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Country's Strike Idle At 230,000, High For The Year

Government Agencies Plot Attempts To Halt Trend

Lumber Strike Threat Faced

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The nation's post-war labor disputes, most of them stemming from workers' demands for wage increases, hit a new high for the year today and the outlook for the immediate future was not bright.

The country's idle resulting from strikes and forced shutdowns for a varied line of industries and businesses mounted to around 230,000, high for 1945 and more than 100,000 above the number idled by disputes immediately preceding V-J Day.

60,000 MAY QUIT

As Government agencies planned efforts to halt the rising trend of labor strife, a strike threat came from the lumber mills of the Pacific Northwest, with a walkout of 60,000 workers called for Monday. Other strike threats also were heard and only a couple of minor stoppages were ended, putting the labor picture off-balance.

Detroit found little encouragement of effecting settlement of the multiple disputes that have idled some 56,000 workers, mostly in the automotive industry. A complete shutdown in transportation threatened the motor city because of the spreading strike of CIO oil workers.

More than a score of refineries and plants were closed by the strike of oil workers, idling more than 21,500 employees in Texas, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and West Virginia. Ten plants had shut down in Texas and at least 15,500 were off their jobs as they struck for a 30 per cent wage boost and other concessions. Seven plants were shut down in Port Arthur and workers in other Texas cities had voted to strike.

Toledo was on a rationing plan for essential users of motor fuel as four refineries closed, with some 5,000 workers were off the job in eight plants and refineries in the Chicago-Northern Indiana area.

The biggest refinery in the Chicago area, Standard Oil of Indiana refinery at Whiting, Ind., with 4,500 independents union members, remained open.

A mediation conference was planned in Chicago Tuesday as the Federal Conciliation Service moved in an attempt to effect a settlement of the strike.

The biggest strike threat in weeks came from the Pacific Northwest, the Policy Committee of the Lumber & Sawmill Workers Union (AFL) in Portland, Ore., announcing demands for a $1.10 an hour minimum wage was refused and 60,000 members would strike at 12:01 A. M. Monday.

The union charged employers with failure to enter into negotiations and the industry-wide strike requested by the workers recently was called. A strike would affect AFL operations in Oregon, Washington and parts of Idaho, Montana and California.

PAN-AMERICAN TROUBLE

A second strike threat came from New York City by the CIO Transport Workers Union. The Union said unless 500 persons were kept on their jobs at the Miami, Fla., base, a strike of 5,000 ground personnel of Pan-American World Airways would be called. Union leaders said they had advised the National Mediation Board in Washington the air line had advised 500 of its Miami employees they would be laid off Oct. 1. They said the workers told them they will not accept the layoffs and unless they are canceled they will strike.

One bright spot was reported along the troubled scene. In Washington, heads of seven AFL unions involved in the six months strike at Hollywood movie studios reached an agreement with AFL President William Green predicted would end the jurisdictional dispute. The union leaders agreed to let representatives of the locals involved at the studios try to effect a settlement. Failing, the international officers will negotiate the issues still in dispute. Green predicted the end of the strike, which has idled 7,000 workers, in a reasonably short time."

Gandhi's Fever High

BOMBAY — (AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi was too ill today to attend the second session of the All-India Congress Party. His fever was reported to have reached 102 degrees during the night.

Good Example

Patton Wants Yanks To Mix With Germans

By RICHARD KASISCHKE

U. S. THIRD ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Germany —(AP)— Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., today declared "the best thing the United States can do is let the German people see what a great people we are by mixing with them."

Patton did not directly suggest that the GIs marry German girls, however, and laughingly told correspondents at a press conference that: "Personally, I've got a wife."

The General said the Germans were docile and would likely remain so "because their fangs are drawn."

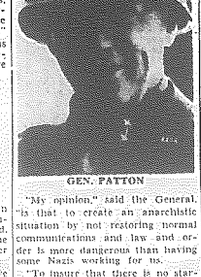
GERMAN ATTITUDE

Commenting on the attitude of the Germans, Patton said:

"I thought from the first that this threat of werewolves and murder was bunk because the German is incapable of individual initiative action. Now that he is no longer a regimented fighter, his fangs have been drawn."

