

VOTE SUPPORTS LUMBER STRIKE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In the world news of today this thought-provoking little item occurs. It's worth reading and pondering.

"There was more violence today in the big strike of metal workers in the Bavarian section of West Germany. Many persons were injured in Munich as 300 police with clubs fought with 1000 pickets who tried in vain to keep non-strikers from going to work. . . . The violence broke out after police arrested eight pickets. The strikers then charged police lines three times."

What does it mean? Let's put it this way: The strike disturbances in Germany, which are really serious, with thousands of workers involved, are a part of a necessary process of readjustment to a new world which was pioneered by America.

As of now, Germany is undercutting prices all over the globe. Wherever American manufacturing industry comes into free competition, unhampered by tariffs, "fair" trade agreements or other price-upholding devices, with German manufacturing industry it is feeling the bite of sharply lower German prices. The German prices are enough lower than those of the world the Germans are getting a LOT of the business and we are losing a lot of it.

The same is true in the case of the Japanese. Their prices are low—very low. Wherever we come into free and unrestricted competition with them, they get the business and we lose it.

Both the Germans and the Japanese are efficient producers. In general, their products are well made and dependable. In addition, they have a tremendous advantage in the way of labor costs. Because their wages are fabulously low in comparison with ours, they are getting the business wherever they come into free and unrestricted competition with us.

The Germans and the Japanese understand the uses of power and machinery in modern production. We can't depend wholly upon our superior genius in the use of machinery and power in mass production.

So— We face this situation: Either the wages of our foreign competitors will have to come up to an approximation of our wage levels or our wage levels will have to COME DOWN to an approximation of those of our foreign competitors. It's as simple as that.

In Germany the workers, banded together in their unions, are apparently determined to RAISE THE LEVEL OF THEIR WAGES. Something of the same sort appears to be going on in Japan. Let's watch it with interest. And considerable sympathy. It is a movement that must inevitably work out to our advantage—if it succeeds.

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Pine Strike Reviewed By Employers

Northern California members of Pine Industrial Relations Committee, Inc., wood products employers organization, met in Redding Wednesday to review the situation as they went into the eighth week of AFL strike. The employers concluded that there was no change in the industry economic picture that would warrant a wage or cost increase. There was unanimous agreement that the lumber buyer was refusing to pay higher prices. C. L. Irving, PIRC secretary and employer spokesman, said: "Only green fir dimension prices have reacted to the strike effects. Those prices have settled down to within \$3 or \$4 of pre-strike levels and ending of the strike will quickly lower them. The Southern Pine and non-union production, plus Canadian imports, took care of any serious shortage. Dry fir prices are up less than seasonally, despite the strike, and pine prices have maintained a downward trend." Gene Brewer, U.S. Plywood Corporation general manager at Anderson, California, said: "The price story on green dimension can be applied to plywood. Resumption of production will bring back pre-strike prices." Irving said today that of 36 companies who had originally given the employers committee authority to negotiate with the Northern California district council, six companies, with about 1955 employees, have made settlements with local unions in which there were no wage increases. In addition, 10 companies are operating with full or partial crews working behind picket lines; five companies were not struck, and two companies have gone out of business. All other companies are expected to reach settlements without wage increases soon because such union offers are being admitted in various areas. One of the companies is working by reason of a 5 cent interim arrangement, and only seven companies are completely closed by strike. Irving said the NLRB has received four decertification petitions from employees seeking to unload the AFL, and some petitions seeking to eliminate union authority to negotiate a union on the companies is working by reason of a 5 cent interim arrangement, and only seven companies are completely closed by strike.

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BULLETIN

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's cities were given \$2,138,708 in state highway funds Friday. The amount was their 10 per cent share of the funds for the first half of this year. Amounts distributed include: Astoria \$35,112, Bend \$32,486, Corvallis \$46,149, Eugene \$102,164, Klamath Falls \$45,203, Medford \$49,275, Pendleton \$34,908, Portland \$709,264, Salem \$123,990, Springfield \$30,772, Baker \$26,968, Coos Bay \$17,719, Coquille \$11,267, Grants Pass \$33,110, Hood River \$10,538, McMinnville \$18,893, Newport \$9,228, Oregon City \$21,674, Lebanon \$16,723, Tillamook \$10,492, Roseburg \$31,665.

Reed Teacher Hearing Opens

PORTLAND (AP) — A hearing on charges that Dr. Stanley Moore, Reed College professor, refused to cooperate with trustees investigating communism opened here Friday. Moore was one of three Reed instructors named as having been Communists at House Un-American Activities Committee hearings. The other two, Lloyd J. Reynolds and Leonard Marska, were absolved by the trustees after an investigation. The trustees filed charges against Moore, contending that he would not cooperate in the investigation. The charges were not made public by the trustees but Moore said they listed accusations made by witnesses at the Velde Committee hearings and then stated: "You attended the meeting of the committee (of Reed trustees) but even though the committee agreed that any information given by you with respect to your past or present connection with the Communist Party would be held in confidence, you refused to disclose any information with respect thereto." Moore said the trustees never actually asked him if he was or had been a Communist.

Roger Touhy Back In Prison

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — His bid for freedom cut short by court action, Roger (The Terrible) Touhy was back at Stateville prison Friday, still insisting he was framed in the kidnaping of John (Jake The Barber) Factor. But Factor says he is willing to testify again against Touhy, who has served more than 20 years of a 99-year sentence for kidnaping him in 1933. Touhy, 56-year-old Chicago gang leader in the prohibition era, was brought back to Stateville from Chicago Thursday after two days of liberty. The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered his return to prison pending outcome of the state's appeal of a federal judge's decision releasing him. Federal Judge John P. Barnes Monday ordered Touhy's release, ruling that the kidnaping of Factor was a hoax and Touhy was convicted on perjured testimony. Touhy also is serving 199 years for his part in a 1942 prison break at Stateville but Judge Barnes ruled he was convicted on the escape charge under a statute which he said is unconstitutional.

