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Hartford City Plant Strike Is Settled

HARTFORD CITY, Ind. (UPI) — Production was back to normal today at the Overland Door Corp. plant following a two-day strike over discipline for three carpenters union members.

Local 2047 members returned to their jobs Wednesday under terms of an agreement to submit their dispute to arbitration and be bound by a mediator's ruling.

The strike started Monday when three members were laid off for three days for failing to report for overtime work Saturday. The union contended the company failed to notify the members of the overtime work assignment as far in advance as required by the contract.

The company contended the strike was a wildcat walkout because the union did not file a formal grievance as required by the contract.

Eastern U. S. Remaining In Drought Grip

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The eastern two-thirds of the United States remains, for the most part, in the grip of an old-fashioned drought and government weather experts see no good possibility of relief in the near future.

November is a month when weather can change fast. But forecaster James O'Connor said today the freakish mound of high pressure that has kept parts of the country bone dry for as long as six weeks shows no sign of breaking up.

There have been a few cases of local relief in the drought area east of the Rockies. But most of these have been nothing more than temporary, weather experts said. The untoward effects in this harvest season have been chiefly shortages of reservoir and well water, dry pastures, parched winter plantings of small grain and fire-threatened forests.

No major forest fires have been reported although the East and Southeast are described by the Agriculture Department's forestry branch as in "very critical" danger from the dryness.

There have been reports of towns bringing in water by pipeline when local supplies were on the verge of drying up. Pastures in the Midwest have had some relief in the last few days but sections of the area got only enough moisture to help for a few days.

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Legion Asks State Funds For Repairs

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — A request to spend \$8,500 in state funds to repair the exterior of a state-owned building used as headquarters by the Indiana Department of the American Legion faced the Indiana Budget Committee today.

The money would be spent for pointing and putting exterior windows in the structure located on the World War Memorial Plaza in downtown Indianapolis, painting of lamp posts, repairing sidewalks, cleaning downspouts and replacing water spigots.

The building and another used as national headquarters for the American Legion were built by the state nearly 40 years ago and turned over to the veterans organization. For years, the legion was required to pay all maintenance costs for both buildings.

However, the 1963 Legislature amended the law to make the legion responsible only for interior repairs and maintenance.

Exterior repairs responsibility was switched to the state.

The budget committee will meet for two days.

The committee planned to spend the first day inspecting the Indiana State Farm at Putnamville and the Indiana Boys' School at Plainfield with the fund requests scheduled for action Friday.

The State Department of Administration asked the committee to approve the transfer of \$63,080 in funds to allow its public works division to hire an additional 11 employees to supervise state construction projects. The step was recommended by a legislative study committee.

Indiana State College asked permission to use \$4,750,000 of its own funds to construct a new residence hall and Ball State Teachers College sought permission to use \$2.2 million of its money for a similar purpose.

Purdue University asked for \$1,839,720 in state construction funds for an addition to its heating plant and for expansion of its utility distribution system.

Purdue also asked for permission to spend a total of \$1,575,000 of its own funds to provide a parking garage and a research building under the terms of a lease with the Poss-Ade Foundation.

The budget for the Berne drive was \$8,359 and yesterday's total stood at \$8,419.50, well over the goal.

Four voting places will be in use in Berne. Precinct A voters will use the Berne auditorium and precinct B voters will use the Berne-French school. Residents of precinct C will vote at Berne Farm Equipment and precinct D will vote at the Berne city hall.

The Decatur fire department was called to the Jani Lyn store this morning when smoke from a large ashtray filled the back room of the store. No damage was done and the fire was extinguished quickly, once the ashtray was located.

Berne Community Chest Over Quota

Berne Community Chest donations have reached the goal set for the drive, Richard Lehman, Community Chest president, announced Wednesday.

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The suit aimed at barring the

ICLU from the building was

filed by George H. Kingsbury

of Indianapolis, a legionnaire

and retired fertilizer company

president.

Attorney Gerald Ohrn, 11th

District judge advocate of the

legion, said the suit was pre-

pared by four attorneys, all legi-

on members. The other law-

yers involved were Ralph B.

Gregg, Lawrence H. Hinds and

Roy A. Pope.

The suit asked that the court

state what limitations there are

on the use of the building.

The legion contends that the law estab-

lishing the memorial re-

stricts its use to veterans' orga-

nizations and patriotic

groups.

The suit also said Kingsbury

believes that more than six of

the members of the commission

are members of one political

party which is prohibited by

law. Richard Martin, Welsh's

news secretary, said the com-

mission is made up of six Dem-ocrats, four Republicans and

one independent.

The committee studying the

possible rules change is sched-

uled to report to the full com-

mission at its Nov. 30 meeting.

Committee members are Dr. G.

Tanner Books of Richmond and

Lloyd A. Keiser of Bloomington,

both new members of the com-

mission, and James Gardner of

Fowler.

Other new members of the

commission are Evansville at-

torney John Clouse, who re-

placed Judge Frank Dice of

Peru as president, and Leon D.

Cline of Columbus, who was

elected to succeed Orville

Denbo of Indianapolis as vice

president.

Gardner and Roy R. Addin-

ton of LaPorte are believed to

have voted with the new comers

in the secret balloting for the

changes. Voting against the

changes presumably were Dice,

Denbo, former President, Clar-

ence McNabb of Fort Wayne,

Allen O'Rourke of Hammond and

Herbert Gerdink of Terre

Haute.

The commission voted to de-

fer action on the election of a

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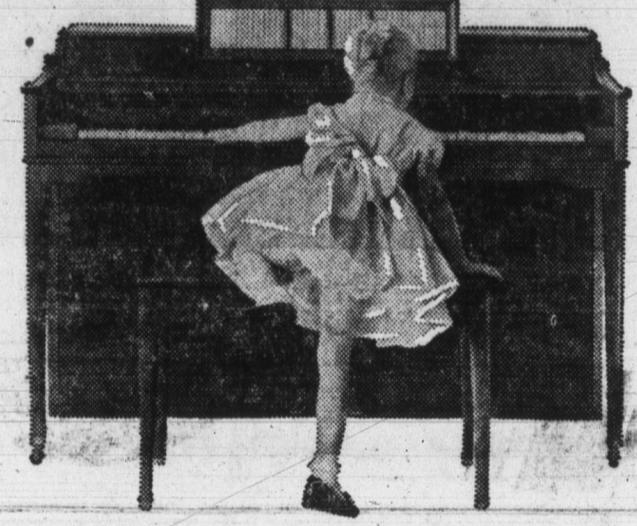
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