

CALIF LABOR SCENE BRIGHTENS

Costello Faces Jail, Gambling Chief Held Guilty of Contempt

By JOHN O'BRIEN WALLACE
NEW YORK (AP) — Swarthly, croaky-voiced Frank Costello, who twice stalked out of a Senate Crime Committee hearing rather than answer questions, was convicted Friday night of contempt of the United States Senate.

The 61-year-old gambler and underworld figure, who four times previously beat government efforts to put him behind bars, faces a possible maximum sentence of 10 years in prison — plus \$10,000 in fines. He was continued in \$5,000 bail pending sentencing Tuesday.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
From Washington: "The Truman administration's clean-up-the-government program will be run by the department of justice (which is itself under investigation) if President Truman's choice of a new attorney general (Federal Judge Clegg) is confirmed by the senate."

If I had been tapping the till and suspicion to that effect had not been around and there was business-like talk of calling in an auditor to see what had been going on, I'm pretty sure I'D LIKE TO BE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE MYSELF.

As I was coming up from the news room this morning with a handful of teletype copy, one of the boys in the show said to me: "Any good news today?"

I answered flippantly: "There hasn't been any GOOD news in years."

I was wrong. The copy I held in my hand contained a dispatch relating that racketeer Costello, who for years has beaten efforts to put him behind bars was CONVICTED last night of contempt of the senate and faces ten years in prison.

That is good news. It is ALWAYS good news when wrongdoers are punished. Only by punishing WRONGDOERS can we maintain a moral society.

But there was a FLY in the ointment. The dispatch telling of Costello's conviction contained this paragraph:

"Government Prosecutor Miles J. Lane, who finally tripped the Italian-born racketeer, hailed the jury's verdict of guilty as a 'turning point' — and said it was proof that no man, 'no matter how cunning or powerful he may seem to be, CAN BE BIGGER THAN THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF.'"

I wish he hadn't put it that way. I wish he had said: "No ONE MAN can be bigger than THE PEOPLE."

I'm frankly scared of a federal government that is BIGGER THAN ANY ONE MAN. I can't help thinking of Gaius Fido, the enlightened liberal editor and publisher of La Prensa, who was driven into exile after his great newspaper had been confiscated by the dictatorially powerful (and powerful) government of Argentina.

This dispatch is from New York — and if you read it understandingly you will agree that it is significant of the times we live in.

"Everybody STOOD AROUND in the stock market today (Saturday) and did virtually nothing. Prices moved over a range covered by a major fraction either way. Many leading stocks held unchanged throughout the session, and many more didn't even trade at all."

"The approaching steel strike was the cause of the dolefulness. The strike set for Monday (Tuesday), and the steel companies already have started shutdown operations."

"They're wondering if STEEL IS TO BE NATIONALIZED — as in England — for the government has threatened, you know, to SEIZE the steel plants if their owners refuse to meet the terms laid down by the government for settling the strike."

In England, nationalization of steel and other industries followed a vigorous political campaign in which NATIONALIZATION was frankly admitted to be the issue.

There the people deliberately CHOSE SOCIALISM by their ballots. Here socialism is CREEPING UP ON US BY STEALTH. The federal government already holds the reins for ownership of the WATER without which ALL of our land would be valueless.

The federal government already has seized the railroads. It is threatening now to seize the steel industry. What industry will be the NEXT to be seized?

I, for one, don't like the trend. It scares me.

Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California, increasing cloudiness Saturday night through Sunday, not quite so warm.
High Friday 63
Low last night 35
High Friday 60
Precip since Oct. 1 14.15
(Additional weather on page 13)

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Flamiré Plane Crashes New York Homes, 5 Die

Houses Hit By Driving Cargo Ship

By GEORGE CORNELL and RONALD AULRY
NEW YORK (AP) — A twin-engine cargo plane plunged like a bomb into densely populated Queens Saturday, wrecking flaming havoc on homes and killing at least five persons.

CARS SMASHED

A dozen cars in the lot and street were smashed. One was flipped on its top by the blast. A truck blew up.

SHARING THEIR TALENTS

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Cleanup Drive Depends On McGranery Approval

By ED CREEGH
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Truman administration's clean-up-the-government program will be run by the Department of Justice—its own investigation—President Truman's choice of a new attorney general is confirmed by the Senate.

REPLACEMENT

Truman named him Thursday to replace Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, swept from office in a row over the way New Yorker Newbold Morris was conducting a semi-independent search for government corruption starting with the Justice Department itself.

