

Lumber, Sawmill Workers Begin Two-State Strike

PORTLAND (AP)—The Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union today began a strike against five lumber operations in Oregon and Washington.

The strike was called after the union overwhelmingly rejected a management proposal for a wage increase.

Earl Hartley, executive secretary of the LSWU's Western Council, said the strike affects 2,000 members.

Hartley said the strike was set to begin this morning.

But he added that some local union leaders notified him their members began the strike shortly after midnight.

Hartley said these operations are the targets of the strike: Cascade Plywood Co.'s plant at Lebanon, Ore.; the Longview, Wash., plant of International Paper Co.; and three operations of Pope and Talbot Inc.—a sawmill at St. Helens, Ore., and a veneer plant and sawmill at Port Gamble, Wash.

Management representatives Wednesday offered the union this two-point program:

"1-A wage increase ranging from 2 to 10 cents an hour, but averaging 2 per cent of the payroll (straight time) in each bargaining unit, to be effective on the first of the payroll period in which the contracting parties accept the joint recommendation.

"2-Contracts to be amended to incorporate as paid holidays, subject to mutually agreeable terms and conditions on eligibility, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas for 1959; and New Year's, Memorial Day and Independence Day for 1960."

Said Hartley: "That offer today insulted our intelligence. We've waited for the market to strengthen, thinking they would deal with us in good faith."

The management group is composed of the Plywood and Door Manufacturers Council, the Lumbermen's Industrial Relations Council and the Willamette Valley Lumber Operators Assn.

The LSWU earlier this year approved a strike by a 3 to 1 margin.

The union has been negotiating since last March, and has sought a 31-cent an hour package increase.

The management group said its offer was better than that accepted earlier by the LSWU in California and the Inland Empire.

The union refused to comment on why the strike call was issued against but five operations. And management refused to say whether it considered a strike against one member to be a strike against all.

The largest of the five plants involved is the Lebanon operation—which employs about 1,000 men.

Labor Relation Board Plan Meeting Some Opposition

WASHINGTON (AP)—Industry is divided and labor unions are solidly in favor of the National Labor Relations Board's plan to expand its jurisdictional standards to cover more labor dispute cases.

This is the result shown in industry-labor comments on proposed new NLRB jurisdictional standards. These are expected to increase the board's present workload, already at record proportions, by about 20 per cent.

The board has authority to decide all cases affecting interstate commerce, but has voluntarily curbed cases it will consider by

China Family Ends Reunion

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP)—A Chinese family reunion has been completed in Pendleton at the end of a successful 30-year legal battle.

Doo Jung Wong, 57, a native of Canton, China, came to the United States in 1922. He worked as a cook and returned to China six years later to marry Mai Lin Lee, the bride chosen by his family.

Their first child was born in China. Wong returned to the United States and started his legal efforts to bring his family here.

Wong traveled back and forth during the ensuing 30 years and raised a family of four children. He finally gained support from the Oregon Council of Churches and won his legal fight to get his family in the U.S.

His wife arrived with two of the Wong children, a son, Yuen Wong, 20, and a daughter, Hong Yee Wong, 10, who met her father for the first time. She speaks no English but will attend school.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



Chinese Communist Chief To Attempt Big Steel Hike

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Mao Tse-tung is going to try to drive Communist China this year into a fantastic increase of 100 per cent in steel output over 1957.

This project was advanced and approved a few days ago at the session of the broadened Politburo of the Chinese Communist party.

How it is proposed to attain this vast increase in steel output has not yet been disclosed by the Communist Chinese press and radio.

Here is the way this amazing project developed. In 1957 Red China produced, according to official figures from Peiping, 5,350,000 metric tons of steel. (A metric ton is about a tenth larger than the English short ton of 2,000 pounds.) In February the economic plan for 1958 adopted by the Peiping government provided for an increase in steel production of 350,000 tons over 1957.

At the end of May, the Politburo met and ordered the goal increased to 8 to 9 1/2 million tons. This involved a boost of 50 per cent in one year, unheard of even in the Soviet Union or the United States.

But even this apparently was not enough. The new target of 10,700,000 tons is exactly twice the production claimed in 1957.

It seems amazing that such a high goal has been set, particularly since in the first half of 1958 steel production was only 26 per cent above the same period of 1957. This is a big rise, but it is far from the 100 per cent now proclaimed as a state plan.

