

EAST COAST ROCK STRIKE ENDS

In The Day's News

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How about a heavy pat on the back for the weather man? He came along with his sprinkling can just in time to save a lot of trees that will come in handy when the pulp and paper products industry realizes the extent and the availability of the Klamath Basin's pulp timber resources.

A lot of future payrolls are tied up in these growing trees.

While we're in a congratulatory mood, let's say a word for Babe Didrikson Zaharias, the world's greatest woman athlete.

She is fighting her second battle with cancer. She won her first fight a couple of years ago, and went out to win her second. Her second cancer was discovered a few weeks ago when she underwent treatment for a slipped spinal disc.

Hospital officials in Galveston, Texas report this morning that she is greatly improved and is expected to be able to go home some time this week. Again she is full of plans for the future. This time for a nationwide fund for the support of tumor clinics and treatment centers in appropriate institutions to detect incipient cancers and treat them in time.

Courage is an admirable thing.

Speaking of surgery — TV is coming into it.

The idea is to mount a special type color television camera above the operating table where world famous specialists are performing a delicate operation. By means of the miracle of TV surgery, EVERYWHERE can watch and learn its techniques.

Knowledge is POWER.

There was a time in the world when men with knowledge kept it SECRET. Hence, they were GRASPS. THEIR PERSONAL POWER. There is a growing conviction in the modern world that knowledge must be SHARED as widely as possible, so that EVERYBODY can benefit from it. The world is getting better.

Meanwhile — There's news this morning from North Carolina of Vicki, the freedom-loving elephant. She's still out in the free enterprise woods, scoring the buckets of grain that have been put out to tempt her and rustling her own nourishment.

More power to her!

Her "handler" gives forth this morning with a typical comment. He says:

"I have to cut her out by the week's end or shoot her. She's MEAN and liable to get mean."

That's the way all these planned economy boys feel about it. They're sure that anybody who isn't out to get them on ROYALTY, or to fall back gratefully on government-guaranteed security, is DANGEROUS.

Consul Pledges Red Tape Cut

HONG KONG (UP) — U. S. consular officials pledged Wednesday "to cut all the red tape possible" to assure the speedy and comfortable homecoming of some 20 Americans expected to emerge here from Red China.

Red China announced at U. S. Chinese talks in Geneva that 12 Americans, against whom no formal charges were filed, were free to go and that 10 others in prison or under house arrest would be freed "within a few days."

The two announcements were made last Tuesday and Saturday, respectively.

The U. S. consular officials here indicated four alien spouses and one alien mother believed to be accompanying the Americans will be swiftly accredited to enter the United States.

The American and British Red Cross started a drive on the Chinese border 22 miles away, but the daily train from Communist Canton has brought no Americans. Newsmen decided to organize a totaling watch Thursday after Hong Kong authorities limited the number allowed at the border.

Ships Icebound In Alaska Gulf

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UP) — Several supply ships, locked in the relentless grip of ice packs on Alaska's Arctic Coast, have radioed an SOS for assistance.

The ships are part of a huge armada of vessels sent north to supply military outposts in the Arctic.

The Alaskan Sea Frontier of the Navy at Kodiak, Alaska, confirmed today it had received word of the emergency. No ice breakers were available at Kodiak to go to the rescue and they would presumably have to come from as far away as Seattle.

A few ice breakers are now at Anchorage, Alaska, but they are not able to handle the entire job. Personnel of the ships, not presently in danger, can be evacuated by helicopter if necessary.

A Navy official at Kodiak would say only that there were several ships caught in the ice pack. The ships carried a half-million tons of equipment and three-quarters of the tonnage already has been unloaded along the arc of the continent's rim stretching westward from Baffin Island.

Two States' Fires Halted By Rainfall

YREKA — Rain made it possible today for the Klamath National Forest to pull most of its forces off the forest fires which had been burning out of control southwest of Yreka, Klamath National Forest fire dispatcher Lee Morford said today.

"We are now trying to get 2,000 firefighters back home," he said. Men fighting the fires include Forest Service experts from all over the West, and about 1,000 soldiers from Fort Lewis, Washington and the Presidio of San Francisco.

CONTROLLED

All fires are controlled, Morford said. The Sawyers Bar ranger station reported .97 inches of rain and Yreka had .30 inches. The lowest rain fall reported was at Fort Jones, with .09 inches.

No damage estimate is available at this time, Morford said, although it was "very high."

HAYSTACK AREA

Largest of the fires was the Haystack fire, which at one time burned to within five miles of Yreka. This fire burned over 57,000 acres, and destroyed 24 houses, six cabins, 21 sheds, eight garages, seven barns, four machine shops, four small sawmills, one mine mill, one light plant and 37 miscellaneous buildings.

