

# WAMATH MILLS FACE STRIKE

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Let's talk about Democrats today. First let's talk about Senator Paul Douglas, of Illinois. Senator Douglas is a very federal government is TERRIBLY wasteful. In that opinion, he includes the military. He includes even the VETERANS ADMINISTRATION. Most of us are inclined to look upon these as sacred cows, upon which no breath of criticism must ever be blown.

Senator Douglas TALKS OUT. He talked out last night in a speech to the American Philosophical Society, in Philadelphia. Of the military, he said with biting sarcasm: "Over-specification is one example of waste by the military. Army specifications for PING PONG BALLS require five and a half closely-typed pages. Think of the time spent in the Pentagon by the generals, the colonels, the captains and others preparing these specifications."

Suppose YOU think of it, just for a minute. Can you imagine men in uniform, with bars and leaves and eagles and even stars on their shoulders, sitting around and drawing up five and a half closely-typed pages of specifications for PING PONG BALLS?

Of the veterans administration, Senator Douglas says: "The VA has 25,000 employees working on insurance functions whereas insurance experts say 8,000 would be sufficient."

He takes this crack at the state department: "I think the state department would be less administratively MUSCLE-BOUND with fewer employees."

Then he swings a haymaker at the postoffice department, which, he says, has a 750 million dollar deficit, mostly occurring in the case of second, third and fourth class mail.

"Government receipts for second class mail (newspapers and magazines)," he said last night, "are 46 million dollars annually and it costs the government 240 million dollars to service it."

In other words, if government loses about 200 million dollars a year on second class mail. A lot of people, especially critics of the newspapers call this a SUBSIDY. Some of them say to us, when we tell them the government gives YOU in the form of second class mail!

I don't call it a subsidy. I call it just plain POOR BUSINESS on the part of the government.

This newspaper is a minor user of second class mail. We deliver the bulk of our papers by our own carriers. We don't want the government to lose money on us. If you sound business methods, it costs the government more to deliver the comparatively few papers we send by mail than it gets from us—why, in that event ratio of the price. We want NO HANDOUTS from government.

As far as could be determined at the accident scene this is what happened, according to state officers: A Buick sedan, which Hayward was apparently driving northward toward Kirk, saw the pickup's light and swerved to the right.

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## Car Speed Controversy Jails Man

An automobile mishap which occurred steadily from 8th and Main around to East Main and Oak late Friday afternoon caused the jailing of Mike Zupan, 38, of 429 Commercial, on charges of reckless driving. Blaise, an elderly man, was driving fast enough.

Blaise is reported to have yelled at Blaise: "Get that (censored) car out of the way or I'll push it into the ocean."

There was at 8th and Main, and witnesses said Zupan nudged his pickup against the rear end of the Blaise car and started pushing.

Blaise jammed on his brakes and managed to slow down so his wife could get out, but the pushing continued all the way up Main, beyond the underpass and out East Main to Oak.

There at the East Main-Oak intersection a car operated by William Carter, 2416 Vine, had stopped to let a pedestrian pass, and Blaise's car was shoved into Carter's car.

Zupan reportedly took a swing at Carter there on the street, then left the scene of the accident, but returned a short time later when a police car arrived. He told an officer Blaise had run into Carter's car and that he (Zupan) wanted Blaise arrested.

But it was Zupan who was arrested. Traffic Sgt. Odell Olson said that Blaise evidently had his brakes on all through the push, and that the rubber of his tires was just about worn off.

State police lodged two men in the County Jail following a rather complicated and weird three-car accident on E. Highway 97 several miles north of Algoma about 10:30 p.m. Friday.

Charged with having no operator's license was Urbano C. Tafova, a Mexican section hand from Kirk, Hayward Williams Jr., Negro, also employed by the Southern Pacific at Kirk, was jailed for being drunk on a public highway.

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There Hayward, according to officers, became violently ill. They finally had to strap and handcuff him to a stretcher so he could be taken to Klamath Valley Hospital for treatment of head cuts.

# Taft Supporters Attack Ike

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## Demo Drive Launched By Russell

ATLANTA (AP) — The campaign of Sen. Russell for the Democratic presidential nomination was launched Friday night with cheers, confusion and a stand for internationalism and states rights.

There were two versions of the Russell campaign to deliver at the 85-a-plate dinner formally opening his campaign and the Senator followed neither throughout.

