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Canadian Railway Strike Probable

Unions Reject 7-Cent Wage Boost; Preparing Strike Ballot

MONTREAL (CP)—Representatives of 18 international railway unions today rejected a conciliation board's recommendation for a seven-cent an hour increase in wages and authorized the taking of a strike vote immediately.

F. N. Hall, chairman of the union's general committee, declared that the strike ballot is now being prepared and in his opinion the vote will be overwhelmingly "for a strike" unless substantial concessions are made beyond those suggested by the conciliation board.



Two Halibut Boats Deliver Cargoes Here

First halibut of the season was sold over the fish exchange this afternoon when Bacon Fisheries bought the 3,000 pound cargo of the halibut J. H. Todd shortly after 1 o'clock. The price was 14.2 cents a pound for mediums, 12 cents for large and 11 cents for chicken.

Two halibut boats landed 25,000 pounds of fish from the Area Two grounds this morning, but neither established prices on the exchange because both went to the Fishermen's Co-operative.

The P. Doiron and the Skeena M. II both took their cargoes to the Co-op where they were marketed on the basis of initial payment plus further payment when the fish is sold to eastern wholesalers.

The P. Doiron brought in 14,000 and the Skeena M. II 11,000.

Their cargoes were the first landed by regular halibut boats this season. A rush is expected tomorrow, even though the boats have not met with good fishing since the season opened on May 1.

A steady stream of packers has begun to land halibut from the Co-op and company camps since Monday, but prices on this fish are dependent on bidding on the exchange here.

Initial payments by the Co-op to its members for halibut delivered to the plant here are said to be 12 cents for medium, 10 cents for large and eight cents for chicken. Prices are two cents lower per pound for fish delivered to the Co-op camps.

Buyers on the waterfront are confident, however, that "independent" boats will arrive overnight or tomorrow with fish that will be sold on the exchange, thereby establishing the 1948 halibut price level.

URGES CANADA CUT RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS

OTTAWA, (L-Kamouraska) urged Commons last night that Canada should meet the Communist menace by severing diplomatic relations with Russia and her satellites.

He urged that communistic organizations be outlawed in Canada, even though "radical means" were required to suppress the Red doctrine.

The French-speaking member said any communistic movement is clearly directed against the security of the state and is not entitled to be recognized as a political party.

His suggestion highlighted the sagging foreign affairs debate.

ARAB ARMIES MOVING TOWARD PALESTINE

DAMASCUS, (P) — Seaghan Maynes, Reuters special correspondent at Arab army headquarters, said today that the Arab armies are beginning to move toward Palestine battle-grounds.

Maynes said he saw a motorized column of Iraqis moving through the mountains of Moab toward Palestine. He quoted an Arab field commander as saying that Arab armies will invade Palestine within a few days.

LOOKING EAST?—A new portrait of Mayor Nora E. Arnold, chosen by the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs as the "Woman of the Year." She will go east, to Regina this summer to receive the award at the national convention.

TWO-YEAR DRAFT FACES U.S. MEN

WASHINGTON (P)—The House of Representatives armed services committee today approved the two-year draft bill by a vote of 28 to 5. Vote puts the issue of selective service formally before Congress for the first time since the war.

The measure calls for the country's first peacetime draft. Under its provisions, men from 18 to 30 would be registered, with those from 19 to 25 liable for 2 years service.

It would raise the total authorized man power of armed forces to 2,005,882. Present total strength is 1,384,500.

U.S. PAYS \$7,000 FOR TRUCKS ON ALASKA HIGHWAY

WHITEHORSE (P)—A motor convoy carrying United States army supplies was halted for a week here until the United States ended a licence plates dispute by paying \$7,000 to the Yukon administration.

The deadlock arose when the Royal Canadian Mounted Police refused to let the trucks roll through on the Alaska Highway until they bore Yukon licence plates.

The supplies, some of them in the secret category, were brought by rail from the United States to Dawson Creek.

HEBREW ARMY BUILDING UP

TEL AVIV (P)—Hagana, the first Hebrew army to take the field in the Holy Land for 2,000 years, will come into the open within the next fortnight, after being underground for 43 years. The new Jewish Army is already fighting with considerable arms of its own making and in uniforms of its own manufacture.

WOODWORKERS ASK WAGE BOOST

VANCOUVER (P)—Harold Pritchett, district vice-president of the International Woodworkers of America, said Monday night that more than 27,000 B.C. Union members have been asked to contribute toward a \$200,000 strike fund.

