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China Appeals To U. N. For Action Against Reds

STEEL UNION AGAIN DELAYS STRIKE CALL

Nationalists Say Moscow Aiding Foes

Spokesman Hits At Communism

By MAX HABERSON

NEW YORK — (AP) — China called on the United Nations Assembly today to act quickly to prevent Communism from engulfing China and the entire Far East. For the first time, China also charged that Russia was directing the Chinese Communists.

China's chief delegate, Dr. T. F. Tsiang, told the 58-national delegations that the North Atlantic pact had halted the flow of Communism across Europe, but there was no such barrier in the East.

"The Chinese Communist Party," he said, "is an integral part of the International Communist movement. It is as fanatical as Communists elsewhere. Its propaganda is always in tune with Moscow propaganda. Its action is always in step with Moscow's action."

Tsiang spoke less than 24 hours after the Chinese Communists proclaimed at Peiping the establishment of a Communist peoples republic of China.

Tsiang devoted almost his entire speech to an attack on Communism. Then he made his appeal for help.

"I ask the General Assembly," he said, "to ponder over the present situation in the Far East and the grave dangers to world peace and security.

"I appeal to the General Assembly to be brave enough to embrace the vision of one indivisible world and not to retreat to the false illusory security of half the world."

Tsiang did not say whether his speech would be followed by formal charges against Russia, but this was the impression left by his declaration.

He asserted the Soviet Union already had obtained more in Manchuria than Czarist Russia ever tried to seize. He added:

"In addition, the Soviet Union, through the Chinese Communist Party, has an instrument and a lever with which to undermine the independence and integrity of China and the peace of the Far East.

"Hard experience," Tsiang said, "has taught us that the change from Czarist imperialism to Soviet imperialism is entirely on the surface and that, at bottom, the two brands of imperialism are really the same stuff.

"During the past two years while the dike from the Persian Gulf to Scandinavia was built against the flood of Communism, the Far East has been inundated."

This was a reference to the Atlantic pact and the Marshall Plan. These two moves, Tsiang said, had strengthened the forces of freedom in one part of the world but unintentionally they increased the dangers to the people living in the other part of the world."

"Building the dike on one bank of the river has forced the waters to overflow the lands on the other bank," he said.

Tsiang told the Assembly Communist China had announced it would be Russia's ally in the event of a Third World War.

Two Tropical Storms Lose Much Of Force

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Two widely separated tropical storms lost much of their power today but were under close watch by the Weather Bureau.

Both disturbances, one in the Caribbean and the other in the Gulf of Mexico, apparently have flattened out into strong squall waves. The Caribbean storm thrashed itself out against the high mountains of the dominican Republic.

In the Gulf, the disturbed area roughly 160 miles south-southeast of Galveston tapered off to 35 miles an hour sustained velocity with squalls probably reaching 50 miles an hour.

Hurricane warnings along the Texas coast were lowered, and instead northeast storm warnings were hoisted from Port O'Connor to Brownsville.

Forty-mile squalls blew over Galveston. The Air Force evacuated 300 men from Matagorda Island and some island residents and tourists went to the mainland. Red Cross personnel was alerted.

The Gulf storm never reached hurricane force, but hurricane warnings went up yesterday because the disturbance showed a minor center with rain so heavy that it drowned out two engines of a navy hurricane hunter's four-engined plane. Further development would have put a dangerous storm very near land, and warnings were displayed as an advisable precaution, forecasters explained.

Small craft on the Louisiana and Texas coasts were advised to remain in port. High tides were expected along the Louisiana coast.

The Caribbean storm reached hurricane velocity as it swirled toward Hispanola, the island shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic. But the mountains of Hispanola apparently broke up its circulation and the storm degenerated into a squall wave, partly in the Caribbean and a portion in the Atlantic north of Noma Passage.

SURVIVES FALL

Three-year-old Bruce Jacobson (above) toppled off a chair, fell through a third floor window, bounced off an electric wire and hit the ground 35 feet below. He wasn't hurt except for a few slight bruises. All of this took place in Kansas City, his home. (AP Wirephoto).

Steel Talks Outcome Awaited

Hopes Dim For Early Coal Peace

By HAROLD W. WARD

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. — (AP) — Chances for an early settlement of the coal strike faded today even though Southern mine owners hinted they were getting ready to make up the back payments to the United Mine Workers welfare fund.

