

# AFL-CIO WOODS WORKERS UNITE

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
Adlai Stevenson, speaking today at the Bicentennial Conference of Columbia University in New York, says our nation has what he calls "a national neurosis characterized by self-doubt and fear."  
He adds:  
"We of America have written the greatest success story in human history. Why, then, have we acted of late as though the whole of the nation is a security risk?"

I hate to say it, sir, because it sounds nasty and partisan, and I don't mean it that way, but I think this is the answer to your question:  
The New Deal administration that were responsible for the Alger Hiss and the Harry Dexter Whites and the rest of the communist crew that were pushed clear up into the upper echelons of our national government SCARED US SO BADLY that in a quite natural reaction to our fright we've gone too far over to the other extreme.  
Things like that often happen.

The little town of Ripon Wisconsin is celebrating this week-end the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Republican party. Ripon claims, with some justification, that the Republican party was founded there in 1844.  
There will be a big parade today down Ripon's Main street — and tonight the keynote speech will be delivered by Senator McCarthy, whose home is Appleton Wisconsin.

As to Ripon's claim to being the birthplace of the Republican party, a meeting was held there on February 28, 1854. It was a coalition meeting made up of representatives of the Whig party, the Free Soilers and the Know-Nothings.

The Whig party by then was old and tired and torn by factional strife. The Free Soilers were reasonably clear in their purposes. By Free Soil they meant NON-SLAVERY soil. They were dead set against the admission of any more slave states into the Union.

The Know-Nothings were a queer lot. Their party was a secret society not unlike the later Klu Klux Klan. Its members had to have a password to get into the meetings. The password was "I Don't Know," and from this the party took its name. They were against Catholics. They were against foreigners of all kinds, and they were against immigration. They held a fuzzy common belief in America for Americans, but they insisted on defining Americanism according to their own screwball notions. On the all-important issue of human slavery they were split—some for and some against—and this split on slavery later blew them up as a party.

The Ripon meeting, after plenty of cat and dog fighting, got together on a recommendation of the organization of a new party on the common platform of opposing the extension of slavery into the territories.

It suggested "Republican" as the name for the new party. The name Republican had been used by the followers of Thomas Jefferson about 1792, and again by the political groups headed by Henry Clay and John Quincy Adams about 1825.

That gave it some historical background as a party name. The name was OK'd by a meeting of Michigan citizens held in July of the same year and received further sanction at later meetings in Ohio, Indiana and Vermont.

The infant party took a bad licking in 1856, but came into its own in the great 'nd soul-searching campaign of 1860, when Lincoln was nominated and elected.

I've been led to this recital of the Republican party's origins by the fact that at the Ripon meeting tonight the keynote speech will be made by Senator McCarthy. That will turn the hair up on the backs of a lot of necks.

But—  
We must not forget that a lot of screwballs took part in the ORIGINS of the Republican party. I doubt if Senator McCarthy is any farther off the beam today than were the wild and woolly Know-Nothings who took part in the Ripon meeting at which the party got its start.

And the Republican party that eventually developed out of the Ripon meeting was a great and sincere and devoted political organization dedicated to the principle that all men must be free.

So let's not lose faith in the reborn Republican party of today, headed by Dwight D. Eisenhower, as sincerely dedicated an American as was Abraham Lincoln. Personally, I don't think McCarthy is going to wreck the party. The crackpots who took part in its organization didn't wreck it. Eventually they were pushed aside by men of high and noble character. I'm reasonably sure that will happen in McCarthy's case.

## Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Rain, snow Saturday and Sunday. Low tonight 32, high Sunday 70.  
Low last night 37  
High yesterday 82

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## Chemical Plant Blows Up



MAKING PLANS FOR THE COMING 23rd annual Moose state convention and the Women of the Moose conference, to be held here June 18-20 age, seated, (l to r) Junior Regent, Ruth Chapel, luncheon chairman; Fannie May Thompson, chairman of registration; Senior Regent, Kathleen Heppburn, general chairman; Ila Douglas, coronation chairman; Hazel Pulley, publicity chairman. Standing — same order, Marie Reis, decorations chairman; Virginia Fuller, banquet; Irene Hamel, reception; Elora Bagley, credentials. Not appearing in the picture, Erna GeRue, chairman of housing. — Photo by Miller-Williams

