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Picture Of Throbbing Manila In Peacetime

By HAL BOYLE
MANILA.—(P)—Manila is the biggest boom town in the Orient. It is a combination of Los Angeles, Ariz., and a Missouri town. There is so much traffic—still in pre-war days—that the Army vehicles— that it takes three to four weeks to get through the city. The natives say it never rains here at this season a week goes by without some intersections to break up the jams.

Crews are steadily at work on road repairs but Manila streets are tougher than Tokyo's. When shell craters fill up with water it has a tendency to leak the flow through them. The natives say it never rains here at this season a week goes by without some intersections to break up the jams.

Little has been done yet to repair Manila's pock-marked face. Ruins sag under climbing vegetation and heart-breaking reminders of a frontier soldier's town are springing up everywhere. They serve an urgent temporary need but if allowed to remain on a permanent basis it may take the Philippine capital decades to get its old-time beauty back. You can still see traces of its former charm among the buildings and public buildings blasted into all but shapless chunks of concrete and rusted iron.

Free all the chattering destruction-wrought here, however, there is more life and feeling of activity in any city in the Far East with the possible exception of Shanghai. Much of this bustling life is based on the dollars of free-spending American soldiers and sailors. Half of Manila seems to be earning its living from the military orientated and there remains the question of what will happen when the rest of the troops move out and home.

Manila's two main streets—the Escolta and the Avenida—have gone completely haywire in the kind of commercial chop they take. Funds are being raised for galleries and blaring night clubs shrouding the space. There is a snarl here in the American hardware building and a variety show in the stage, former Philippine House of Commerce building. The Escolta once was Manila's Fifth Avenue. Now it is an alcoholic racket dangle complete with bar girls, dancing girls and one or two shot walks. But the streets are crowded with shoppers and people who are happy and helpful in this brave new world of peace.

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Stocks of badly needed clothing are becoming to arrive but many children still lack shoes. Mrs. Lady Godiva and with beaded hair. One small shoeshine boy who was seen on the street yesterday. Change wears a shirt made from a cloth bag. When he bends down to pick up a shoe, his still high priced and booming big shoes are noticeably stenciled on his back. "Overseas Ham."

German Target
RAF Will Practice On Heligoland

LONDON.—(P)—The Air Ministry said today that RAF night bombers would use the former German base on Heligoland as a practice target.

The Hamburg radio said the exercise would begin Jan. 12. "For the present, only 500-pound bombs will be used," said Lancaster to develop "bombing technique," the Air Ministry said. Bombers will be used to practice practice bomb "make quite a sizable hole" in a vessel, the Ministry said. Bombers were that ten-ton bombs would be used later.

WEATHER
Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms today, tonight and Tuesday; becoming cooler.

Union Chief In Appeal To Officials To Act In 'Public Interest'

NEW YORK.—(AP)—The union leader of 17,000 striking Western Electric Co. workers today telegraphed an appeal to President Truman and Secretary of Labor Lewis G. Schwellenbach to intervene in the five-day-old walkout "in the public interest."

In identical telegrams, Frank J. Fitzsimmons, president of the Western Electric Employees Association (W.E.A.), reiterated that the strike "threatens to blow up into a nation-wide disruption of telephone service." He added:

"The arbitrary stand of management in refusing to resume negotiations without a pre-conceived and pre-determined position in respect to the basis for the settlement of this strike makes it impossible to terminate the strike."

The union head said the union would continue negotiations during the strike if the company would bargain "in a reasonable mind."

The telegrams were the second sent to the President and Schwellenbach. On Dec. 29 the union asked the Chief Executive to order the National Federation of Independent Business to prevent the strike. Last night Fitzsimmons wired a request to Schwellenbach to order the company "if it will set the men back to work."

He merely said Fitzsimmons "if it is merely a means of lengthening the strike we want to know that."

PHONE TROUBLE
Possibility of the telephone line being hung up on the results of a poll among some 263,000 Bell System employees who are members of the independent National Federation of Telephone Workers, headed by Joseph E. Rouse.

The Western Electric union is affiliated with the Federation, as are 47 other independent telephone and telegraph unions.

Beine asked the Federation members to authorize a strike. He said he was confident they would. He predicted 500,000 members of the Federation would respect picket lines, thus spreading the national telephone network.

N. V. Mayor Steps Into Western Union Dispute
NEW YORK.—(P)—Mayor William O'Dwyer has stepped into the Western Union labor dispute today in an effort to avert a strike in the company's New York office, set to begin at 11 A. M. today.

