

# State-Wide Telephone Strike Starts; Pickets Parade Here

## Telegraph Plant Also Behind Line

By HALE SCARBROUGH  
Telephone and telegraph service in Klamath Falls was still in operation today, although both the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and Western Union were being picketed in unrelated strikes. Pickets appeared before the PT&T building and garage this morning in accordance with a strike called last night by the CIO Communications Workers of America, but Manager Charles Seavey said enough people had come to work to assure that service would be continued normally. There might be, however, some delay in getting new phone equipment installed. Early this morning the union had just two pickets on duty at the exchange building, but just before 8 a. m., at shift-changing time, the picket line was swelled to where at one time 19 persons were squelch-calling around the entrance.

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## New Jersey Likes Ike

By BELMAN MORIN  
NEWARK, N. J. (AP) — Gen. Eisenhower soundly defeated Sen. Taft in the New Jersey primary, winning at least 31 convention delegates, and cutting the senator's margin in the battle for the Republican presidential nomination. Eisenhower received about 60 per cent of the vote; Taft 37 per cent, and Stassen 3 per cent. The count, lacking 163 election districts out of 3,840, showed: Eisenhower—360,293; Taft—215,453; Harold E. Stassen—21,144. Thus, Eisenhower received about 60 per cent of the vote; Taft 37 per cent, and Stassen 3 per cent. The Democratic election was a one-man exhibition. Sen. Kefauver, the only entrant in the preferential vote, had nearly 140,000 votes, with 458 districts missing.

## Dikes Hold Giant Flood From Cities

By ERNEST B. VACCARO  
OMAHA, Neb., (AP) — Pres. Truman declared here Wednesday, after a survey of the flood-stricken Midwest, that he would renew his demands upon Congress for enactment of a national flood control program, embracing flood control insurance. Truman came here in the White House plane, "The Independence" after a flight from Washington which took him over vast portions of the devastated Midwest, for an emergency meeting with governors he invited to Omaha from seven midwestern states. In many respects, the President said, the present flood on the Missouri and the upper reaches of the Mississippi is worse than those experienced in Kansas and Missouri last year. The President said he was convinced "more than ever" for the need of an over-all program of controlling the great rivers of this country. The President's arrival found the Missouri, spread out as wide as 15 miles upstream, pushing its crest toward the half mile wide "neck" separating Omaha and Council Bluffs, Ia. The dikes and levees along this neck, protecting the two cities, continued to hold against pressure they never were intended to take. The stage reached 28.3 feet, compared with a previous all-time high of 24.5, flood stage of 19. Forecasters continued to predict a 31.5 foot crest but revised the expected time of arrival from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. Thursday. The high water mark is expected to remain for at least 12 hours. To meet the Missouri's maddened march, the walls and levees, more dirt, sandbags almost everything that an estimated 8,000 workers—army men and civilians—could throw up. The levee bolstering job was about completed Wednesday but patrol activity occupied hundreds of men.

## Stevenson Shuns Demo Nomination

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., (AP) — Gov. Stevenson said Wednesday "I could not accept" the Democratic nomination for president. Stevenson issued his statement clarifying his political plans shortly before his scheduled takeoff for a flight to Omaha and a conference with President Truman on flood conditions. "I have repeatedly said that I was a candidate for governor of Illinois and had no other ambition," Stevenson said. "I must now add that in view of my prior commitment to run for governor and my desire and the desire of many who have given me their help and confidence in my unfinished work in Illinois, I could not accept the nomination for any other office this summer." Stevenson said he had been urged to announce his candidacy for the presidential nomination "but I am a candidate for governor of Illinois and I cannot run for two offices at the same time." "Moreover, my duties as governor do not presently afford the time to campaign for the nomination even if I wanted it," he added. The statement was in line with the position previously taken by Stevenson after reports circulated that he was President Truman's choice for the Democratic nomination at the national convention July 21, in Chicago.

## Three Killed By Electricity

By The Associated Press  
Electric shocks killed three persons and injured another in the Pacific Northwest Tuesday. Dead are Roy Lee Henderson, 42, Al N. Locken, 50, and Percy Allen, 51. Henderson and Locken were killed when a well-drilling outfit accidentally touched a power line on Henderson's farm near Scio, Ore. Locken, who lived at Turner, Ore., was the owner of the outfit. Percy Allen, of the Yacolt, Wash., area, died when a tree he was falling on his farm touched a power line. Clifford Mitchell, also of Yacolt, suffered a serious but non-critical shock in the same mishap.