Patton declined to venture an opinion on how much the occupation force should be reduced, but said "I'd like to get home some day, the same as any other man."

Patton said the prime objective of his Third Army administration was to restore normal communications and prevent suffering this Winter rather than to rout out every single German who might be suspected of having a Nazi taint.



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"My opinion," said the General, "is that to create an anarchistic situation by not restoring normal communications and law and order is more dangerous than having some Nazis working for us.

"To insure that there is no starvation is more important both to us and the American taxpayer than getting every last Nazi suspect out of office. But I think we've done a pretty good job in both directions."

MacArthur Issue

Blunt Queries Put Up To Acheson

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Is General MacArthur acting as a representative only of the United States Government or of the Allied Governments as well in implementing the terms of the Potsdam agreement?"

That question, and several others, was put to Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson today by Senator Wherry, Republican of Nebraska, who helped block Acheson's immediate confirmation as undersecretary Thursday.

Senate action on the nomination was deferred until Monday afternoon as a result of a flareup over Acheson's statement that the State Department, and not General MacArthur, will determine the policy to be followed in occupying Japan.

OPEN LETTER

Wherry released an open letter of inquiry to Acheson and asked the diplomatist to reply by Monday morning, "since my further interest in your confirmation will be largely conditioned by your answers."

Wherry asked Acheson to verify statements printed in the Washington Post concerning Acheson's news conference comments on General MacArthur's statement that within six months an American occupation force of 200,000 men would be sufficient to control Japan.

Wherry asked if the following three statements substantially reflected his views:

"The United States Government, not the occupation forces under General MacArthur, is

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Crisis Grows At Detroit

DETROIT—(AP)—A complete shutdown in transportation threatening the nation's automotive capital today climaxed a week of labor troubles idling some 56,000 workers.

The city faced a gasoline-less week, unless there is a break in the strike of the International Oil Workers (CIO).

Approximately 65 per cent of the 2,400 gasoline service stations posted "empty tanks" signs. The others, a dealers' association reported, would be closed by Monday hoiding private automobiles and trucks.

The municipal transportation system, already taxed to the limit by a shortage of bus drivers, curtailed some services. With only a five-day supply of gasoline on hand, more bus runs were expected to be withdrawn.

Taxi cabs offered only limited service.

Mayor Edward J. Jeffries urged President Truman to order Federal labor authorities to give the crisi-

Spectacular Crash

Doomed Pilot Tries To Signal Miamians

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — Riding to death, the pilot of a Navy fighter plane faced his engines and blinked his landing lights in a frantic attempt to signal people in downtown Miami that danger was near, it was disclosed today.

Seaman 1/C William O. Emmett gave the following dramatic eyewitness account of the crash last night in which two Navy planes tangled over the main business section of Miami and crashed into a warehouse, carrying both Navy pilots to their death:

"Looking up, I saw two Navy planes coming from east.

"One was flying without lights and the other was racing its engine and blinking its lights — apparently to signal people in the streets that there might be trouble.

"They looked like one plane, so the wings were probably locked.

"When the planes hit, it threw me 40 feet. A streak of flame flew up over the garage roof where I was standing, and shot clear over to the bowling alleys. I ran for a fire extinguisher and helped pull one of the bodies from the wreck, but it was too late."

Navy officials said today that both bodies, charred almost beyond recognition, had been identified. The names were not disclosed pending notification of next of kin.

Damage resulting from the spectacular crash, which touched off a two-alarm fire and brought thousands of sightseers to the scene, was estimated at $75,000 by Fire Chief Henry R. Chase.

Tax Relief For Veterans Is Advocated

George Favors Extra Exemption

By FRANCIS J. KELLY

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, today advocated preferential tax treatment for veterans the first year or two after their discharge.

The Finance Committee chairman said an extra income tax exemption would help them get on their feet financially and compete with the people who held civilian wartime jobs.