## French Blast Rebel Redoubt

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—French warplanes blew up a Vietminh ammunition dump 35 miles east of here Saturday and dive bombed Communist-led rebel troops creeping toward this war capital on two roads.  
A French Army spokesman said the dump apparently was "an emergency storage area for small arms and mortar ammunition."  
Direct hits by thousand pound bombs were reported on Vietminh convoys on Routes 13 and 41, the roads the rebels are using to move toward Hanoi from Dien Bien Phu in a pincer move.  
The most advanced Vietminh Column from Dien Bien Phu was reported 50 miles west of the Red River Delta defense perimeter.  
Vietminh saboteurs cut rails on the vital supply line between Hanoi and the Haiphone seaport. A French briefing officer said the damage was quickly repaired and traffic only briefly delayed.

## INSTALLATION

New officers of the Business and Professional Women's Club will be installed at the dinner meeting at the Willard Hotel, Monday, June 7. Past presidents will be in charge of the meeting. The program will be under the direction of Martha McCollum. May Phinney will conduct the installation.  
Patricia Collins will talk on "Girl's State," sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary.  
Reservations are to be made with Marjorie Comer, phone 8159 or Lydia Howard, 5089.



USAF ENLISTEES WHO LEFT THURSDAY for Portland to be inducted into the service are, from left, front row, Harold Welborn, Jerry Lee, Dave Moran and Dave Neely; standing, Jerry Bliss and Mike Willingham. Back row, from left, Virgil Yaden, Gerald Case, Lauren Rickman, Roger Morrow, Don Weston, Larry Larson and recruiter, Sgt. Don Adams.

## Charleston Rocked By Five Blasts

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—Tons of water pumped from the Kanawha River held at bay today a dangerous chemical plant fire after a series of five "atomic-like" explosions shook the countryside and injured at least 52 persons.  
Company officials said as far as they could tell all personnel were accounted for. About 200 men were working in the Institute plant of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corp. about 11 miles west of here, when a tank car exploded and set off a chain of four other blasts.  
A spokesman said there was a "possibility" some might have been caught in the blast area. He would not elaborate other than to say there had been no "roll call" of employees.  
About 40 of those hurt were employees of the plant. The others included numerous persons cut or otherwise injured by glass and flying debris.  
Unaccounted property damage resulted from the blasts heard or felt within a 15-mile radius of the sprawling plant in the heart of West Virginia's chemical valley.  
It was more than five hours before firemen got the upper hand on the huge fire in the styrene plant. Until electric power could be restored and water pumped from the nearby river, the fire raged unabated.  
Homes and business places were shaken and windows shattered in South Charleston, St. Albans, Institute and Dunbar, spotted a few miles apart along the heavily-industrialized river front.  
The first explosion, with a fireball 100 yards high, shot from an atomic blast, occurred about 7:40 p.m. EST. Four hours later, firemen were beginning to gain on the chemical-fed blaze.  
WHITE FIRE  
Delbert Simmons of Dunbar, driving past the plant at the time of the first explosion, said "all I could see was a big flash of white fire and my car turned around."  
The original blast and four succeeding ones spread fear and consternation throughout the area. At Watt Powell Baseball Park in Charleston, the first explosion sounded like a roll of thunder.  
Pete Drodsky, who resides about 1 1/2 miles from the Institute plant, said the first blast rocked his house.  
The third blast looked like a gigantic mushroom," he said. "The smoke and flames seemed to rise about 300 to 400 feet into the air. It jarred pictures from the walls in houses all around here and broke windows."  
Drodsky said he felt the "heat on my face but I didn't feel any shock."  
Neil Boggs, a Charleston Gazette reporter who witnessed atomic tests in Nevada while in the Army, said the fifth and last explosion was "the biggest thing I've seen since the atomic bomb. It lasted about two minutes and gave off a terrific, suffocating, searing heat, but there was no shock wave."  
A Rankin Donachy of St. Albans Stop 14, across the Kanawha and about 100 yards downstream, said "it was just like an earthquake."  
BUILDING SPLIT  
A one and a half story masonry and cinder block kennel on Donachy's property was split horizontally from the force of the explosions. The crack, about two inches wide and 30 feet long, ran across both sides of the structure.  
The first blast was followed by three secondary ones at storage vessels for chemicals were set off. The last blast was about an hour after the first.  
Telephone service was virtually cut off between Institute, Dunbar and Charleston.  
The explosions knocked out electric power at the plant and efforts to halt the fire were hampered by lack of water. Not until about 3 1/2 hours after the first blast, were the firemen able to pump water from the river.  
There was no way to determine how many of those injured, scattered in hospitals throughout the area, might be in critical condition.  
Dr. Richard A. Sexton, plant physician, was injured seriously in an automobile accident on his way to the scene.  
Institute is one of several plants in the populous area operated by subsidiary companies of the big Union Carbide and Carbon Corp.  
The plant manufactures basic raw materials used in the making of plastics and other chemical products.