Earlier, union demands for a 35-cent an hour wage increase, union shop and welfare fund were tabled at a meeting of the meeting of the union's negotiating committee and the operators' bargaining agents.

LOCAL TIDES

Wednesday, May 5, 1948		
High	11:15	17.3 feet
	23:38	19.1 feet
Low	5:22	7.1 feet
	17:23	6.6 feet

MILES OF WOOD

Annual car loadings by Canadian pulp and paper mills would fill a train stretching from coast to coast.

TORNADOES WHIP ACROSS SEVEN STATES

KANSAS CITY (P)—Tornadoes and violent windstorms whipped across seven states during the week-end, killing at least 19 persons and injuring more than 100. Property damage is said to be heavy.

West Virginia and Kentucky communities were lashed by tornadoes last night. Twisters hit in Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas on Saturday while high winds swept Indiana and Illinois. West Virginia, where six died, had the heaviest death toll.

Later reports state that in Kansas City tornadoes have raised death toll to at least 21.

McKINNEY, Texas, (P)—Two north Texas towns, McKinney and Princeton, began to snap back to life today after a violent tornado that killed three, injured 53 and caused widespread damage.

The list of tornado casualties in six states within the last 48 hours was 23 dead and 156 injured.

TRADE WITH U.S. CANADA'S NEED

ST. LOUIS, (P)—Finance Minister Douglas Abbott said today that Canada has rejected devaluation of her dollar because her economic problem "is not the kind... for which that is an appropriate or effective remedy."

In a speech to the Missouri Bankers' Association he said that currency devaluation may be helpful to a country which is in difficulty because costs and prices are too high to enable it to compete in the world market.

He said there can be no solution to Canada's problems in "a constructive and expansionist manner" unless the United States is prepared to accept Canadian imports on a much larger scale.

COLOMBIA CUTS SOVIET CONTACT

BOGOTA, (P)—Colombia broke off diplomatic relations Monday night with the Soviet Union. The Colombia cabinet decided to sever relations with Russia almost a month after the abortive revolutions which took 1,500 lives.

CRUISER HERE, NOT FRIGATE

H.M.C.S. Ontario, which is coming to Prince Rupert this Friday for a three-day visit is coming alone and not accompanied by H.M.C.S. Antigonish as at first announced. Ontario, a light cruiser, is commanded by Capt. J. C. Hibbard, D.S.C. and Bar, will conduct on Friday night an inspection of the Captain Cook Corps of Sea Cadets in the naval drill hall, plans for the inspection having been completed at a meeting of the Navy League executive at the end of the week.

TWO STRIKING TARS ARRESTED

THOROLD, Ont. (P)—Two Canadian Seamen's Union organizers, for whom warrants were issued more than a week ago, have been arrested. They are Basil Dawson and Kenneth Corrigan, both of Owen Sound. They have been charged, following the April 24 attack by seamen on the collier Glenlagie.

Pope Pius Asks Prayer For Peace

VATICAN CITY—Pope Pius has asked for special prayers during May for the "Happy triumph of peace" in Palestine. The Pope's plea was made in letters sent to Roman Catholic bishops throughout the world. The letters, dated May 1, were made public today.

JEW'S SEIZE ARAB VILLAGE

TEL AVIV, (P)—Irgun Zvai Leumi said today that a Jewish battle force has seized and occupied the Arab stronghold village of Yehudia after an all-night fight. The village is one of the wealthiest in the Arab area and has barred the way to Lydda airport.

The United Nations truce commission, made up of French, British and United States consultants-general, is reported to have gone to Amman, capital of Transjordan to confer with King Abdullah.

Arab fighters, meanwhile, are reported to be attacking a Jewish settlement south of Jerusalem and other light skirmishes have developed as the British mandate draws to its end.

The Arabs said that the Jews have fired on a convoy of the British-officered Arab Legion.

Packer Strikes Reef, Undamaged

The Canadian Fishing Co. packer Hillside left port for the company's fishing camps in Chatham Sound and Hecate Straits Monday afternoon after unloading a cargo of halibut which she brought here earlier in the day, despite the fact that she had gone aground off Squadaree, Stephens Island.

The vessel, under command of Capt. Bill Fuller, struck a reef while enroute to Squadaree, but was refloated shortly afterward. She was found to be undamaged. Her cargo was brought to the Atlin Fish wharf.

GOLD MINING ACTIVE HERE

Revival in Various Parts of North

Mining revival in various parts of the north this year, is largely explained by several factors the importance of which is readily seen.

One is that gold-dredging outfits are able to enter Canada free.

Another is that new gold mines received certain benefits and exemptions under the Dominion's gold aid program.