CLOSURE

Shortly after the crash at 3:25 a.m. (EST), the port of New York authority operations department ordered International Airport closed for a half-hour.

MOBILE, Ala.

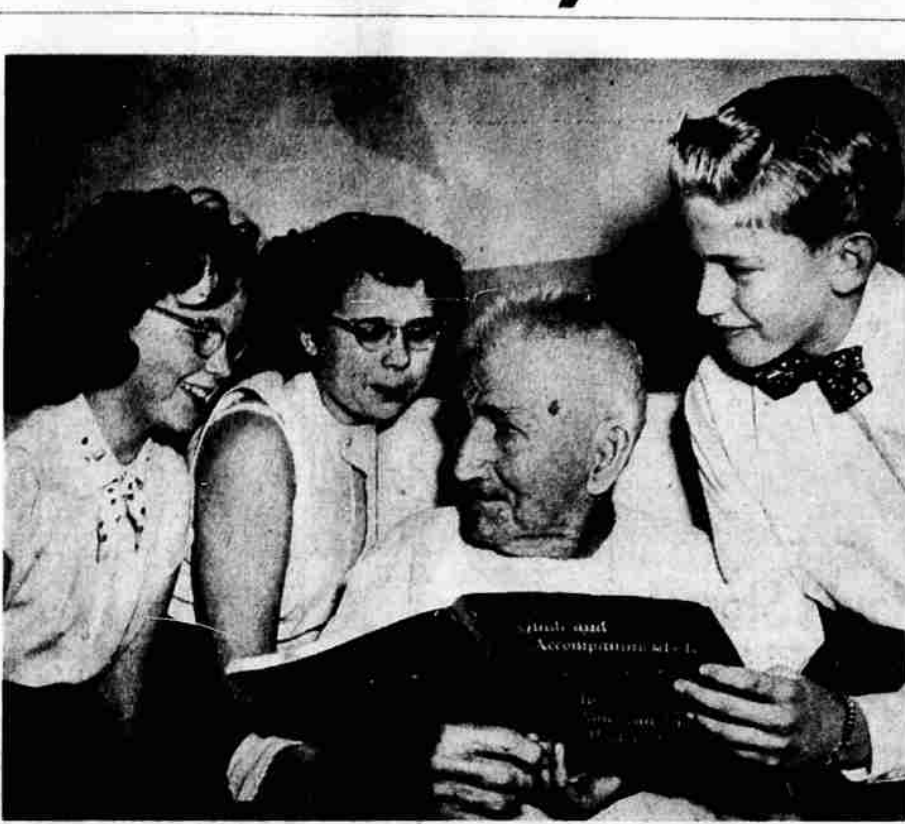
Salvage crews dug through the smoldering wreckage of two entwined Air Force transports Saturday in a grisly search for the bodies of 15 crewmen and passengers.

Planes Smash, 15 Lives Lost

The transports spun earthward in flames and landed squarely atop parked railroad box cars, setting 12 of them afire.

Steel Strike Peace Sought

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal Wage Chief Nathan Feinsinger conferred separately with industry and union officials Saturday in a last ditch attempt to avert a strike of 700,000 steelworkers on Wednesday.



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General's Son Lost in Korea

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — Lt. James A. Van Fleet Jr., a B-26 pilot and son of the U.S. Eighth Army commander, Saturday was listed by the U.S. Fifth Air Force as missing in action with his two-man bomber crew.

State Deltas Gather Here

Addresses of welcome were given to 100 Oregon teachers, members of Delta Kappa Gamma, national honor society for women meeting here today were given by Arnold Grallap superintendent of city schools, and Velma Tenney, Klamath Falls, general chairman.

Scout Show On Tonight

The annual Exchange Club-sponsored Boy Scout Exposition was scheduled to start at 3 p.m. in the Fairgrounds Exhibit building today.

Egged Her On

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Harlow Jones sat flabbergasted in his automobile Friday while an angry woman peppered his windshield with eggs. They had both stopped at an intersection.

Ike Nips Taft In Iowa Test

DES MOINES (AP) — The tall, corn state counted Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower the winner Saturday over Sen. Taft in their battle for Iowa's national GOP convention votes.

Lady Eagles

A special meeting and practice for the Lakeview convention for the Lady Eagles Drum corps is scheduled for Monday night, 7:30 at the Eagles Hall. Everyone be there.

Weyerhaeuser, CIO Agree; Hourly Rate Will Be Hiked 7 1/2 C

By The Associated Press
Oregon's troubled labor picture brightened Saturday with major wage settlements announced in the Douglas fir lumber industry and a Portland steel mill.