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WORKING ON DETAILS for a cross-town traffic program for Klamath Falls were members of the State Highway Commission and the city administration at a dinner Thursday evening at the Willard Hotel. Part of the large delegation from the highway commission were (seated, left to right) Ben Chandler, Coos Bay, chairman of the highway commission; Mayor Paul Landry; R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer; (standing, same order) Charles Reynolds, La Grande, and Milo McIver, Portland, highway commissioners.

Oregon Bird Season Set

The Oregon State Game Commission in special session selected dates, bag limits and hunting hours for waterfowl within the framework of permissible regulations announced by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service earlier in the week. Oregon waterfowlers will enjoy a season five days longer than last year with shooting starting at noon on October 16 and ending on January 3.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Mostly fair through Saturday. Afternoon thundershowers in mountains. High Saturday 83; low Friday night, 55. Low last night 44. High yesterday 80. Precip. last 24 hours T Since Oct. 1 14.56 Same period last year 14.87 Normal for period 12.54

Dorris Mill Strike Ended

The Associated Lumber and Box Company of Dorris and Lumber and Sawmill Workers local 2774 have signed an agreement ending the strike which closed the plant July 26, according to an announcement Thursday afternoon by Pine Industrial Relations Committee. The plant resumed operation with a skeleton crew Thursday afternoon and it is expected that it will be in full operation Monday. No wage increase was involved in the settlement. The present contract was extended to April 1, 1956. One hundred and fifty-five employees are involved. The agreement was ratified by the local union and the picket line was immediately withdrawn. Under the terms of the agreement, the company agreed to voluntary check-off of union dues and also agreed to furnish the union with an up-to-date wage scale schedule. The company agreed to hold further discussion in an effort to clarify the seniority clause and to have further discussion, before April 1, 1955, on paid holidays and an improvement in the vacation clause. It was understood that the agreement to hold discussions in no way committed the company to any action. It was also agreed that the employees are to return to work not later than August 23, with an agreement that the company will give special consideration to individuals who might not be able to get back by that date.

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Reclamation Bill Approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Interior Committee has approved, with some changes, a House-passed bill to provide for federal aid to local interests in building reclamation projects. The bill would authorize the government to assist state and local public agencies in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The state and local agencies could construct projects costing not more than five million dollars and receive substantially the same benefits which would come if the projects were being constructed as federal reclamation projects. The government would pay for the portion of any project which includes such general benefits as flood control, recreation, fish and wildlife conservation and water pollution. It would lend money for the remaining costs of the project. The Senate committee tacked on an amendment requiring that any project with an estimated cost of more than \$200,000 would have to be authorized by Congress. The bill now goes to the Senate. Chairman Miller (R-Neb.) of the House Interior Committee, who sponsored the bill, said he thought the amendment would be acceptable to the House.

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Committee Backed By Two Unions

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Two back-to-work moves were stopped by union action Thursday night as the Pacific Northwest lumber strike neared the end of its eighth week. CIO Woodworkers voted unanimously at Vernonia, Ore., to continue support of their Northwest negotiating committee in its joint effort with AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers to obtain a wage increase. The Vernonia local represents some 400 workers at the Long Bell plant there. At Coos Bay AFL workers voted 389-31 to turn down the Evans Co's offer of a two-year contract guaranteeing the present wage level. Evans employs some 600 workers. The two unions are seeking a 12 1/2 cent hourly wage increase. CHAIRMAN NEEDED
Meanwhile at Salem Oregon Gov. Paul L. Patterson had not yet appointed a chairman for the State Board of Conciliation. He said Thursday he would direct the board to try to settle the strike after a chairman is selected. Patterson made the announcement after Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton had ruled the board has authority to intervene in the dispute. Lumber operators' spokesmen were cool to the state conciliation proposal and indicated they might challenge Thornton's ruling. In another conciliation development the Seattle mayor's Maritime advisory committee stepped Friday into the picture as a would-be peacemaker. Mayor Allan Pomeroy called a meeting of the committee for 10 a.m. Tuesday. Representatives of industry and labor will be invited. He acted after contacting union and management leaders. CIVIC COMMITTEE
Pomeroy said he decided to have the civic committee take a hand because of the serious effect of the strike on Seattle and other Puget Sound port operations. Letters sent to the union and management officials said the committee will not attempt to act "as judge and arbitrator," but will try to obtain all the facts in the dispute and pass them along to the public. The meeting will be closed and news releases will be issued only after approval by both sides. Mayor Pomeroy said he had received many requests from business leaders and others for a clarification of the strike issues and why it has lasted so long.

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MEDFORD GREETERS were hosts Thursday morning at the Fortune Service Station patio to Klamath businessmen and women. Enjoying coffee and doughnuts at the goodwill get-together were, from left: W. S. McBride, chairman of the Klamath Falls visitors committee of the chamber of commerce; Mrs. Bert Pree, chairman of the Medford Greeters; Mayor Diamond Flynn of Medford, and Walt Garner, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.



READY TO LOAN THOUSANDS were Nyla Uzzell, secretary, and Bob Mead, assistant manager of Commercial Finance Company, 107 North Ninth Street, when the 9 o'clock photographer dropped in this morning.