George suggested it would be "reasonably adequate and fair" to extend for 12 or 24 months the extra $1,500 service exemption on Army or Navy pay. But he would make it apply to income from any source.

"I don't know exactly what will be done when we get into the tax bill," he told reporters. "However, we probably will consider service men and women for some time after the war as a special class of taxpayers. Substantial justice could be done with an exemption on their taxes."

Under his proposal, veterans could add the $1,500 to the regular exemption allowed all taxpayers at present $500 each for the taxpayer and each dependent.

MORE CREDIT

Perhaps there should be additional credit for men who spent a substantial amount of time overseas, he added. That question will be studied, too.

Certainly, he said, the law should be amended so that men mistreated out will not have to prepare income tax returns for their war years when they owe no taxes.

"That kind of thing just piles up papers, does the government no good, and causes terrible annoyance to men who have been crouching in foxholes out in the South Pacific with no time to attend to their personal problems," he said.

Practically all legislation affecting veterans passes through the Finance Committee. George announced that probably late next week and certainly within a fortnight the veterans subcommittee will begin consideration of proposed changes in the so-called GI Bill of Rights.

The principal pressure is for liberalization of the loan and education provisions.

Unprepared

Marine Tells Wake Island Attack Story

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — (AP) — Marine Major Paul A. Putnam, who returned to his transhay Coronado home this week after four years in prison camps in Japan, today told the story of Wake Island from the first air attack to hand-to-hand fighting.

Putnam had just taken command of a Marine Wildcat fighter squadron and had left Pearl Harbor under hurried orders. He arrived at Wake with only twelve planes.

Warning of the Pearl Harbor attack preceded the raid on Wake by about six hours and caught the island unprepared.

"The first attack demolished all my installations except for the radio station," said the Major. "I had four planes in the air and eight on the ground—seven of which were a total loss and the eighth damaged. I never had more than four to operate with after that."

With destruction of oxygen tanks, planes were unable to fly at high altitudes until Capt. Herbert Frueler, Berkeley, Calif., invented a means of supplying planes with oxygen.

Following surrender, prisoner treatment wasn't as bad as they had expected, said Putnam, though it was far from pleasant. He was sent to a camp at Zentsuji.

He Doesn't Know The War Is Over

BUFFALO, N. Y.—(AP)—The Buffalo district OPA has just received a letter from an ex-Niagara Falls, N. Y., resident saying he applied for his ration books two months ago and "where are they—the weather is getting cool."

Fuel oil, in case you don't know either, hasn't been rationed since Aug. 15.

Columbia Murder Trial

Chair Asked For Epes As Death Case Goes To Jury

By HENRY LESESNE

COLUMBIA, S. C.—(AP)—The case of dashing young Lt. Samuel C. Epes whom the state charges drugged and suffocated his school teacher wife for the love of another woman, went to the jury today.

The jury of farmers and business men retired to decide the fate of the 27-year-old son of a wealthy Virginia family after hearing four days of testimony—all from state's witnesses.

JUDGE ENDS CHARGE

Judge A. L. Gaston finished his hour-long charge and turned the case over to the jury at 1:50 P. M. (EWT).

Solicitor T. Pou Taylor asked the all-male jury to send Epes to the electric chair, which he said was made for "rich and poor, black and white" alike.

He pleaded with the jury to return a simple murder conviction against the man the state accuses of slaying his wife for the love of a 19-year-old Louisiana blonde.

A murder conviction automatically carries the death penalty. If the jury recommends mercy, the

LT. EPES

sentence is life imprisonment. Acquittal is the only other possible verdict it could return.

State Senator Edgar A. Brown, noted South Carolina lawyer employed by the Epes family to defend their son, began the final defense argument shortly before noon.

Brown told the jury that Epes had been tried again and again in the newspapers and in the public mind but that the state had produced not a scintilla of evidence beyond Epes' own statement.

This statement was made by Epes to officers when he was arrested, Brown said, and is not disputed. In it Epes admitted burying his wife in a foshole grave but denied causing her death.