While Russell made a strong effort in both versions distributed to newspapermen to rise above sectionalism, just before he went on a radio network, James S. Peters, Georgia Democratic executive committee chairman, declared:

"The South will sit at the head of the table or I will be damned if we will sit at all."

Peters' words were on their face a threat of a Southern party revolt but they found no immediate echo in any other Russell leader. Others instead were inclined to emphasize the candidate's bid for party unity.

The 54-year-old junior senator from Georgia was forced to edit sharply whichever copy of the speech he was using to avoid running beyond his allotted 30 minute radio time.

In the pared down version the bachelor senator, a veteran of 20 years in Washington, asserted, "we must preserve our constitutional government" and "protect the sovereign states against over concentration of powers in the federal government."

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On the civil rights-states rights issue, the native of Winde, Ga., and chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, declared:

"As a Jeffersonian Democrat I believe in equality before the law for every American citizen without regard to race, creed or color. I believe in equal opportunities to the new church was designed and must preserve our constitutional government" and "protect the sovereign states against over concentration of powers in the federal government."

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## General's Stand Said Too Broad

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Dirksen (R-Ill.), called on Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower Saturday to be "reasonably specific" in discussing presidential campaign issues when he returns to the United States.

"I don't think the American people would be at all satisfied with a discussion in only broad terms," said Dirksen, who is supporting Sen. Taft of Ohio for top place on the Republican ticket.

Sen. Lodge of Massachusetts, heading the campaign to win the GOP nomination for Eisenhower, said Friday night that when the general returns from Europe about June 1 "he will be free to discuss the issues, and he will do exactly that."

In a speech at Marblehead, Mass., Lodge added: "He will be completely frank with the American people, as he was when he was president of Columbia University. He will not hook a private car on the back of a train for a whistle-stop tour. He will be himself, remain in character, do things in his regular way."

Dirksen recently urged Lodge to obtain Eisenhower's "unequivocal" views on such matters as the Taft-Hartley Labor Law, a compulsory Fair Employment Practices Commission (FEPC) and Truman administration foreign policy.

Lodge replied at the time it was "pleasure to expect a man who is in a military headquarters without a staff of political advisers to give off-hand answers to tricky questions."

Taft supporters also are circulating petitions addressed to Eisenhower, demanding that he state his position on 21 matters they describe as issues.

Eisenhower's resignation as European defense commander will become effective June 1, when he will go on inactive status.

KICKOFF He is scheduled to make a major speech June 4 in his home town of Abilene, Kan., and will have one of his first opportunities then to talk about the campaign issues. The occasion will be the cornerstone-laying at an Eisenhower museum.

Key Eisenhower backers have been saying they look for him to make perhaps three or four important speeches in advance of the Republican nominating convention, which starts July 7.

Patrolmen said six members of the Larry Espinoza family of Tracy, including three small children, died and one small child survived.

Also dead were Paul Cope and his son Peter, 12.

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## Church Drive Set Tomorrow

A flying squadron of First Presbyterian Church men is to cram weeks of preparation into a four-hour campaign tomorrow afternoon.

The men, comprising the "Committee of 100", will be seeking pledges and cash totaling \$125,000 for construction of the sanctuary and lower units of the new church. Pledges may be spread over a three-year period beginning May 8.

First unit of the new church the educational wing already constructed, has been in use for several months. Cost of this unit was a little over \$80,000.

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Starting at 2 p.m. tomorrow, the committee of 100 split in teams of two, is to visit homes of all church and Sunday School members.

Dr. John Reed representative of the Presbyterian National Board of Missions is directing the campaign.

Where do old fire plugs go? Why, to the dog kennel, of course.

That's where they're going in Toronto. The Humane Society here has taken over the city's used fire hydrants and installed them—minus any water connections—in its outdoor dog kennels.

An official said the plugs are designed to calm canine nerves which may be upset by the unfamiliar journey to the kennels.

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## Re-Checks Increase Taxable Valuations

About one-third of the way through a re-check of all merchandise inventory reports of businesses in Klamath County, the assessor's office has picked up about \$459,072 worth of additional taxable valuation which may in turn amount to around \$39,000 tax money on the 1952-53 roll.

The merchandise inventories of all business houses in Klamath Falls are to be checked.

The inventories, stating true cash value of that type of personal property, are supposed to be made as of Jan. 1 each year, and the assessed valuation of the property and consequently the tax is figured from that.