## Jury Finds Liquor Guilt

A six-man District Court jury Tuesday afternoon took only a few minutes to find 18-year-old William A. Gordon guilty of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor. But Defense Atty. George A. Proctor indicated he would try to bypass the jury's verdict and ask for a judgment from the court. Gordon was accused of drinking some beer at Dorris Caffé, the night of Feb. 8 and getting it with the help of three other teenagers high school boys that night and the next evening. Investigation of the incident followed picking up by juvenile authorities and City Police of three boys at a KUHS basketball game here the evening of Feb. 9. Police reported at the time the boys were under the influence of alcohol. Jurors hearing the case Tuesday were Carl Schubert, Otto Sari, Roy Liden, Charles Fyock, George McIntyre and Jay Lassett. In returning their verdict, the jurors recommended that Gordon be placed on probation.

## Church Plans Building Drive

A first Presbyterian men's group moved last night toward kickoff of a fund drive aimed at completion of the new church. First unit of the layout, an \$80,000 educational structure has already been completed and is now in use. For the main part of the new church, the auditorium section, the drive committee is to seek \$125,000. A committee of 100 comprised of men, has been named to spearhead the campaign. A majority of the members of this committee met last night with Dr. John Reed, who came here from the Presbyterians' National Board of Missions to direct the drive. Tomorrow, 1:30 p. m., Dr. Reed is to discuss the campaign with the church's Women's Association in session at the church. The men's committee is to activate the funds drive the afternoon of Sunday, April 27, in a house-to-house membership visitation.

## Over \$19,000 To Red Cross

The 1952 Red Cross fund drive has brought in more than \$19,000 according to Klamath County Chaplain, Rev. Virginia Dixon, but there are enough collectors out in the county and in Klamath Falls—that even though the drive is over she expects the total for the year to top \$20,000. The drive quota was \$25,000. Mrs. Dixon urged that those persons missed by the drive please contact the local Red Cross office. All contributions are needed, she pointed out, especially in view of the devastating floods in the Midwest.

## Weather

FORECAST: Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California, fair and sunny through Thursday, but increasing high cloudiness Thursday. High Thursday 60, low Wednesday night 35. High Tuesday 53, low last night 34. Precip Tuesday 0. Precip since Oct. 1 14.22. Normal for period 9.79. Period last year 12.58.

## Bloodmobile Needs Donors

Three hundred donors are needed for next Tuesday's visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile to Klamath Falls. The unit is scheduled to set up shop at the Armory from 12 to 5 p. m. Red Cross Exec Sec. Mrs. Virginia Dixon has asked that persons wishing to donate their blood make appointments immediately by phoning 7184, 3213 or 4393.



A PICKET LINE of members of the CIO Communications Workers of America appeared this morning before the local Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Exchange in accordance with a statewide strike against the telephone company called by the union. Picture shows Thomas E. McGill (left) and Gene Rosecrans on the line.

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Ike takes New Jersey—as he was expected to do. On the basis of the vote counted as this is written (better than 90 per cent of the total) he gets 60 per cent of the Republican vote cast. Taft nets 37 per cent.

Poor Harold Stassen gets a measly three per cent.

"What does it mean?" "I'll tell you," says that Senator. "It means that the people of New Jersey, in a referendum, have taken a cheerfully and wisely decided view of it. It was a little better than we expected," he tells friends in Detroit this morning.

John D. M. Hamilton, the red-headed fireball from Kansas who didn't do so well with his proteges back in the days when FDR was sweeping the board every time he ran for President, goes further out on the limb. He says, "Eisenhower has made a miserable showing in New Jersey." Hamilton is managing Taft's Eastern campaign.

Quite a few of Taft's upper-brass backers say it was a "moral victory" for the senator. "Moral victory" is a claim we're all inclined to make just after we have taken a shattering.

General Eisenhower himself is strictly non-committal. His only comment is about the relatively light balloting in the New Jersey primary. "Weren't they expecting more than a million votes?" he asks the Paris correspondents when they show him the figures early today.

"He had no other remarks to make, except to repeat that he will make no political statements until after he retires from the army on June 1."

A word here about the "light" vote. (The dispatches tell us it was raining in New Jersey yesterday. As between doing their duty as citizens on election day and GETTING WET, quite a lot of people always choose to stay dry.) Anyway, large or small, the vote in New Jersey was interesting.

On the basis of reasonably complete returns this morning, Eisenhower has 360,293, Taft has 215,453 and Stassen has 21,144. That adds up to a grand total of 596,890 Republican ballots. Senator Kefauver, running alone on the Democratic side of the Presidential primary, nets 140,000.