The only other fire which burned near heavily populated area was the Kidder Creek fire, which burned 11,500 acres on land of the State Division of Forestry and 1,000 acres in the national forest.

The rain enabled firemen to control the Six Mile and Taylor Creek fires, both about 70-80 miles southwest of Yreka. These fires were burning out of control yesterday at noon PDT. Six Mile burned 6,500 acres and Taylor Creek burned 980 acres in extremely steep terrain of the Salmon Mountain area.

Other fires at one time burned northwest of Hill on the California-Oregon border, and on Indian Creek, northwest of Happy Camp. All fires in the Fremont National Forest and under the jurisdiction of the Klamath Fire Protection Authority were reported controlled yesterday.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (UP) — Men and the weather knocked most of the danger out of California forest fires Wednesday.

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HELICOPTERS USED

Helicopters carried crews into the Kings River Canyon country 40 miles east of Fresno, to combat remaining hot spots.

Nolan O'Neal, fire control officer at Santa Barbara headquarters, said 1,300 men have established fire lines completely around the fire which in this area caused the greatest damage estimated by the Forest Service at more than eight million dollars.

Light Tremor Shakes L.A.

LOS ANGELES (UP) — An earthquake, apparently a minor local shock, shook parts of metropolitan Los Angeles Wednesday.

Police switchboards began getting numerous calls from residents beginning at 3:21 a.m.

Reports came from southern parts of Los Angeles itself, Compton, Gardena, Lynwood, Bell, Huntington Park, South Gate and Inglewood, all southern suburbs.

There were no reports of damage.

Dr. Charles Richter, seismologist at California Institute of Technology, said the various reports indicated that "it must have been a small, local shock, perhaps from just off the coast."

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Release Vow Holds Up US, China Meet

GENEVA (UP) — U. S. Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson gave notice Wednesday he would refuse to discuss trade or political questions with Red China until the Chinese implement last week's agreement on the release of American civilians.

Red Chinese Ambassador Wang Ping-nan, at his 15th meeting with Johnson Wednesday, demanded that Johnson should now start discussion of a lifting of the trade embargo against Red China and the convening of a Chinese-American conference at a "higher level."

Presumably such talks would be between Secretary of State Dulles and Premier Foreign Minister Chou En-lai.

U.S. STATEMENT

A statement issued by the American delegation said:

"At today's meeting Ambassador Johnson stated it would be premature to discuss other matters before carrying out the agreed announcement of last Saturday regarding return of civilians."

"Only full implementation of the agreed announcement can resolve the problem of the return of American civilians. In that announcement the People's Republic of China said it will further adopt appropriate measures so that American civilians can 'expediently' exercise their right to return."

"The faithful carrying out of that commitment should be the continued task of the Geneva negotiations and should provide a basis for proceeding to the discussion of other practical matters."

AMERICANS HELD

Peiping is holding 19 American civilians in jail but says machinery has been set up for their release. Twenty-two others whose release was promised last week are still in Communist territory. The Americans also have agreed to facilitate the departure of Chinese nationalists in the United States who want to go to Red China.

Wang's delegation contended earlier today that these announcements on the civilians wound up that phase of the negotiations which began Aug. 1. In the conference's second stage, the ambassadors are expected to range over the entire field of Red China's economic and political relations with the West.

HOUSING MEETING

The two envoys met for an hour and 40 minutes today. Although they apparently came to no agreement on what to take up next, they agreed to meet again next Tuesday, Sept. 20.

An American spokesman after today's meeting made no mention of Wang's new demands. He said only that the Chinese and Johnson "exchanged information on the implementation of agreed arrangements" for the repatriation of Americans in China and Chinese in America.

A Chinese spokesman said, however, that Wang proposed taking up "the question of the lifting of the trade embargo" and then "preparatory work for Chinese-American negotiations at a higher level."

Wang's spokesman refused to confirm or deny that he meant a meeting between Dulles and Chou but that seemed the apparent intention.

Wang previously had been expected to take up with Johnson the question of seating Red China in the United Nations. Now Peiping apparently realizes this question could not be discussed until at the ambassadorial level. This would indicate the Communists have given up any hope of getting into U.N. this year but plan a strong play for getting there in 1956.

They have no other transportation. However, Clifford W. Ferguson, state supervisor of rail transportation, said his investigations show that Corbett's statement was not true.

Corbett said Oregon will continue to have freight car shortages as long as shipments of grain and lumber reach a peak at the same time.

He said his railroad is building 60 freight cars a week, and that all of them are going to Oregon to be put into service.