Merchants on opposing sides of Main Street, will take part in a wheelbarrow race the length of town, each wheelbarrow to be loaded with a queen or a prince.  
From all indications this stands to be the biggest rodeo and festival ever held in Klamath Falls. The Roundup Association has also planned many events, the first major one being the queen trials at the fairgrounds on June 13. The public is invited to attend. A complete schedule of Roundup events, both downtown and at the fairgrounds, will be carried in the Herald and News starting Monday.

RANSOM, Kan. (AP)—Virgil Cofer 35, of Ransom, has invented a new type of power lawnmower and he plans to ride the thing from coast to coast to prove it is sturdy.  
Cofer was scheduled to leave Saturday for Whittier, Calif., in a pickup truck, hauling two of the mowers.  
He said he would take the cutting blade off one of the mowers and do 25 miles an hour in putting from Whittier to Washington, D.C.  
Leroy Schuppman of McCracken, Kan., is making the trip with Cofer and will drive the truck while Cofer rides the mower.

9 o'clock Special  
TED BLOFSKY JR., was in town from his Henley home. This morning doing a little shopping when the nine o'clock photo artist caught him in the lens.

FRANCE NAMES Army Chief  
PARIS (AP)—Gen. Augustin Guillaume, former resident general in Morocco, has been named chief of staff of France's armed forces. He succeeds Gen. Paul Ely the nation's new political and military chief in Indochina.  
The appointment was announced Friday by Premier Joseph Laniel's office. It said the cabinet had approved the new assignments of both Ely and Guillaume at a meeting Thursday night.  
The posting of Ely to his double-barreled Indochina job leaked out shortly after the cabinet session. He succeeds Gen. Henri Navarre as commander-in-chief and Maurice Dejean as French commissioner general.  
In Saigon, Dejean described Ely as "a great soldier and a great patriot."  
There was no word of Navarre's reaction to his replacement. The government has not indicated any new assignment for him.

SAM FREEMAN DEATH Learned Today  
Word was received here today of the death, Thursday, June 3, of a former Klamath Falls man, Sam Freeman. Mr. Freeman was about 40 years old. His death followed a heart attack in Albany where the family moved about two years ago.  
Freeman was employed as a mechanic by the Crater Lake Machinery Company from 1949 to 1950.  
His widow and two children survive.

LUMBER CONTRACT Meeting Here Called To Halt By Federal Mediation Service  
A meeting in the Pine Industrial Relations Committee conference room Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m., between a sub-committee of IWA Northwest Regional Negotiating Committee and employers negotiating committee of PIRC, was recessed 45 minutes later by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Commissioner, subject to call.  
IWA union spokesman was J. E. Dicey of Portland, IWA vice-president. The meeting was presided over by Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Commissioner George Walker, of Portland.  
The employers again went on record as refusing to make any offer other than extension of contract without change as to wages or other cost items.  
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SHARON EVANS, Klamath Falls candidate for queen of the 1954 Klamath Basin Roundup.