There is an obvious conclusion: the rulers of Red China may be making a propaganda bluff or they may have some special gimmick.

There are two possible gimmicks of this sort. One of them is very speedy and big Soviet help. The other is the new method advocated in Communist China of developing small steel and iron smelters on a handicraft scale throughout the nation. But it seems difficult to suppose that either could begin to account for a doubling of output.

Nevertheless, steel output in China is rising fast with Soviet assistance, and within a few years it is likely Communist China will be running a race with France for the rank of fifth in steel production.

Crews Rescue Trapped Girl

LONGMIRE, Wash. (AP)—A Yakima girl, still cheerful and talkative after two chilly nights marooned atop Mt. Rainier, was reunited with her family Wednesday.

Naydene Nutley, 20, literally tumbled into the arms of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van E. Nutley, Kennewick, Wash.

"The sound of their voices was the most wonderful thing I've ever heard," she said.

Her brother, Richard, 23, who walked up the slopes of the mountain to greet his sister, said, "She is in better condition than I am."

Miss Nutley said she got tired and wet while exploring steam caves in a crater atop the mountain. Her climbing companion, Mandell Schuster, 30, Yakima, descended Tuesday for help. A Navy plane dropped warm clothing to the girl and rescuers brought chemical heating pads.

It was the Stanford coed's second brush with death on the mountain. Just a year ago, she was roped behind William Haupt, 20, who was fatally injured when a snow bridge collapsed. The other members of the party weren't hurt.

Cinderella Actress Home To Wed Prince Charming

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa (AP)—Actress Jean Seberg, who soared overnight from obscurity to Joan of Arc stardom, has returned to her hometown to wed her French prince charming.

The 19-year-old Marshalltown girl will be married Friday to Francois Moreuil, 24, Harvard-educated lawyer from Paris, at a simple ceremony in Trinity Lutheran Church here where she once taught Sunday school.

"I'll have something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue and a six pence in my shoe," the bride-to-be said gaily as she went about preparations.

New York, Hollywood and French celebrities have been invited to the wedding, but Jean said she wants the marriage ceremony to be devoid of fanfare.

Much of Jean's current interest is in her wedding dress—a short oyster white silk moire fashioned with an empire waist and full balloon skirt. Guy Laroche of Paris, who designed it, has been invited to the wedding along with producer Otto Preminger, who discovered Jean, and Paul Louis Weiller of Paris, at whose French Riviera villa she met her fiancé.

"We met like anyone else—on water skis," laughed Jean.

It was Preminger who chose Jean from among 18,000 aspirants in the nationwide talent search to fill the title role in his movie, "Saint Joan."

Jean has made no further moves since she completed "Bonjour Tristesse" about a year ago. Columbia Pictures may put her to work soon in a new film.

"We're going to get on a plane a few hours after the wedding," said Jean, "but we don't know yet which way we'll go."

Jean said her fiancé plans to practice law in Paris but is also very much interested in movie work. For the present, she said, the couple probably will find a place to live in California and honeymoon on an island off the Mexican coast.

Legionnaires Meet To End

CHICAGO (AP)—The American Legion national convention moves into its concluding session today with another full round of speeches and resolutions. But the high-point of the day will be election of a national commander.

While the votes are yet to be cast, Preston Grover, 38, Stillwater, Okla., was considered a shoo-in for the post.

Speakers today include Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Chinese Nationalist president, and Luis Munoz Marin, governor of Puerto Rico.

Mme. Chiang, in a news conference shortly after her arrival, here, said her country does not need at this time American fighting men or money to defend the island fortress of Quemoy.

"The Chinese Reds want to see how far they can go in regard to Quemoy. They will go as far as the free world will let them," she said.

"We can defend Quemoy by ourselves for the time being. . . . When the Reds see they can't go any further, they'll stop."

The Legion's 3,000 delegates polished off one of the thornier issues of their 40th annual convention when they rejected by a 6-1 majority a proposal that the Legion back a \$100 monthly pension for all World War 1 veterans at the age of 60 regardless of health or need.

After long debate, the Legion approved its traditional stand for pensions based on need.

However, the successful resolution adopted these liberalizing amendments to the present pension stand: an increase in monthly disability pension rates; a provision veterans receive permanent and totally disabled pension payments at 65 regardless of health, and lifting of restrictive outside income limitations.

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