MAKING PLANS for the coming potato marketing season are Fred B. Mueller (left), president of the Klamath Potato Growers Association, Ben Reimer, president of the Tulelake Potato Growers Association, and Cliff Jenkins, manager of the Tulelake group. The current potato surplus and the diversion plan proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture were the main topics discussed at a joint meeting of the two groups last night in Klamath Falls at the Pelican Grill.

Tulelake, Klamath Potato Growers Meet To Discuss USDA Spud Diversion Plan

Potato growers from the Klamath and Tulelake basins last night discussed the proposed diversion plan for surplus potatoes which has been proposed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The federal proposal, which was voiced in a referendum of potato growers throughout the United States, calls for federal aid payments to growers averting potatoes to livestock feeders under an approved marketing plan. Results of the referendum have not yet been announced.

Under the federal plan, potatoes sold for feed would have to be chopped. The growers groups formally protested this aspect of the plan and went on record as favoring the dyeing of potatoes to make them unusable for human consumption. The growers said that it was not possible to stockpile chopped potatoes, and that chopping would be too costly to enable the aid scheme to do any good.

The group also went on record as favoring the continuation of the rule prohibiting the movement of feed potatoes to stock feeders outside of the immediate growing area.

The growers passed a motion stating that they favored the diversion of 30 per cent of the marketable potato crop from normal channels, and that any marketing scheme remain unchanged until the end of the current season. In another action, the growers indicated that they favored cooperation with growers' associations in Idaho and Washington in an effort to develop an integrated potato marketing plan for the region.

A member of the group, Louis Lyon of Malin, is a member of the 10-man National Potato Council Committee in charge of formulating a national long-range program for potatoes in the United States. This committee will hold its first meeting in Washington, D. C., Monday, Lyon will attend this important meeting.

The growers last night recommended that Lyon ask the committee to oppose any acreage controls on potatoes, and support a national marketing order plan and universal federal inspection and grade labeling of potatoes.

The group also approved the expenditure of \$900 for operational expenses of the harvest camp at Malin until October 1.

The need for improvement of the public relations of potato growers was mentioned by Hank Seaton, first president of the Klamath Potato Growers Association, who said that the general buying public does not understand the factors which cause the differences between the retail price of potatoes and the price paid growers.

Officials of the ranch now must decide whether to cap the well and dig another or try to separate the gas from the badly needed water.

Several major oil companies are exploring for gas and oil in Oregon, but not on this ranch.

Gas has been found while digging wells in many parts of the state, the Oregon State Department of Geology reported. Usually the gas has been methane, resulting from vegetation decay.

Near Ontario a trace of methane, of petroleum origin, was found some time ago.

L.A. Citizens Battle Big Smog Attack

LOS ANGELES (UP) — Los Angeles got its second smog alert in two days today when the ozone content of the thick pall of choking fumes reached the warning stage at 10:30 a.m.

The Air Pollution Control District said the ozone content, the measuring stick for the amount of pollutants in the air, reached .64 in the downtown area, then dropped to .50. The first alert stage is called when the ozone content reaches at least .50 per million parts of air.

City, county and state authorities were ready to institute drastic regulatory measures as the ozone content, and up toward yesterday's record which approached officially designated "health menace" levels.

OFF COLOR FOG

The fume, like an off-color fog in appearance but filled with eye-irritating, choking ingredients, cut visibility of a half dozen blocks in some areas by midmorning.

The only hope for relief lay in falling air temperatures, which would warm the ground and force the smog to rise and disperse. The dispersal point was designated as 95 degrees air temperature, but the weather bureau said the temperature would not go above 90.

The smog attack yesterday touched off a 20-minute "stay indoors" strike by 35 motorcycle messengers, who refused to go out in the pall after three of them became ill. Henry Davis, manager of the Rapid Blueprint Co., ended the strike by purchasing 40 war surplus gas masks for his messengers.

ALERT STANDBY

Yesterday's attack was so bad Gov. Goodwin J. Knight said he had placed the California Disaster Committee on an alert standby.

The blue-black haze cut visibility to only a few blocks. Five persons were treated at City Hall for severe eye irritation.

Already reeling from the recent killer heat wave which left a death toll of 115 persons, the area was under a first level smog alert for three hours and nine minutes yesterday. In sticky temperatures which climbed to 83 at City Center, it was the seventh first level alert in county history.

For a while it appeared that a second level alert would be called for the first time. The second alert is called when air contamination poses "a dangerous health menace."

FIRST ALERT

The first alert can be called when ozone (poisoning material) content in the air reaches .50 parts per million parts of air. The second alert is called when the ozone content hits 1.0 and a third alert when a strike of emergency can be declared by the governor, is set at 1.5.

The ozone concentration yesterday reached .96 in the industrial center of Vernon and .85 in downtown Los Angeles. The .90 was the highest recorded since the APCD started keeping records on ozone content about 19 months ago.

