

OIL STRIKE ENDS IN 2 REFINERIES

By United Press.
The International Oil Workers' union hailed the end of the walkouts at two Detroit refining plants as the first "break" in the nation's crippling oil strikes. It was the first sign that government conciliation meetings, which have been going on in Washington for three days, were getting results.

The union announcement came as John W. Snyder, reconversion director, called on labor and management to adjust their differences peacefully and speedily to prevent a "serious block" to reconversion. Officials of the Congress of Industrial Organizations union said the Aurora and Keystone Oil Companies, both small Detroit independents, had acceded to the oil workers' demand for a 35-cent-an-hour wage increase when the work week is reduced to 40 hours.

12,000 Idle at Dayton
Elsewhere, 12,000 General Motors workers failed to cross picket lines thrown around three Frigidaire plants at Dayton, Ohio, by striking members of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers' Union, C. I. O. American Federation of Labor bus drivers on Salt Lake City and Portland, Ore., and Portland, Ore., and Seattle, runs struck to protest wage cuts.

The Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad, Peoria, Ill., was returned to private management by the federal government and promptly struck by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Locomotive Firemen & Engineers.

Hydroelectric power to 16 large Texas communities and 100 rural customers was cut off today by a strike of A. F. of L. electrical workers. The dispute involved about 140 employes of four generating units of the Lower Colorado River Authority in Central Texas. Picket lines were set up at Austin, Tex., but no disorders were reported.

At New York, the Hospital Employees' Union, Local 444 of the C. I. O. St. Louis, County and Municipal Workers of America, announced today it had called a strike for October 15 of 1,500 employes, including nurses, in four New York City hospitals.

The new strikes brought to 430-151 the number of workers made idle across the nation.

Motor-car manufacturers, still beset by a strike spreading the Congress of Industrial Organization's nationwide drive for 52 hours' wartime pay in exchange for a peacetime 40-hour week, considered a charge by R. J. Thomas, international president of the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.), that they themselves were "striking."

Strikes 'Provoked'
Thomas, addressing a meeting of 150 U. A. W. regional representatives yesterday in Chicago, said: "The automotive industry and not the union is on strike. The cutting of wages and provoking of grievances is aimed at getting the union to strike at this time."

In Washington, meantime, Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwelbensch said through a spokesman last night that the strike of 30,000 workers in three big refining areas was not settled. He had warned that Army and Navy gasoline and fuel needs made settlement mandatory by the week-end. He hoped an agreement would be reached today.

At Cleveland, Ezra Van Horn, chairman of the Bituminous Coal Operators Negotiating Committee, declined for a second time to meet with the United Mine Workers of America until 35,000 striking Pennsylvania and West Virginia miners return to pits.

Oil Talks Bog Down
Continuation of a strike of 60,000 A. F. of L. workers in the Pacific Northwest lumber industry added to fuel losses already underscored by petroleum producers, who said the current cold weather made resumption of oil output imperative.

A federal conciliation meeting recessed in Washington last night without a "whit of progress" being made to settle the wage dispute which has closed down 24 refineries. O. A. A. president of the striking C. I. O. oil workers union, said.

The oil workers gave ground only slightly, cutting their demand for a 30 per cent general wage boost to 27.5 per cent. The companies involved, however, have refused to go above 15 per cent.

A back-to-work vote appeared today in New York State Supreme Court justice, to arbitrate a wage dispute between elevator operators and building owners which tied up Manhattan business six days before it ended Saturday.

Phone Strike Threatened
Disruption of telephone communications over the nation was threatened as the C. I. O. tried to organize American Telephone & Telegraph Company workers. C. I. O. United Electrical Workers Union spokesmen charged that the A. T. & T. was behind an asserted strike threat from the National Federation of Telephone Workers.

Joseph Bieme, president of N. E. T. W., was quoted as committing his union to hold "continuous" meetings on company time this week, a circumstance which telephone executives said would amount to a strike.

