

MEMORANDUM

August 15, 1983

To: Governor

From: Gerry Thompson

Subject: Call from Colonel Pankratz, OSP, 10 a.m.

The Louisiana-Pacific mill in Prineville is still on strike. If you will recall, last Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. there was an altercation between log truck drivers and picketers. Subsequently at approximately 9:30 p.m. Bob Oliver and I talked with the county sheriff and the Oregon State Police to accommodate the sheriff's request for assistance in getting workers out of the mill safely. This was not an effort to break the strike; it was an effort to remove mill workers from the mill after mill officials had been advised that picketers would not allow any of the workers to leave the mill. Essentially they were being held hostage. Management at the mill closed the mill about 10 p.m. (shift was scheduled to end at 2 a.m.). State police talked to the picketers who then allowed the mill workers to leave peacefully and proceed home. As a result arrests have been made of the two log truck drivers involved in the altercation and there will be future arrest made of the three picketers involved.

Today Colonel Pankratz advised me that the mill went back to work this morning. As of 10 a.m. there were 28 picketers. Both state police and local sheriff will keep a close watch at the shift change to be sure there is no more violence.

Pankratz also advised he received a teletype today indicating that the strikes at both Willamina and Pendleton are proceeding peacefully. So far there have been no problems, although there has been a lot of expectation of violence at the Willamina mill.

The sheriff has also advised Colonel Pankratz that he received a call from the union agent at Prineville asking why OSP was involved in the striker proceedings. Union agent advised it was only to assist the peaceful return of mill workers to their homes and was a one-time only assist and that state police had responded to the request of the sheriff.

cc: Bob Oliver