But early this year the State Tax Commission made a spot check of some business returns here and found that almost all of them (24 of 27) had undervalued their merchandise for tax purposes.

A complete re-check of the returns of all business houses was ordered, with Deputy Assessor John Newman doing the work.

To date Newman reports he has gone over the reports of 104 businesses, out of 656 in the county, and the total cash value of merchandise owned by these 104 businesses has been figured at \$2,841,443.77. Those same 104 businesses had originally put down their Jan. 1 true cash value of merchandise at \$1,529,807.26.

The re-check of the 104 has added \$1,311,636.51 to the original merchant report, an increase of 85.7 per cent.

In other words, the re-check of the 104 businesses has shown that the merchants had valued their merchandise for tax purposes at less than half what the assessor's office thinks it should be.

Personal property taxes are based on an assessed valuation which is on a ratio of about 35 per cent of the true cash valuation of the property concerned.

So the gain of \$1,311,636.51 in cash valuation put to the 35 per cent ratio boils down to a gain in assessed valuation of \$459,072.66, and the probable tax on that gain in assessed valuation—figured at 85 mills, sort of an average, the actual rate being more in some parts of the county and less in others—would come to \$39,021.18.

INCREASE If the same circumstances are found in the remaining two-thirds of the inventory re-checks, the total increase in tax money to come from merchandise property probably will approach \$120,000.

This particular work is being done primarily by one man, Newman, on a \$2,000 appropriation granted the assessor's office by the County Court. Assessor Oils Metsker had asked for \$2,250 to do the work, but the amount was whittled down.

In addition, Newman in the past few weeks has run across merchandise not reported for taxation at all previously worth some \$44,241, and the tax on that this next fiscal year will come to around \$1,300.

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A short time later they discovered Carol Ann choking and turning a bluish color, unable to breathe.

She was revived by the rescuitor and brought to Hillside Hospital for examination, then taken back home.

The rescuitor was given to the Fire Department two years ago by the Tokete Lions Club and since has figured in many rescues.

On April 18 and again on April 19 the apparatus was called to the aid of a strangling baby, the same child both times—here in town, although on the first call the apparatus was not needed. One other call this week was to the home of a woman who had suffered a heart attack. The woman was dead when firemen arrived.

NEW CHEST CHIEF SALEM (AP)—J.J. Gard of Portland was elected Wednesday as president of the Oregon Community Chest. Among others named to office was R.C. Burgess, Baker, second vice president.

## Wreck Injures Woman, Youth

A woman and a youth injured when a car they were in near Chemult yesterday morning overturned were to be released from Klamath Valley hospital today.

The youth was identified as Mrs. Nancy Mannon, 25, Berkeley, and Nelson Berry, 14, Palo Alto. The car reportedly overturned when a tire blew out. Mrs. Mannon was driving south on Highway 97.

Kaler's ambulance brought the pair to Klamath Falls. Mrs. Mannon suffered a fractured right shoulder, and young Berry cuts and bruises. They were to continue south this afternoon.

Weather FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair Saturday, increasing high cloudiness Sunday night and partly cloudy Sunday. High today 75, low tonight 38, high tomorrow 72. High temp yesterday 61 Low last night 40 (Additional Weather on Page 4)

## Union Plans Stoppages For Monday

By HALE SCARBROUGH Two lumber mills in Klamath Falls and one in the IWA's area of Oregon and California are threatened with a strike next Monday midnight unless a settlement between the CIO International Woodworkers union and the Pine Industry Committee is reached.

The local mills are Klamath Basin Pine Mills and Car-Ad-Co. Major issue in the dispute apparently is whether employers or workers should pay for a health and welfare program. The union wants the company to pay the cost—amounting to about 9 1/2 cents a work hour—and the companies contend the workers should continue to pay it.

The health and welfare setup was adopted two years ago and at that time a 7 1/2 cent per hour wage increase was granted to employees, the amount to be deducted from paychecks to finance the union-controlled welfare program.

CHANGE The IWA now wants to eliminate that deduction from paychecks and substitute a direct payment by employers of \$14 a month per employee, leaving the union in full control of the program, according to C. L. Irving, PIRC secretary-manager.

An employers' negotiating committee of the PIRC has mailed a proposal to the IWA's regional negotiating committee. Portland offering a 7 1/2-cent hourly pay increase, three additional paid holidays, a 6-cent hourly shift differential and other benefits.