Stipulations in a labor case this week ago, the mayor conferred for about three hours yesterday and today with representatives of the company and the CIO American Committee for Democracy and Civil Liberties, which backed the walkout.

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I WANT MY MOMMY! — Tragedy of Divorce Portrayed by Dramatic Courtroom Scenes of Little Girl's Poignant Grief at Separation From Mother



Six-year-old Margaret Miller doesn't know about divorce, but she does know that she loves her mother. So when her father, Thomas left, leaving her against her will, she clings to the child in the five-day-old walkout "in the public interest."



... Margaret over to Deputy Sheriff Newton Merers to be taken away. The little girl makes a final mute appeal, as with set face, she stretches out her arm towards her mother. Father charged Mrs. Miller with deserting him and Margaret.

Ransom Of \$20,000 Is Demanded In Abduction

CHICAGO.—(AP)—Golden-haired Suzanne Degnan, 6, was kidnaped for \$20,000 ransom today and her father, a \$7,500 a year Government employee appealed by radio for her safe return, promising "I'll give you the money."

J. Edgar Hoover, Chicago OPA executive, made the special appeal within a few hours after the Chicago News Bureau reported the kidnaping and telephoned the family to repeat the ransom demand made in a note left near Suzanne's bed early today.

"If you have any sympathy or understanding in your heart, you will return the child to the family," Degnan said in a local broadcast over WMAQ.

"Please let me know what I can do, how I can contact you. I'll give you the money. I'll do anything to get my child back. If you harm her, God will repay you. Please, please do no harm to her."

Suzanne, blue-eyed and possessing a face a former neighbor described as "the most cheerful little face I know," was abducted apparently by someone misled by the size of the Degnan home into believing her a child of wealth.

SHARE HOME
The Degnans share a North Side residence at 5943 Kenmore Ave. with an attorney and his wife and three daughters and son-in-law.

Suzanne was missed from her bed at 7:30 A. M. when her father went to call her for school. The City News Bureau said the kidnaper telephoned at 10 A. M. to reiterate the ransom demand to Degnan, who earlier had told newsmen:

"I have no money and I know of no reason why I should be a suspect for a kidnaping for ransom."

The News Bureau said the telephone call was made by a man who identified the call to a number in the Rogers Park district. The section in which the Degnans live is known as the "Judy" section and is the Rogers Park district on the south.

RANSOM NOTE
A ransom note found in the girl's room stated the family is not to notify the police or the newspapers or the child would be harmed.

Oil Firms Balk At Negotiations

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Fourteen oil companies served notice on Government fact-finders today that they preferred direct negotiations with the CIO-OW Workers Union over wage demands to continuation of fact-finding.

Only two companies, appeared as participants when the fact-finding panel convened after a 16-day respite. However, Q. A. Kinzicki, union president, declared in a statement that the direct negotiations over the 20 per cent wage increase demand were being hampered by company introduction of "extraneous issues."

Fourteen other companies telegraphed the panel that they were continuing negotiations with the union and, in general, saw no need for coming to Washington.

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Tornado Hits Mississippi

GREENWOOD, Miss.—(P)—Mrs. Ernest Shute and her nine-year-old daughter were killed last night in a tornado that struck the small Coala Community in Carroll County, about 15 miles east of Greenwood.

Four other children of the Shute family and their father were critically injured. All were brought to the hospital at Greenwood for treatment.

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Marshall And Chinese Talk

CHUNGKING.—(P)—Gen. George C. Marshall, United States Government and Communist peace negotiators and at the end of the first historic session declared that they have made progress.

Gen. Chennault Plans To Make China Survey

SHANGHAI.—(P)—Major Gen. Chennault, U. S. Army Air Corps, Tiger fame told newsmen here today he was prepared to make a survey of the country's air facilities and possibilities in China, but had no plans to enter business here himself.

Great Strike Of 800,000 Steel Workers Set Week From Today

PITTSBURGH.—(P)—The great steel strike of 1946 will begin a week from today—unless something occurs to prevent this record-breaking walkout of 800,000 workers.

On the question of whether higher steel prices should be allowed, there is no clash between the union and the companies. The union, taking a position, says: "Prices are a matter between the companies and the OPA."

Nature In Action

Pacific, indeed, are the ways of Mother Nature. Despite the great advances in science many of her ways remain an enigma to the learned.

Jan. 11 Deadline Approached

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Atomic Energy Group Named

WASHINGTON.—(P)—Secretary of State Byrnes today announced the appointment of a five-member committee to study controls and safeguards needed to protect United States atomic energy knowledge.