

# Lumberman's Strike Cause Of Vast Loss

**By United Press**  
Approximately 50,000 strikers tied up vital war production in the nation's factories, forests and mines Saturday, with the most serious stoppages, other than those in the timberland of the northwest, at Detroit.

At the Chrysler Corporation's Highland Park plant at Detroit, 2,000 strikers who protested the dismissal of local CIO Auto Workers Union officers by the international union for sanctioning last week's strikes were told by R. J. Thomas, International UAW president, that the public is "inflamed" against the union.

The strike of CIO United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers at the Parke Davis and Company, Detroit, went into its fifth day today with the company claiming no lost production because new workers had been hired to replace an estimated 2,000 on strike.

Detroit's other major strike, the walkout of 1,000 AFL Bakery Truck Drivers, shut off the supply of standard brands of bread, but private bakeries were alleviating the shortage somewhat by increasing production.

Almost 95 per cent of the 7,000 employees of the Browne and Sharpe Manufacturing company, Providence, Rhode Island, remained on strike against the hiring of a woman to fill a job formerly held by a man. The strikers refused to vote to return to work today.

The 2,500 employees of the Ball Brothers plant at Muncie, Indiana, returned to work after the WLB agreed to speed consideration of their wage demands.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 27 (UP)—AFL and CIO union leaders of 30,000 lumber and sawmill workers tying up production in more than 100 northwest plants tonight continued executive sessions after the AFL executive committee charged the national war labor board with bad faith "sloppy procedure" resulting in ill feeling among the workmen.

Replying to an ultimatum from William H. Davis, NWLB chairman, declaring that the men must return to work before the board would consider their demands, the executive committee of the Northwest Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers (AFL) telegraphed Davis, declaring that the board "shows complete lack of understanding of the lumber situation in the northwest."

"When is the war labor board going to find out the facts before it acts on cases as vital to the war effort as this one?" the telegram to Davis demanded.

Attributing the "lack of understanding" to the distance between the scene of the board's deliberations and the locale of the dispute, the telegram declared that union officials found it impossible to enforce a nonstrike policy.

**Workmen "Go Fishing"**  
"Respectfully urge that the WLB reconsider act taken in your wire and proceed to investigate and find the facts at the scene of lumber operations," the telegram to Davis said. "The entire case should be considered and a decision rendered on the whole case and not on separate issues."

Less than a third of the workers involved in the WLB action are on strike. The AFL sought a minimum hourly wage boost from 90 cents to \$1.05 and the CIO to \$1.02 1/2. The workmen "went fishing" after a WLB denial of the increases.

"Your directive order of May 17 was never delivered to any union official until May 24, but you made it public in press release May 17," the telegram to Davis continued. "Such sloppy procedure approaches bad faith on the board's part and is responsible for much bad feeling among the men."

The strike, effective in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, had spread to Montana today with the walkout of 175 employees at the Missoula White Pine Sash company.

At Seattle, John M. Christenson, president of the AFL union's northwest district council, said the telegram from Davis was 9:30 a. m.

# Chinese Boy of 13 Two-Year Veteran Of Japanese War

WITH THE CHINESE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN THE MOGAUNG VALLEY, May 27 (UP)—The youngest soldier with this force is 13-year-old Ma Kuo Kwang, already a veteran of two years' warfare.

American troops call him "Marvin" and marvel at his versatility. Four feet two and weighing less than 50 pounds, "Marvin" can drive a jeep, handle a sturdy mule and speak Mandarin, English, Burmese, Hindustani, Kachin and Naga.

He joined the Chinese army two years ago in Burma. While fleeing the Japanese invaders of Rangoon, "Marvin" mingled with the endless stream of refugees and became separated from his father during Japanese attacks on Lashio. For several days he combed the town searching debris and watching every passing refugee in a desperate attempt to locate the parent.

When the Chinese army passed through Lashio he fell into step and for more than three months tramped along with the army over treacherous jungle trails in North Burma and over 6,000-foot Naga hills into Assam.

For six days that time "Marvin," like the army, marched on an empty stomach, keeping alive on occasional bananas, tree pulp and drinking water collected in bamboo.

It was during that retreat that he learned to speak Kachin and Naga dialects. Too young to be a fighting man, he was enlisted as an interpreter.

Having spent his childhood in a foreign land, he also knew Burmese and had learned Mandarin from his Yunnanese parents.

Asked why he joined the army, "Marvin" replied in English with a British accent, "I joined up because I don't want to see the Japanese ruin my home again."

# Pretty Dancer Found Dead

HOLLYWOOD, May 27 (UP)—Pretty Mary Cook, former dance band singer and ex-wife of character actor Elisha Cook, Jr., was found dead today with a glass containing remains of what may have been a "mothball cocktail" at her side.

Miss Cook was discovered by bartender Armand Saetta, 31, in the bedroom of her Hollywood home. Saetta said she arrived home after midnight and retired; that he slept in another bedroom and found her clad in nightclothes lying across her bed when he got up today.