Back in 1948, the year when Harry Truman carried the whistle stops and "gave 'em hell" and dragged a resounding victory out of what then appeared to be certain defeat, Dewey got in the traditionally Republican state of New Jersey 981,124 votes and Truman got 895,455. Total ballots cast in New Jersey that year (including Progressives, Progress and Socialists) amounted to 1,940,555.

That is to say: In the New Jersey primary (preparable 60.8 per cent of the Republicans who voted for Dewey in 1948 took the trouble to run or to turn out and VOTE FOR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

Of the Democrats who voted for Truman in 1948, only 15.6 per cent were interested enough to get out yesterday and vote for a Democrat for President.

I HOPE that is significant. It could be. If it is, it means that in New Jersey at least Republicans are steamed up and interested and full of vim and vigor and enthusiasm (remember they braved the rain to vote), whereas the Democrats are apathetic and dispirited. The reason I hope it is true is that I believe the only way to clean up the mess in our federal government is with a new broom that will sweep all the closets and cubbyholes under the stairways and corners out CLEAN.

Poor old Stassen! I wonder what happened to him. And I can't help wondering if Oregon back in 1948 had anything to do with it. If you will dig back into your memory, you will recall that in 1948 Stassen was going great guns until he came to Oregon for that week-long debate with Dewey on what to do with the communists. He had me convinced, I was going to vote for him as the Republican for President. That staggering week in Oregon changed my mind and I voted for Dewey.

In that miracle week in Oregon, (Continued on Page 4.)

## 20,000 Set For Voting In Klamath

Somewhere around 20,000 persons now are registered in Klamath County to vote in the May 16 primary elections.

The estimate is that of County Clerk Charlie Delap. An official count of the registration started today but probably will not be completed for about three days.

Registration closed Tuesday at 5 p. m., and not all persons who wanted to register got their names down in the voting lists. Late comers—apparently banking on some misinformation that the registration places (courthouse, fire hall, League of Women Voters trailer, etc.) would be open until 8 p. m.—found doors closed in their faces at the 5 p. m. deadline.

A radio newscast over KFLW also was erroneous in announcing that the registration places would be open until 8 p. m.

This year's registration probably will not be a record. The high total registration for Klamath County was 23,093, prior to the November, 1950, general election.

But since that time the County Clerk's office cancelled the registration of about 6,000 persons who failed to vote in two elections.

The Democrats have had a numerical superiority over Republicans in Klamath County for a number of years, and may have increased that majority this year. Registration workers reported several times that considerably more Democratic registrations were being taken than Republican.

## New Tulelake Mayor Named

TULELAKE — Rolland Rinabarger, co-owner with his father, H. E. Rinabarger, of the Tulelake Electric Co., is this town's new mayor. He succeeds W. R. (Dick) Moore, two terms who declined to file for reelection but who polled up a strong-write-in vote in the April 8 municipal election.

Rinabarger was elected by the City Council and the new and hold-over city fathers were sworn in last night by Moore. The new mayor will serve two years. He has been a resident of Tulelake for the past six years. He is a director of the multi-county Fire Department and active in civic improvement planning.

Councilmen sworn were Ross Rasland, newly elected, Virgil Barron, incumbent, reelected, Al Porter, Executive Secretary of the city, and a holdover were appointed a year ago to succeed E. L. Coyner, resigned to become principal of the high school.

## Ingrid Tells How She Fell

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "It was my intention to fall in love and go to Italy forever. After all our plans and dreams, you know that is true. But how can I help it or change it?" So wrote Ingrid Bergman to her first husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom, in a letter confessing her love for Robert Rossellini, the Italian movie director.

The letter, dated April 3, 1949, was filed in court Tuesday with an affidavit as Lindstrom began a fight to keep their daughter, Jenny Ann, 13, from visiting the actress in Italy this summer. "I know how this letter falls like a bomb on our house. Our future, our past, so filled with sacrifice and help on your part," Miss Bergman wrote, "and now you stand alone in the ruins and I am unable to help you."

Miss Bergman had a child by Rossellini after she went to Italy to make a film for him. Three months later he announced they had been married by proxy in Mexico, after she had obtained a mail order divorce. Dr. Lindstrom was awarded a divorce here Nov. 2, 1950, with the custody of Jenny Ann.

The actress had asked Jenny Ann's visit sometime after July 15, the date she is expecting a second child by Rossellini. Superior Judge Mildred L. Hillie continued the case until June 2 and said she intends to question Jenny Ann about her feelings on the proposed visit.

BIG FAMILY SILVERTON (AP) — A 96-year-old woman, Mrs. Catherine Aminia Trout Evans, died here Tuesday leaving 95 direct descendants. The survivors include eight children, 32 grandchildren, 82 great grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.