PREJUDICE CHARGED

The state's case, Brown said, was built on the prejudice that Epes, under the influence of whisky, or suffering a hangover, grew panicky and buried his wife without the formality of notifying the coroner.

"We are not trying him for being a fool or for drinking whisky," Brown said.

Solicitor Taylor told the jury

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Conference Bogs Down

By FLORA LEWIS

LONDON—(AP)—Foreign Ministers of the Big Five canceled at the last minute today their scheduled morning meeting. Simultaneously a British official expressed deep concern over the disclosure of a Russian trade pact which, in the British view, would give Moscow control over half Hungary's economy.

A tense, unhappy atmosphere prevailed at the conference. After eleven days of deliberation, the representatives of Russia, the United States, Britain, France and China still have not decided on a single big issue.

Today's meeting had been scheduled to take to take up the Hungarian peace treaty. No official explanation was given for the cancellation. It appeared the Ministers would not meet until Monday.

AMERICANS DISAPPROVE

Americans at the Council meeting apparently shared Britain's interest in the Hungarian trade trade treaty. Official British sources declared the pact was considered another step in what appears to be a Soviet campaign to hold a tight rein over the economic as well as the political life of all Eastern Europe.

The agreement, which has been initialed and awaits Budapest's ratification, is said to propose founding Soviet-Hungarian combines for the development of steel, oil and other industries. Also said to be included are shipping on the Danube and Tisza Rivers, airlines, trucks and motor traffic and a joint bank to finance mutual trade.

The British are consulting Washington on the development.

No Russian comment was available.

Earlier, a reliable source said that Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyachlesav M. Molotov had protested that the council's communiques had been too detailed and that too much information had leaked out of closed sessions.

Hirohito Hangs On

GOP Is Aroused

May Quiz Dewey About War Secret

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Republicans demanded today that Congress invite Thomas E. Dewey to tell whether he has reason to believe the High Command was aware of Japan's war intentions hours before Pearl Harbor.

They also asserted that a joint Senate-House committee investigating the disaster must take a look at a letter Gen. George C. Marshall wrote the New York Governor while Dewey was running for President last year.

Dewey has confirmed receiving the letter, but referred reporters to the Chief of Staff for its contents. Last night the War Department said Marshall was not available for comment.

A Life Magazine story says the letter asked Dewey to keep the secret that the United States had broken a Japanese code, because the Japanese still were using it.

The story goes on to say that before the letter was written, Dewey had learned the U. S. had solved the Japanese "ultra" code. It adds that as a result President Roosevelt and the High Command knew fifteen hours before Pearl Harbor that the Japanese would break with the U. S., but did not know the exact place where the military attack would come.

(Newsmen who traveled with Dewey recalled that during the campaign the candidate told some of them he had information on the Pearl Harbor disaster but was keeping it locked up in a bank vault in New York. He said he believed disclosure of the information might adversely affect the war effort.)

WOULD CALL DEWEY

Senator Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire, told a reporter that the Joint Committee ought to study the Marshall letter. Senator Ferguson, Republican of Michigan, a committee member, said Dewey should be called before the group.

"Now that the war is over," Bridges declared, "there no long-

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Hartford Tax Credit Voted

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee voted 14 to 10 today that John Hartford, grocery chain president, should be allowed a $196,000 bad debt tax deduction he claimed on a $200,000 loan to Elliott Roosevelt.

With Democrats overriding Republican members, the committee by the same vote decreed that the entire evidence in the investigation of the financial affairs of the late President's son be open to the public.

The voluminous record, accumulated in closed door sessions, will be opened for newspapermen Monday when it is transmitted to the House. Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, told reporters.

Doughton said "this winds up the Hartford case," but indicated the committee at some future date will look into Roosevelt's own tax liability, after study of loans the second son of the late President obtained during 1938 in developing the Texas radio network.

Mecklenburg Casualties

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Konoye Puts Damper On Rumors That Emperor Will Abdicate

By RUSSELL BRINES

TOKYO—(AP)—A member of the Japanese royal family, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, asserted today there was "absolutely nothing" to a report that Emperor Hirohito would abdicate the throne.