Other labor developments:
Dismissal of 17 minor officials of the C. I. O. Automobile Workers Union at the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Company plant in Detroit was announced by Percy Llewellyn, unappointed administrator of the firm's union affairs.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York named George Frankenthal, former New York State Supreme Court justice, to arbitrate a wage dispute between elevator operators and building owners which tied up Manhattan business six days before it ended Saturday.

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Nisei Veterans Are Finding Reconversion Problem Hard

By ANN SHEPARD
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FORT LEWIS, Oct. 1.—A young corporal wounded in France has a pin-up picture and fan letter to him in the box with his Purple Heart and overseas ribbons. The fan letter had been sent by someone who saw the soldier's picture in a newspaper with an account of his service in Italy. The corporal opened the letter they brought to his bed and a newspaper picture of a dead soldier in the Philippines fell out. Clipped to the picture was a note:

"Here is a picture of a soldier who trusted Japs. You have a hat full of medals for killing white men. Why were you not sent to the Pacific to fight the Japs? Because Uncle Sam could not trust you. Remember, the only loyal Jap is the Jap who fought the Japs. Name one."

Corp. Henry Amano and his friends can't send the letter writer the list of Nisei soldiers killed in the Pacific, for there was no name signed to the note.

Amano, who enlisted immediately after Pearl Harbor ("My best friend was killed there"), still can't figure out why someone sent him the letter.

"I've been lucky, though," Amano said. "I've been home to Denver on furlough, and even though people stared at me and made cracks about Japs, I've never been thrown out of any place."

Pvt. John Seki Caive wasn't so lucky. The first time the Purple Heart-wearer went home to Seattle he stopped in at the drug store at 18th and Yesler where he used to hang out.

"Remember the pictures in the ads about the soldiers who go back to the old corner drug store. Well, I went back, too, and ordered a coke. The man asked my national-ity. I said I was Japanese-American, and he told me they didn't serve Japs and to get out or he'd call a policeman."

Truckers Wouldn't Help
Caive didn't tell his parents why he didn't come in from the hospital for more than a month after his first visit home. Finally the former University of Washington student had to go back home. His family was trying to open their vegetable stand again, and the local truckers' union had refused to haul their goods from the warehouse to the store.

"They said they didn't want to do business with Japs."

The Caives now rent a truck for

the daily trips and when one of their sons comes home for good—one of John's brothers just returned from Italy and the other still is in the Pacific—they hope they'll be able to buy a truck.

Pfc. Sanai Asageta of Auburn, Calif., is worried about his parents, too.

Families Too Old
"They're closing up the relocation camp in Wyoming where they've been since the war began. When my brother gets back from Italy, we may be able to rent the farm we had before the war. But right now, I've heard it's plenty rough to go back alone."

Pvt. Frank Chikami, wounded in France, is afraid he can't find work after he is discharged. His wife came to Tacoma to visit him after he was sent to Madigan. Like most army wives, she wanted to find a job so she could live near her husband.

"She answered all the ads. It was just about the time that all the plants and offices needed help badly. But when she went to see the managers about a job, they always said her credentials were fine, but the other employes wouldn't want to work with a Jap."

After several weeks of searching, Mrs. Chikami found a job as a typist for the Army.

Others Didn't Mind
"And none of the other girls in the office minded her being Japanese," Chikami said.

Staff Sgt. Dave Hirahari, Seattle, wants to go back home with his wife and daughter. After nearly a year overseas, Hirahari said he couldn't understand why people asked him why he hadn't been in the Pacific if he wanted to fight.

"People were killed in Italy, too, you know," he said. "I was there with Pete Fujiimo when he died. We went to Broadway High School together. We're like the rest of them—we went where the Army told us to."

Hirahari turned around and looked at the other soldiers in the room.

"My buddy, who sleeps in the bed across the aisle, is a white soldier who fought in the Pacific. We're friends even though my eyes stung. Maybe when more soldiers come home it will be better."

The private who'd been kicked out of the drug store stood up.