An empty glass surrounded by several mothballs by the bed indicated she might have drunk a "mothball cocktail," perhaps accidentally, police said.

Miss Cook was divorced from Cook, stage and screen actor who specializes in character juvenile roles, a year ago, police said. She was said to have once been a singer with Ted Lewis' band.

greeted with boos. "I asked them to go back to work and they told me to go jump in the lake," Christenson said.

A spokesman for the operators has estimated the loss of lumber production in the nation's leading forest area at 10,000,000 board feet daily.

Meanwhile, the strikers were threatened with loss of their B and C gasoline coupons. In Pierce county of Washington, ration boards ordered all idle lumber workers to turn in their B and C coupon books on the ground that they were not being used for the purpose for which they were issued. In Portland, Oregon, the district OPA director said that it was within the jurisdiction of ration boards to revoke B and C supplemental coupons. No revocation order, however, was reported.

**ATTENTION**  
V. F. W. also other Service organizations Memorial Day Parade to start at 10 a. m. from corner of Main and Fremont streets. Your presence is requested at 9:30 a. m.

# Million Persons Pledged To Editor's Safety Club

BEAVER DAM, Wis., May 27 (UP)—A 16-year-old campaign for safety made by a newspaper editor through his Open Eye club has resulted in an enviable record of highway fatalities among youngsters in Beaver Dam and all of Dodge county.

Maybe Joseph E. Helfert, editor of the Beaver Dam Citizen, might never have become the safety club man of the county if a little boy hadn't run into the path of his automobile while he was on a news assignment in Milwaukee years ago. Although the youngster was only slightly hurt, Helfert never forgot that he might have been killed.

That's why he started his Open Eye Club for children's safety through the columns of the Citizen in March, 1928. Today the club has signed pledge cards in the hands of a million people. The safety club man visited the city's six schools, pleaded with the youngsters to learn and keep safety rules, enlisted the aid of teachers to remind their pupils of safety always, and appealed to the parents. That is how the campaign worked.

**One Accident in Years**  
The first members are today's adults and now whole families are pledged to the safe habits advocated by the Open Eye Club.

Daily columns in his paper won over all of this city to the club. Then the editor hit the road. He visited rural schools and talked to teachers and pupils, who met many anti-safety situations on their walks to the country school house. He's been the foremost advertiser of safety for 16 years and his dream of safety has materialized. The only fatal accident involving children in Dodge county in recent years was one in which two youngsters were killed while coasting.

People in Tennessee, New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Kansas, Helfert's home state, read of the safety club in nationally distributed periodicals and wrote for suggestions on how to start the same.

# Cameramen Shooting Down Enemy Planes with Guns

WASHINGTON, May 27 (UP)—More than one army air force cameraman has shot an enemy plane with a machine-gun instead of a camera. For instance, 1st Lieutenant James M. Bray, 5427 Virginia, Hollywood, was grinding his camera when the gunner beside him was killed. He took over and shot down two oncoming Messerschmitts.

Staff Sergeant Jack Sterling, former MGM stunt man, and Staff Sergeant Richard R. Batcheller, 120 S. Vista, Los Angeles, each are credited with a probable Zero.

Altogether cameramen have accounted for three ME's, one Focke-Wulf, three Zeros, a Jap tanker and three enemy planes probably destroyed. They have earned a total of 70 medals—2 Silver Stars, 5 Distinguished Flying Crosses with two Oak Leaf Clusters, 26 Air Medals with 23 clusters, 4 Purple Hearts and 8 Presidential unit citations.

Some have been killed recording combat incidents, including a lieutenant and a sergeant who lost their lives filming "Memphis Belle," acclaimed as one of the outstanding war pictures. Five Eighth Air Force photographers have been killed over Europe.

These are among the highlights of a report issued tonight by the war department on the accomplishment of air force motion picture cameramen, who have sent home vivid pictorial records of the air war from all fronts.