Irving said the PIRC offer to employees in this area are comparable to those contained in the union's settlement with Weyerhaeuser Timber Company earlier this month.

The offer was made, Irving said, after a thorough review of the situation and in an attempt to avoid for lumber workers and lumbering communities the effects of a strike.

He said, in a prepared statement, that if the IWA calls a strike now, it will have to be over the issue of health and welfare. The IWA's present health and welfare program in this area was set up two years ago. It is union controlled and employs financed because of IWA insistence in 1950, coupled with strike deadline announcements, that it had to be done by just that method.

Hal Griggs, of the local IWA-CIO office, said this morning he had not received any official notice of the PIRC offer. He also said that if the event of a strike, the Weyerhaeuser mill and logging camps would not be involved since the woodworkers have signed their new contract with Weyerhaeuser.

Tim Sullivan of the Klamath Basin District Council, IWA-CIO, said that all negotiations had been turned over to the Federal Conciliation Service, and that Friday the PRC declined to work with the conciliation service in Portland. He said the only official offer the local union office had received entailed a 10 cent hourly pay cut for all employees in remanufacturing departments, and a tightening of vacation provisions.

AFFECTED In addition to the two mills here, the threatened strike involves these plants: Brooks-Scanlon, Bend; Fir Milling and Planing, Ashland; McCLOUD River Lumber Company, McCLOUD, Calif.; Medford Corporation, Medford; Ochocho Lumber Company, Prineville; Ponderosa Lumber Sales and Tite Knot Pine Mill, Redmond; Red Blanked Lumber Company, Prospect and Eagle Point; Rogue River Box Company, Grants Pass; American River Pine, Forest Hills, Calif.; Graeagle Lumber Company, Graeagle, Calif.; Hayfork Lumber Company, Hayfork, Calif.; Redding Forest Products, Redding; Ralph L. Smith Lumber Company, Anderson; High Sierra Pine Mills, Groville and Twain; Sacramento Box and Lumber, Woodland; Setzer Forest Products, Greenville; and Tarter-Webster-Jackson, Delleker, all represented by the Pine Industry Relations Committee.

The strike also threatens much of the fir industry in the Northwest, spreading into five states.

# French, Coon GOP Contest May Be Close

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM (AP)—Two legislators, plus an air force lieutenant who can't campaign, are hammering away in Eastern Oregon to make the point that taxes are too high and the government is spending too much. They also are firm believers that the government should spend more to develop power and irrigation in Eastern Oregon.

The three men are Republicans who want the nomination for Congress from the Second District, which is being vacated by Rep. Lowell Stockman, Pendleton Republican, after 10 years of service.

The Republican contest presents colorful personalities. There is Giles L. French, 57, a state representative for 17 years, publisher of a weekly newspaper at Moro, a 40-year-old Oregon News-Paper Publishers Association, and a former rancher.

French, an outstanding tax expert in the Legislature, where women voted him among the top legislative representatives, is widely known. He is very blunt, never leaving any doubt as to where he stands. As a result, he loses votes that way as well as gains them.

Coon's winning personality will be a big asset, if he can see enough people between now and the May 16 primary election. He has the advantage of coming from a more populous section of the state. The four counties French represents in the Legislature—Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler—have

fewer people than any other district. Right now, French has a big edge, but Coon has a good chance of cutting it down with his extensive campaign. Coon's main problem is to become known.

French is a powerful orator, while Coon is a humorous, pleasing talker. Coon advocates reorganization of the federal government, reduced spending, prosecution of corrupt office holders, a balanced budget and federal farm price supports.

French and Hinkle go along generally with that program, too. In addition, French supports Universal Military Training, opposes the government's taking over of any industry, and opposes appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican.

French has fought hard to bring government back to the people. He thinks the federal government ought to give up much of its powers to the states, and that the states should give up much of their powers to the counties. That way, he says, if the taxpayer doesn't like something, all he has to do is go to the nearest county seat and holler.

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But the race is between French and Coon. The winner will take on the winner of the Democratic contest between Sen. Ben Musa, The Dalles, and John G. Jones, La Grande radio station executive.



GETTING READY for the fishing season when the 9 O'Clock Cameraman popped up this morning were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whittenberg, 3240 Altamont Drive. They're repairing their boat.