"Well, according to the papers, all of the soldiers who come back are having 'readjustment problems.' Maybe this is what they meant."

raises: The C. I. O. demanding a straight 25-cent-an-hour increase across the board and the A. F. of L. a straight 20-cent-an-hour increase, with a minimum of \$1.10 an hour. The C. I. O. has not gone on strike, though its members authorized a strike call.

The C. I. O. union announced it would begin negotiations for the pay raise next Thursday. Smith said there were 37,000 C. I. O. workers employed in more than 500 operations in Washington, Oregon and Northern California.

The A. F. of L. said its members had closed plants in Idaho, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Northern California, Arizona and New Mexico.

"At present, A. F. of L. workers are paid 90 cents an hour in Douglas-fir operations and as low as 72 cents an hour in some of the pine mills in Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington," Jorgensen declared.

"We cannot see where there is much difference in the two operations, although in the pine belt the log is shorter but certainly not any easier to handle."

Both unions, however, were in agreement on one thing—higher wages.

Jorgensen said 17 C. I. O. plants in the Northwest had been closed by the A. F. of L. pickets.

C. I. O. Chiefs Criticized
Michael T. Costello, secretary of the Puget Sound Council of the A. F. of L. Lumber & Sawmill Workers' Union, issued a public statement in which he assailed C. I. O. leaders:

"While the C. I. O. leadership talks of possible strike action, they fail to mention that they do not have the authority to call one legally . . .

"However, C. I. O. workers soon will refuse to work under present conditions, including the unfair differential which forces men to do the same type of work but receive different pay scales."

"The C. I. O. membership in some sections of the industry, by their action in refusing to pass through A. F. of L. picket lines, has recognized the importance of this dispute."

Although the sap of all maples contains sugar, it is the sugar maple that is tapped commercially and forms the basis of the maple syrup and sugar industry.

NURSES' OUSTER REPORT DENIED

A complaint by Albert D. Rosellini, chairman of the Harborview County Hospital board of trustees, that nurses employed at the hospital have been asked to move out of the Yesler Housing Project was denied today by Charles Ross, executive director of the Seattle Housing Authority.

Ross said that no evictions of nurses have occurred, and that none is contemplated.

"All there is to it," Ross said, "is that we cannot accept any additional nurses, because they are not eligible as new tenants, since the end of the war. We absolutely are not evicting any of those already in the project."

Rosellini made his complaint to the Board of King County Commissioners, which adopted a resolution urging the Federal Public Works Housing Authority, which supervises administration of the project, to permit Harborview nurses to remain.

Ross pointed out that the Yesler installation is not a war-housing project. It was started before the war, for low-income tenants. During the war, however, it was opened to essential workers, including nurses.

The "essential" list has been trimmed drastically, and no longer includes health workers as new tenants, although those already living there may remain, Ross said.

Hospital workers of low income, however, are eligible, the housing director pointed out.

The commissioners approved another resolution, requesting that Lanham Act funds be made available to continue child-care centers for children of working mothers. The federal funds are to be withdrawn October 31.

DEVIN PRAISES CHARTER DRAFT

Strong approval of the proposed new City Charter, as just completed by the Freeholders' Commission, was voiced today by Mayor William F. Devin. The Charter was filed Saturday with the city clerk.

"I certainly hope that our people will study this Charter and will approve it when they vote next spring," Devin said.

"The Freeholders' Commission," the mayor went on, "has performed a sincere and effective piece of work. They worked hard on a difficult task and voters should look upon their Charter draft not as being in any sense a new kind of government for Seattle, but as a document which brings up to date our existing government through the elimination of nonessentials and the clarification of various aspects."

Devin said that in his opinion one of the greatest accomplishments was in removing the heads of the Police, Fire and Health Departments as far as possible from politics.

Another achievement praised by Devin was the elimination of annual elections. He said this would enable voters to have more opportunity to study their officials and controversial issues at fewer times.