Benson Back From Europe

WASHINGTON (UP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson returns today from a two-week agricultural trade tour of Europe to find his farm policies embroiled in renewed political controversy.

Deciding farm prices and incomes have made the farm program a dominant political issue in the preliminary party skirmishing for next year's presidential campaign.

Benson visited Great Britain, the Netherlands, Denmark, France, Italy and Switzerland in search of possible new markets for American farm surpluses which help to hold down current prices. He also sought international cooperation in dealing with world trade problems.

An Agriculture Department survey issued two days after Benson left on his tour—showed that farm prices had declined 4 per cent during the past two months and were down 6 per cent from a year ago.

Another report issued by the department yesterday said farm income had dropped about 13 per cent during the first half of this year. It predicted a further decline during the third quarter of the year.

These and other developments have brought on speculation about possible changes in administration farm policies. Some of it by leaders of Benson's own party centered about the farm vote next year.

At meeting here last week, some GOP state chairmen reported farmer dissatisfaction with the current situation and conceded it poses a problem for the Republicans.

Union Seeks Hearing Of Grievances

NEW YORK (UP) — New York's complaining longshoremen called off their costly eight-day walkout Wednesday and back-to-work notices were posted for their sympathetic strikers in Eastern and Southern cities.

Members of the International Longshoremen's Assn. (ILA), meeting in New York, voted to go along with a plan for a citizens committee to hear their grievances against the Waterfront Commission.

An overwhelming majority of the more than 5,000 dockers agreed to go back to work.

Union president William V. Bradley said some sections of the port would reopen Wednesday night, the rest Thursday morning.

The word from Boston was to the same effect, and in Virginia the busy Hampton Roads piers quickly began returning to normal.

ESTABLISHING

The ILA's troubles were not over, however. The Manhattan district attorney's office disclosed it is investigating to see if any laws were broken by the stoppage.

Bradley obviously regarded the formula for a fast-acting citizens' group as a victory. The union has tried repeatedly and in vain to find a forum in which to list its complaints.

He said, referring to the Waterfront Commission, that the laws against it are "a few dictatorial persons' power over longshore labor without a hearing."

The commission, which issues work permits, has denied such charges in the past.

Seeking to bolster its position, the ILA had ordered a general dock strike from Maine to the Mexican border. The result was a widespread but far from complete shutdown Wednesday.

N.Y. STRIKE

The strike began last Wednesday as purely a New York port affair. It was a protest against the Waterfront Commission of New York harbor, an agency set up two years ago by the states of New York and New Jersey to police waterfront labor. Shortly before the commission was formed, the ILA had been kicked out of the AFL for allegedly failing to rid its ranks of racketeers.

It has been at odds with the commission from the beginning. It accuses the agency of being too severe in denying work permits to longshoremen with long criminal records, of abusing its subpoena powers, of plotting to wreck the ILA and interfering with collective bargaining.

The commission denies these accusations and says the union stands for "just plain lawlessness." The commission has promised to give a fair hearing to any specific complaints that the union wishes to file.

COMPLAINTS

The ILA has declined to take its complaints directly to the commission, however, and sought a hearing elsewhere. The governors of New York and New Jersey and other state officials refused to deal with union complaints and referred them to the commission.

Finally Murray came along with his proposal to have a citizens committee hear the ILA's grievances and also allow other interested parties, such as the commission and the shipping industry, to give their side of the story.

The committee would then make any recommendations it deemed advisable to the legislatures of New York and New Jersey. The recommendations would not be binding on anyone.

The strike has tied up some 200 cargo ships in New York, and at least 60 others were affected in other ports. Passenger liners kept moving, however, with the aid of union office personnel to handle lines and help travelers with their luggage.

Press Missing Plane Hunt

LAKEPORT (UP)—Ground rescue parties and a mounted sheriff's posse headed into isolated ridge country today as the search expanded for a private plane missing since Sunday with four young persons aboard.

Rescue parties planned to concentrate efforts in the Erickson's Ridge area some five miles north-west of Lake Pillsbury on the report of an eye witness, Dewey See of Lakeport, who watched the craft disappear.

The rented Lu-Combe was feared to have crashed in rugged mountain terrain near the lake and Mendocino County line.

Missing are Beverly Case, 22, a recent University of California graduate and daughter of Frank H. Case, New York executive of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; Charles Lee, 26, Pittsburgh auto dealer; Paul M. Johns, 25, a San Francisco insurance man and apparently the pilot; and Carol Hore, 22, San Rafael.



9 O'clock Special

ALAN HAHN, 826 Eldorado, junior at Klamath Union High School, was braving the rain this morning on his way to school when the early morning photographer stopped him.