Negotiations also were resumed in a dispute that threatened to cripple Portland's city transportation system.

On the darker side, though, were the walkout of the CIO Woodworkers in the largest sawmill in Clackamas County, and the continuing strike of Western Union employees in Oregon, as well as the rest of the country.

The huge Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. and CIO Woodworkers Friday announced agreement on a 7 1/2 cent hourly wage increase for workers in both Oregon and Washington.

The Portland City Council, by a vote of 3-1, Friday approved a fare increase for the Portland Traction Company. That paved the way for the company to negotiate with the AFL streetcar workers' union.

The union had taken a strike ballot to back up its demands. The company and the union agreed to petition jointly for Wage Stabilization Board approval of the new contract which will be retroactive to April 1.

The union has scheduled negotiation sessions with other segments of the lumber industry.

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The union is demanding a 15 cent hourly wage increase and other contract benefits. But the company said it could not pay unless the Council approved higher fares.

With Commissioner J. E. Bennett dissenting, the council granted a 2 cent increase, bringing fares to 40 cents to \$2.40.

The company was scheduled to begin negotiations with the union Saturday in an effort to postpone a strike set for April 8.

The plant's 227 union workers are to receive a 12 1/2 cent increase with 2 1/2 cent hourly increases coming on July 1 of this year and Jan. 1, 1953.

A strike of CIO Woodworkers Friday closed the A. F. Lower Lumber Company at Molalla. A sheriff's deputy was called to help get a loaded lumber truck out of the strike-bound plant.

A union spokesman said the workers wanted a 5 cent hourly pay increase to \$1.75 an hour for semi-skilled labor. A spokesman for the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Committee, an employer group, said the union demands were for increases ranging from 2 1/2 to 47 cents an hour for most job classifications.

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General Van Fleet received word from Lt. Gen. Frank F. Everest, commanding general of the Fifth Air Force, at an air base in South Korea which the Eighth Army commander was visiting with Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme allied commander.

The Air Force said Van Fleet and his crew went out on their mission Thursday night but were diverted from their primary target by fog and low clouds.

Van Fleet radioed at 7:15 a.m. Friday that his dwindling fuel supply would not permit him to hit a secondary target and that he was returning to his base. It was his last transmission.

Floodwaters Lap Homes In Alturas

ALTURAS — Waters of the Pit River spilled out into the south and east residential sections of Alturas this morning and more flooding was expected this afternoon or tonight.

Flooding in the south part of town around the Modoc General Hospital was the worst. Water was from six inches to a foot deep around residences.

A few families had to move out of their homes temporarily, while others diked up around their houses with sandbags to keep the water out.

The flood is the second in less than two weeks for the Alturas area, and this one is worse than the earlier spill-out of the Pit.

The river is fed by melting snows, and the recent warm weather apparently brought more water down the river than normal.

The road toward Davis Creek was washed out last night, but the water had receded this morning. The highway south toward Susanville was open this morning but the California Highway Department said it might be closed at any time.

Flood waters were very near the edge of the highway.

The river reached a crest about 2 a. m. and by mid-morning had gone down very little. The Highway Department said it expected more water this afternoon or tonight.

Several days ago flood water closed the highway toward Susanville and drove a number of Indians from their homes near town.

In today's flood probably as many as 200 homes were endangered and in some places water stood a foot deep in the streets.

Early this morning fire sirens were sounded to wake up all residents of the city.

Building Hit By Automobile

An automobile swerved off Oak onto Commercial street early this afternoon and kept on in its left turn until it crashed into the doorway of an apartment at 342 Commercial.

The sedan was driven by Billie Dundon, city police said. Neither the nor a man in the car were hurt.

They were being given a sobriety test by city police at the accident scene. The car was badly damaged and the front of the apartment suffered some damage.

The apartment house is owned by Mrs. Alice Herzhberger and the apartment is rented to Mr. and Mrs. Duke Phillips. They were not at home.

COLLEGE POST

BAKER, P. — A. S. Grant, Baker attorney, has been named to the Gonzaga University Board of Regents, he was advised Friday by the Very Rev. Francis Corkery, president of the university.



YOUNG ROY MOTT (right) was asking Dick Wolfe how he planned to fight Sunny Green in tonight's main event at the Armory when the 9 o'clock cameraman passed by. Wolfe, the Pacific Northwest welterweight champion, demonstrates with clenched fist.