A Washington dispatch said some diplomatic authorities there believed the Emperor would soon quit his exalted position in favor of his young son, Akihito.

Prince Konoye, former Premier of Japan and a minister without portfolio in the surrender Cabinet, told a small group of correspondents that the abdication of Hirohito would "be disastrous for Japan."

Now Vice Premier of Japan, Konoye said abdication of the Emperor is impossible under the constitution at present. A session of the Diet would be required to amend the constitution to provide for any abdication. Konoye said he had heard nothing of any movement in that direction.

The emperor could step down from the throne because of illness, the Vice-Premier said, in which case the constitution provides for appointment of a regent to take his place. The Regent would serve until the emperor's death, then the crown prince would inherit the throne.

Konoye said this procedure was followed in the final illness of Hirohito's father in 1924.

The prince acknowledged that such a program could be followed at present if Hirohito intended to retire.

EMPEROR SYMBOL

Konoye said in his opinion abdication of the Emperor would be "disastrous" because the Emperor is the major factor holding the country together.

Without the Emperor as a symbol, he said, rival factions likely would disrupt public life.

The vice-premier said the Cabinet was proceeding with plans for a new election in January on the basis of existing Japanese election laws, because it had not yet received any other directive from MacArthur. There is little prospect that woman suffrage would be achieved by then, he added, terminating it not impossible but impractical.

Inquiry Into All Dealings During War Is Ordered

Nip Naval Police Force To Disband

TOKYO — (AP) — General MacArthur today demanded an accounting of all Japanese financial dealings from Pearl Harbor day to the present, including those of the Imperial household whose chief tenant, the Emperor, reportedly has no intention of abdicating.

A member of the royal family, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, said there was "absolutely nothing" to Washington hints that Hirohito would quit the throne.

DOIHARA WORKS

Lt. Gen. Kenji Doihara, Japan's top military field commander, meanwhile went to work as usual at the Japanese War Ministry despite an order for his "immediate arrest," issued by MacArthur yesterday but not immediately transmitted to either American or Japanese arresting officers.

Two additional directives were passed on today to the Nipponese government, burdened with a heavy day of order-taking. One called for the arrest of Nobusuke Aiko, former governor-general of Korea, and the other demanded complete demobilization of the Japanese imperial police boys behind their ears.

In addition to a report on the books of the Emperor and the government, MacArthur asked for the amount of money held by banks, insurance firms and all other financial institutions, lists of directors and top executives of all firms dealing in big money, and lists of all their heavy investors.

The scientific section of the Allied staff needs the financial reports, headquarters officers said, to block, if necessary, use of Japanese money in a manner inimical to the objectives of the occupation.

TRADE NEEDED.

Chikuhei Nakajima, Minister of Commerce and Industry in the Japanese Cabinet, declared in an interview that his nation must restablish trade with the United States before even the bare essentials of life for its economy can be produced.

MacArthur's instructions on the demobilization of the naval police superseded a Japanese plan to keep 11,279 of the police on duty at the end of October until all arms are collected.

Naval police stores of arms and

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Great Secret

Hirohito's Fortune Will Be Revealed

By RUSSELL BRINES

TOYKO—(AP) — The extent of Emperor Hirohito's fabulous fortune, one of Japan's great state secrets, will be revealed to the world the first time under an order issued today by General MacArthur demanding a complete report on Japan's public and private financial dealings.

Only a few men actually know the size of the Imperial fortune which is commonly supposed to be the largest of any family in the world. A four-story concrete building some 200 yards near the Imperial Palace houses the offices and a sizable staff charged with the job of keeping the Imperial accounts. The building escaped bomb damage.

The Imperial household owns stock in every Japanese enterprise. Every corporation upon organization customarily sets aside a block of stock for the Emperor. This stock may be as much as 30 or 40 per cent of the whole, particularly in case of government-subsidized industry.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Sunday. Not quite warm in the central portion today.

Temperature at 3:30 Today 85
High and Low Last 24 Hours 86 and 66
Sunset Today 6:11
Sunrise Tomorrow 6:12