And another is that foreign firms entering Canadian gold mining industries are given the privilege of taking out their money if it becomes their decision to liquidate and also to remit current earnings.

One of the world's largest builders and operators of gold dredges, Yuba Consolidated of San Francisco is drill-testing placer ground at Twenty Mile Creek in the Omineca country, central British Columbia.

Another area, this also in Omineca is at Lost Creek, where Los Angeles capital will undertake large scale hydraulic activities.

During the winter, the Larsen-Harms people moved 27 carloads of California dredging equipment into McDames Creek in Northern British Columbia. This was done over a 70 mile road from Watson Lake on the Alaska Highway.

The Yukon Consolidated, in Klondike continues as usual, which means washing about three millions annually.

New outfits in Yukon embrace Yukon Explorations Ltd. of Vancouver (W. B. Milner) and Yukon Gold Placers.

At Barkerville, a Montana corporation is installing a hydraulic plant at Antler Creek. A dragline equipment is going in along the Lower Quesnel River. A Bremerton firm is to operate on Willow Creek in the Cariboo. The Helena (Mont.) Placer syndicate is to test 13 leases on Quesnel North Forks. There are also outfits interested in platinum.

FRIDAYBRODGE, Cambridge-shire, England (P)—No entries were received for a men's beauty contest here.

FLOODS MAY BE BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE

WINNIPEG, (P)—Rivers and creeks continued to recede toward normal today as the drying out period came to western Canada after the worst floods in the area's history.

In western Manitoba where 900 persons were evacuated from their homes, improvements were noted.

The same is true in Saskatchewan, although the northern portions reported large tracts of land inundated. Sunny weather aided Alberta where waterways have also been amok for the last two weeks.

The history-making floods, however, may be a blessing in disguise to prairie farmers. Water means crops and the long-term results in raising water levels in Saskatchewan will more than cancel the property damage the floods have caused.

They have filled natural and artificial reservoirs to the highest levels in several years.

WINNIPEG (P)—Spring floods were receding in most sections of the Prairies today—with the exception of Western Manitoba—leaving damage to homes, property, roads and bridges estimated to total many millions of dollars.

While the worst appeared to be over in Alberta and Saskatchewan, many families are still homeless and rivers remained at flood levels in several districts, including Wetaskiwin, Alberta, and Lumsden, Saskatchewan. Estimated road damage in Alberta will be in excess of million dollars.

COLORED OLEO SALE APPROVED

TRENTON, N.J.—Governor Alfred Driscoll has put his signature on legislation legalizing the sale of colored oleomargarine in New Jersey for the first time since 1886.



GOOD NEWS FOR VETERAN COAL DIGGERS—The headlines are good news to these two Coverdale miners, Frank (left) and Lawrence Grososky, 69 and 64 years old respectively. Both are eligible for pensions under the compromise pension plan agreed to by U.M.W. leader John L. Lewis. The brothers started work in the Pittsburgh area back in 1907, soon after their arrival from Poland. Frank was forced to quit the mines last year because of asthma. Lawrence said he was ready to return to the pits as soon as they reopen. Pension for miners 62 years old who have put in 20 years of work in the mines is \$100 a month.

TURNER NEW T.C.A. SUPERVISOR

OVER—The appointment of Watson C. Turner to be region supervisor of TransCanada Air with jurisdiction over a extending from Winnipeg, Victoria, has been announced by W. J. Dalby, regional manager, here.

Mr. Turner's appointment to the created position is made with the transfer of sales activities to the department, grouping to sales functions of the company was formerly dismembered, cargo sales, Vancouver his headquarters.

Mr. Turner's service was only introduced by T.C.A. to handle the heavier and shipments and has now extended throughout the system in Canada and from the United States, and Bermuda.

MEMBER MAY HARD WRITER

L. Neuberger, whose Prince Rupert in the Evening Post last February this city world-wide has come under the glance of the Chamber here and may be re- his effort locally.

Monthly meeting of the of Commerce last was suggested that members subscribe to pay Mr. Neuberger's nation north either for in August or for the convention of the Asso- Boards of Trade in June-September.

suggestion was originated by Felsenthal, who told that the Board bring Mr. Neuberger to Port Day. Other mem- ought that the conven- be more suitable.

Felsenthal and W. M. were appointed by acting G. R. S. Blackaby to

COOL PROBLEM ASKS GOVT

SELS (P)—Premier Paul Spak of Belgium has to hand in the resigna- his government to the Regent, it was learned. The reason was said to be government policy to 75-year-old dispute be- state-sponsored "free" man Catholic schools.