Internees Leave Shanghai
SHANGHAI, Oct. 1.—(AP)—More than 300 British, Australian, Canadian and Netherlands nationals, including long-internee missionaries and nuns, today boarded the British cruiser Glenearn, first British ship leaving Shanghai. The repatriates will be taken to Hongkong to await vessels to carry them to their homelands.

Senate Group O.K.'s M'Grath
WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—(AP)—The Senate judiciary committee today approved the nomination of Gov. J. Harold McGrath of Rhode Island to be solicitor-general of the United States. Chairman McCarran, Democrat, Nevada, said the nomination will be taken up in the Senate Wednesday.

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Key Witness



Mrs. Ethel Howard, a key witness for the state in the trial of Dr. Frank C. J. Hart on charges of abortion and manslaughter. Dr. Hart is accused of performing an operation which caused the death of Mrs. Beatrice Fern Fisher.

DR. HART TRIAL GETS UNDER WAY

Trial of Dr. Frank C. J. Hart, 58-year-old Seattle physician accused of performing an abortion which caused the death of Mrs. Beatrice Fern Fisher, 35, an Edmonds housewife, began today in Superior Judge Matthew Hill's court.

Dr. Hart is charged with abortion and manslaughter.

Among the key witnesses for the state will be Mrs. Ethel Howard, 1019 W. Garfield, St., mother-in-law of Mrs. Fisher. Mrs. Howard said before the trial opened today that she accompanied her daughter-in-law to Dr. Hart's office last March.

Prosecutor Lloyd Shorett, assisted by Deputy Prosecutor Max Nicolai, will prosecute the case for the state. Attorneys John Matthews, George Rummens and Tracy Griffin are representing Dr. Hart.

Lyle Fisher, the dead woman's husband, told police his wife went to Dr. Hart for an operation. He and his wife chose not to have a child for financial and business reasons, Fisher said.

Dr. Hart said he treated the woman but only to check an infection.

P. S. P. & L. VOTE ON SALE LOOMS

A vote by stockholders of Puget Sound Power & Light Company on liquidation of the private power concern loomed large with the scheduled arrival here today of a battery of Chicago and New York attorneys and Eastern financial lenders.

With them was Guy C. Myers of New York, who is acting as fiscal agent of Western Washington Public Utility Districts, which have submitted an offer to the private company to purchase its common stock at \$18 a share.

While neither Myers nor any of the visitors here could be reached for comment, observers felt their arrival is probably the most important development since the offer was made, probably meaning that Myers has evidence to prove he is able to make good on the offer.

This, it was pointed out, would mean that either the money is available in Seattle for the purchase, which is estimated to involve between \$113,000,000 and \$115,000,000, or Myers is prepared to show he has sufficient backing of eastern finance houses to pay the price.

Possibility of the development was strengthened this forenoon when Frank McLaughlin, president of P. S. P. & L., said he expected "there will be an important development before the week has ended."

McLaughlin said he had not been advised of the arrival of either Myers or his associates, he added, however, that submission of the question of the sale of Puget Sound Power & Light, one of the state's largest and oldest private power concerns, now depends on Myers' proof that "they (P. U. D.'s) are capable of raising the money."

Included in the group of some seven men coming here are C. W. Laing, Jr., of Chicago and John B. Dawson of New York.

Laing is manager of the buying and syndicate department of John Nuvven Company of Chicago, which has handled the bulk of the work in organization of financial syndicates to finance P. U. D. purchases throughout the nation.

Dawson is a partner of the New York law firm of Wood, Hoffman, King & Dawson which has provided legal opinions for a large majority of such transactions.

MAN HOLDS UP FIFTH TAXICAB

Police today redoubled their efforts to capture a hatless robber, who has held up five taxicab drivers during the past two weeks.

R. R. Frazier, 2304 E. 113th St., told police the robber entered his cab about 1 o'clock this morning and asked to be taken to an address in Fairview Avenue North near East Boston Street, where he held a pistol in Frazier's back and robbed him of \$35.

The robber escaped on foot. Frazier's description of the man

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