited at the William Lehr home recently from their home in Southern California. While here they enjoyed a fishing trip to Diamond lake with the Jess McKoenes.

Pierce Hodges has returned from a week's visit to Coeur d'Alene, Ida., where he visited with several of his navy buddies at their annual reunion.

Harvey Denham, grade school principal, has been attending southern Oregon college at Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Palguta and family of Van Nuys, Calif., are visiting at the John Lepitak home.

Howard Dewey reported the fishing excellent when he returned from a vacation trip last week. Dewey, R. J. Shaw and R. B. Grey, who accompanied him, all caught the limit in the Deschutes and Umpqua rivers.

A large crowd attended the parish picnic at Medicine lake last Sunday. Catholic Order of Foresters sponsored the outing and provided coffee, ice cream and cold drinks.

J. B. Lofgreen is spending two weeks visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Stoll, and family from his home in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mrs. Eber Kilpatrick and daughter, Mrs. Gene Marsoch, of Cottage Grove, drove to Lake Tahoe to attend a church conference.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schreiner and two children from Oakland, Calif., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Icenbice. While here the visitors enjoyed a day at

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Polish Priest Hits Attacks

WARSAW, Poland, Aug. 8 (AP)—A Roman Catholic priest here yesterday attacked "attempts to discredit the priests and the pope."

The priest was not identified because authorities might regard his sermon as hostile to the government, which on Saturday ordered penalties up to death for violation of a citizen's "freedom of conscience."

Churches all over predominantly Catholic Poland were jammed yesterday for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Archbishop Stefan Wyszyński, primate of Poland.

The priest who came to the defense of the pope and Catholic clergy urged his parishioners to "pray for the pope and the nation."

Speaking of the attacks, he said "we fully realize where such accusations come from and why and who is spreading them."

The new government order was praised in editorials in Polish newspapers.

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