## Klamath Falls Candidate For Rodeo Queen Signs Up

The queen candidate count rose to nine with the registration of 21-year-old Sharon Evans, Klamath Falls representative.  
Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. (Curley) Evans, formerly of Langell Valley and now of Fairbanks, Alaska. Sharon is employed at Wong's Cafe and lives at the Greer Apartments.  
Hobbies besides horses and horseback riding include swimming and dancing. Her enthusiasm for riding got a workout during the many years her father lived at the Keno Springs Ranch and while he was cattle foreman for Loveness Lumber Co. At roundup time, Sharon was ready and willing to help — and did.  
She is a graduate of Johnson County High School, Buffalo, Wyoming. Later the brumet horsewoman followed the rodeo circuit throughout Wyoming and Colorado. Twice she rode in parades held in connection with the Boulder Pow Wow, three-day Colorado rodeo.  
Until last spring she owned her own horse. She will borrow a mount for this year's queen contest

June 13 when she will compete in horsemanship trials against the other queen contestants, Betty Scala, Midland; Beverly Scott, Malin; Jean Reimiller, Tulelake; Donna Anderson Stover, Tulelake; Darlene Winebarger, Mt. Hebron, California; Marcia Wilson, Fort Klamath; Alice Graves, Langell Valley and Elisabeth (Liz) Sexton, Bonanza.  
Registrations for the queen contest may be filed at Charlie Reed Saddlery, The Town Shop or Drews Manstorer until Thursday, June 10.  
The queen's outing at the Rafter MD Ranch, owned jointly by the Dr. Marshall Poole's and Bob Molso, will be Friday, June 11.  
The queen tryouts are Sunday, June 13, when girls will be judged 60 points on horsemanship, the coronation ball is Friday, June 18, when girls will be judged on poise and personality, 20 points each, and the queen will be crowned by Catherine Dearborn, 1953 queen.

## Lincoln County Construction On

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP)—Construction of the new Lincoln County courthouse is under way here.  
The Junction City firm of Wall, Bertran and Sanford started the job on a \$169,000 contract. A contract for the rest of the project, cost of which is estimated at \$285,480, will be let after July 1.  
It was necessary to have two contracts because only \$180,000 was raised in the first year of a special levy to pay for the courthouse. A similar amount will be available after July 1 when the second year of the levy begins.

## F. W. Henkel Funeral Monday

PORTLAND (AP)—Funeral services will be held here Monday for Ferdinand W. Henkel, 68, who broke into professional baseball by pitching a no-hit, no-run game.  
Henkel, who died Thursday, was just out of the University of Oregon when on July 5, 1911, he left-handed the Portland Beavers to a hitless shutout victory over Sacramento at the Vaughn Street park here. He was one of eight Beaver pitchers who have turned in no-hit no-run games here.  
After retiring from baseball he worked for Portland General Electric before retiring last February. Survivors include the widow and a brother, George Henkel a Weston, Ore., wheat rancher.

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## Unions Seek Pay Boost; Strike Eyed

PORTLAND (AP)—AFL and CIO woods and mill workers for the first time since their split in 1937, were united Saturday in quest of more money—and the AFL union set June 20 as a strike deadline.  
The announcement of the two long-time opponents that they would aid each other was a major development Friday, a day which also saw:  
The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union report a decisive vote in favor of a strike in six states;  
The CIO International Woodworkers of America strike five Oregon plywood plants;  
The Pine Industrial Relations Committee of Klamath area employers turn down, again, the CIO demand for a pay increase.  
As a result of the day's developments, the lumber industry of the Pacific Northwest was confronted with strike authorization by some 150,000 workers; and industry management appeared firm in its position against any pay increases.

## PAY BOOST

Both unions have sought 12 1/2 cents an hour more and employers have countered with agreement to renew contracts without change. This last position was reiterated by the PIRC Friday, following similar earlier statements by a group of fire operators and Weyerhaeuser Timber Co.  
There was no hint from the CIO what it might do, but its policy committee—which holds strike authorization—was called to a Portland meeting Monday.

In a joint statement, A. F. Hartung of the CIO and Kenneth Davis and Joe Hazard, Northwest and California AFL secretaries, said that if a strike were called, each union would help the other in any way possible, would not raid the other's membership and would respect picket lines.

## PUSHED AROUND

"The unions know they have been pushed around by the employers for the past two years because they are the only union in the lumber industry which have not operated as one union," the statement said.  
This was in reference to failure to win pay increases either this year or last. Only Weyerhaeuser of the major operators gave any wage increase last year—a 5-cent boost—and no big operator has yielded this year.

Lumber workers have not been united in dealing with employers since a large group broke away from the AFL 17 years ago and formed the CIO lumber union.  
After failure of the last of the negotiating sessions to find a meeting ground, C. L. Irving, manager of the PIRC, said "there is no development in the economy of the lumber industry that would justify" any cost increases.