

Romney Enters Newspaper Negotiations

POLITICS HAS entered the 161-day Detroit newspaper strike with both Mayor Jerome Cavanaugh and Gov. George Romney entering the picture. Cavanaugh moved into the negotiations some time ago when he arranged for a negotiator from Wisconsin to sit down with the management and labor union teams. He recommended continuous negotiating sessions as the only way to resolve the situation and told the groups he would be available to join in the talks at any time.

Then Gov. Romney, criticizing both the methods and personnel of the mayor, issued an invitation to meet with the parties involved in the dispute Tuesday in his Lansing office. Reports from the negotiators indicate the parties are just as far apart now as when the strike started. Although there hasn't been any confirmation, rumors have it that the newspaper publishers have offered the striking unions a \$27 package over 30 months. This contrasts with the reported settlement with the Teamsters of \$30 for 30 months.

From the striking unions comes word that the ITU is asking the publishers to match

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the contracts of New York City and Philadelphia where the printers reportedly settled for \$38 in New York and \$37 in the Quaker City for 36 months.

The Newspaper Guild, which represents the editorial and business offices, is reported to be asking for \$36 for 36 months. And the latest word is that the publishers are standing firm on the \$27 offer.

DALE SOPER, of Ann Arbor, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks, and past ruler of the Ann Arbor Lodge, died Sunday five minutes after delivering a talk before 200 officers of 16 southeastern Michigan lodges in Redford Township.

Services were conducted Thursday in Ann Arbor with burial in Jackson.

RAIDS IN FLINT and Detroit were reported by Prosecutor Robert Leonard, of Flint, to have broken what he indicated was an international prostitution ring.

A total of 25 persons were named in warrants by Leonard. Twelve were taken into custody in Flint and four in Detroit while nine others are being sought.

Leonard said that two men nabbed by Detroit police on conspiracy warrants were the leaders of the ring. He identified them as Hayward Bessley and Hobart Betts. He said the ring operated in Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Missouri and Pennsylvania as well as in Montreal, Toronto and London in Canada.

TWISTERS and high winds ripped through several Michigan communities earlier in the week with the Indiana border town of Frontier, Mich., hit the hardest. A tornado ripped

open some 15 homes in the small community of 200 but none was seriously injured.

In Kentucky, the tornado churned through the city of Falmouth, pushing over trees and homes. Officials said one person was killed and 100 injured in Falmouth, located 50 miles north of Lexington.

Ohio also was hit by high winds at several points. Six were killed and a score or more injured in the Wheelersburg area of Scioto County.

THE FEDERAL government has started a probe into whether there were civil rights violations in the cases of three Negro youths shot to death in a hotel annex during the Detroit riots last July.

A federal grand jury, which operates in secrecy, has started hearing testimony, marking the first federal action in the cases.

One Detroit policeman and a private guard face trials in Detroit Recorder's Court in the deaths.

The youths, Aubrey Pollard, 19; Fred Temple, 18; and Carl Cooper, 17, were found shot to death in the annex of the Algiers Hotel on the fringe of the riot area.

CONSUMERS Power Co. has applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission for authorization to increase the rates for gas to more than 770,000 customers in 37 counties of the lower peninsula.

The application didn't specify the amount of the proposed increase. Consumers said the boost was needed because of "the soaring cost of money, higher labor and material costs, higher taxes and an increase in the cost of gas scheduled to become effective July 4."

JOHN BUGAS, a vice president of Ford Motor Co. since 1946 and a member of its board since 1950, will retire at the end of April having reached his 60th birthday.

Bugas, a former member of the FBI, gained a wide reputation in the field of labor relations as vice president of Industrial Relations at Ford. For 14 years he directed the company's industrial relations activities, ranging from labor negotiations to employee services and company-wide personnel programs.

In May, 1957, Bugas was appointed vice president - Ford International Group. It is that capacity he directed the company's import-export operations and relations with overseas branches.

STUDDER TIRES, used for the first time on Michigan highways last winter, apparently are not causing much damage to road surfaces.

A spokesman for the State Highway Department said "there has not been noticeable effect as far as we can tell at this time." Reports from district and area maintenance garages have been sketchy and no actual survey is being conducted.

The spokesman said it would probably be at least a couple of years before the complete extent of damage could be determined.

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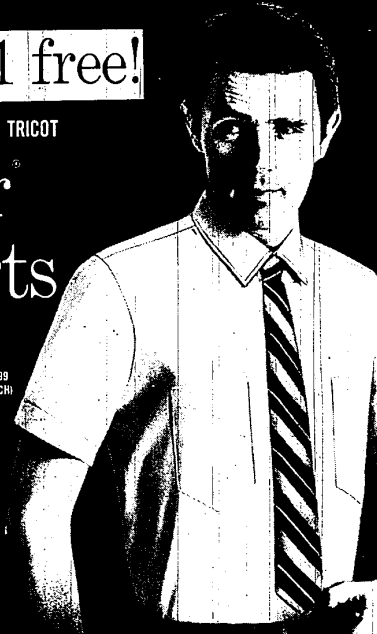
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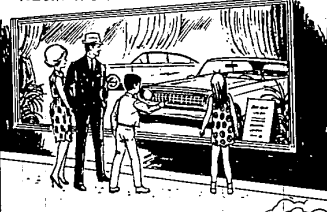
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