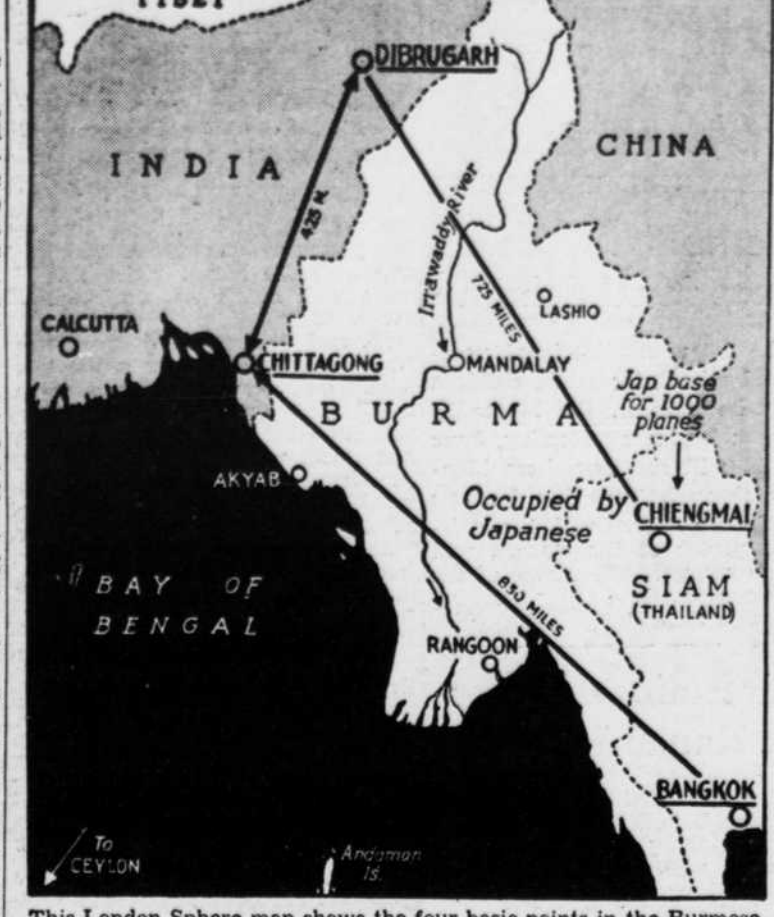
Hundreds of thousands of feet of training and combat film have been taken and assembled into pictures to increase air force efficiency. Some of the most exciting combat footage has been seen by the public in newsreels, although most of it is classified as for military use only.

**POLICE GRAB KNIFE**  
Waving a knife before the face of G. L. Nelson, seated on the running board of a car in front of the Horseshoe cafe, late Friday afternoon, John W. Willige startled a crowd of gawking spectators until Nelson caught him off balance and pushed him over.

Willige's rage was short lived as two police officers closed in on him and he was disarmed. Harry E. Miller, chief, and George Ullom were both going off shift when the call came to the station. They barged through the crowd, disarmed Willige, and hustled him off to the city jail.

Officers said the man had been drinking but was still dangerously wielding the knife when subdued.

# STRATEGIC MAP OF BURMA



This London Sphere map shows the four basic points in the Burmese military situation and the enemy's main bases at Chiengmai and Bangkok. Dibrugarh railroad was constructed by Japanese engineers years ago in a district which did not seem to warrant any peacetime development. Dibrugarh, which lies behind the present northern Burmese operations, is separated from Chittagong (which feeds the Arakan and lower Burma operations) by 425 miles of rail. As the crow flies, the distance to Bangkok, south-westerly enemy base, is 830 miles; the distance from Dibrugarh to Chiengmai, northern air base of the Japanese, is 725 miles. Both lines have to cross the mighty Irrawaddy.

# Kaiser for New Labor Contract On Share Plan

PORTLAND, Ore., May 27 (UP)—Edgar Kaiser, general manager of the Kaiser shipyards in the Portland area, said today he favored a new type of labor contract in which labor received a share of industry.

He suggested that contracts between management and labor in the future carry arrangements for proportionate sharing in the profits of an enterprise. He made no specific suggestions beyond the initial recommendation.

**OFFICE, HOME PROWLED**  
In the recent burglary epidemic in Las Vegas, Dr. F. W. York reported to police that his home and office had been prowled on two separate occasions, Friday morning and afternoon. At his office, his filing cabinet was ransacked but no money or narcotics stolen. At the home, 629 South Ninth, the prowler left the place in disorder but nothing was reported missing, according to police.

**TWO NAVAL OFFICERS DIE IN PLANE THAT BURNS**  
LOS ANGELES, May 27 (UP)—Two naval officers were killed today when their Ventura bomber crashed and burned on a half mile southeast of Palmdale, California, navy authorities announced.

Names of dead were withheld pending notification of next of kin. The plane was presumably on a flight from Reeves Field, Terminal Island, California, navy officials said.

# Activity, Depression During War Output Told by Carpenter

Nevada is one of the mining states that has seen boom and is suffering a little depression from the fluctuation in mining activities in the war years, according to the views expressed by Jay A. Carpenter, director of the state bureau of mines. He said that activity and prosperity in the field of metal mining followed by a serious slump in prices and production of which he has compiled a report that has been the basis of several of his addresses. In part Carpenter's summary is as follows:

Prior to the United States entering the war in December, 1941, there was, due to the European war, a marked increase in mining activity in Nevada because of the increased demand and higher prices for metals. Along with this were increasing costs and difficulties of operation due to higher costs and scarcity of both supplies and labor.

In February, 1942, the first premium price plan for lead, zinc, and copper was announced, stimulating production from both old mines and new mines.

In March, 1942, a meeting dealing with priorities was held at Reno, called at the request of the Nevada senators and governor. In spite of protests and government issued the gold closing order number 208.

This resulted in the closing of the majority of the gold and silver mines in the state, except, in general, those mines which were shipping siliceous ores needed as flux by the smelters and the Getchell mine producing strategic arsenic.

In July, 1942, the government began the purchase of all mercury at \$192 a flask.

In November, 1942, it began the open purchase of tungsten at \$30 a unit. In May, 1943, the government began the purchase of manganese ores in small lots and during the year purchasing depots were established at Bat-

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