The 480,000 UMW members walked off their jobs last Monday after trustees of the welfare fund voted to halt benefit payments. The fund was threatened with a deficit even before some Southern operators began withholding royalty payments on the grounds their contract with the union expired in June.

Northern and Western coal operators meeting here with John L. Lewis spurned for time, watching developments in the steel dispute. Union sources said the mine owners virtually announced they would do no business until there was more clarification of the steel controversy.

The steel industry is opposing the type of pension proposed by a Presidential fact-finding board financed by employers alone. The future of Lewis' pension system built on employer royalties currently at 20 cents a ton may rest on the ultimate settlement in steel.

Neither Lewis nor the operators would discuss details of their negotiations here yesterday beyond the union declaration that the operators were trying to delay the talks.

The Lewis camp gave some signs that the mine leader would use that as the basis for a blast at the operators before a week-end recess.

A prominent West Virginia operator beat the UMW leader to the punch. President D. W. Martin of the Kanawha Coal Operators Association declared that Lewis, "seemingly afraid of public sentiment," had dodged responsibility for calling the strike.

Martin contended the miners were financially unprepared for the walkout. He predicted that "before the first week of the strike ends, garnishment of earned wages by the miners will be floating through the mining districts thicker than flying sparrows."

At Bluefield, W. Va., where Southern Coal Producers Association members are negotiating with a union team, the issue of paying the 20-cent royalty was at the top of the agenda.

Three major Southern operators withheld the payments since the contract expired June 30 and Lewis blasted them for causing him to suspend pensions and distress allotments from the welfare fund.

The miners' negotiators served notice they would not talk business with the Southern group until the three companies got into line. A move to bring these companies up to date was under way and both sides appeared confident that the payments would be made.

The strike covered all operations, however, including the North, West, coal companies, anthracite, and many in the South who opposed the stand of their colleagues. All protested to Lewis, but to no avail.

John L. Nabbed On Traffic Count

HARRISONBURG, Va. — The argument Miner Boss John L. Lewis faces in Rockingham County Trial Justice Court next month has nothing to do with coal.

Lewis was driving alone near here yesterday, en route to conferences with Northern and Western coal operators at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., when he was nabbed by police.

He was charged with speeding well above the legal 50 mile per hour limit and with passing another car in an illegal zone.

Lewis signed a summons to appear in trial justice court at 2 P. M. on Oct. 4. But that didn't mean he necessarily would have to appear in person. With the consent of the court he may be represented by council.

The United Mine Workers chief lives in Alexandria, Va.

Request Of President Is Heeded

Ask U. S. Steel To Resume Talks

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — The United Steelworkers today put off for another week their nationwide steel strike set for Saturday midnight and asked the giant United States Steel Corp. to resume contract talks tomorrow morning.

The union's policy committee joined industry in agreeing to accept President Truman's request for (1) extension of the strike truce until 12:01 A. M., Saturday, Oct. 1 and (2) quick resumption of bargaining.

Within an hour, the steelworkers proposed to renew contract talks with "Big Steel" at 9:30 (EST), tomorrow in Pittsburgh. No immediate answer was available.

Murray had refused to go back to the conference table until industry accepted the peace formula of Mr. Truman's fact finders.

The action came as widest walkouts shut down two Pittsburgh steel plants and idled 2,400 workers. Pickets carried signs demanding "strike—no more extension," and "strike—free pensions."

Murray and the industry deadlocked on acceptance of a Presidential board's peace recommendations that the steelworkers get company financed insurance and pensions. The union accepted. Industry objected to footing the bill and refused to accept the fact finders' report without bargaining. They've been feuding since.

Mr. Truman intervened to stave off the week-end strike. In addition to truce extension, he called for direct bargaining and early settlement.

Murray announced the union wage policy committee approval of the extension. He said:

"The only thing I have to add is that we are contracting the vaporous companies and hope to meet with the (U. S. Steel) Corp. tomorrow."

The action was taken in a resolution unanimously adopted by the committee. The resolution stated:

"The public interest requires and the American people have a right to expect an early settlement on the part of the steel companies on the basis of the board recommendation."

The two and one-half hour session of the wage policy committee broke up with the 170 members standing on their feet to cheer Murray.

In other labor developments:

1. Agreement seemed near in Detroit negotiations between the Ford Motor Co. and the CIO, United Auto Workers. They are working on the pension, company-financed pensions. The 118,000 union members have set a Sept. 29 strike deadline. Agreement on a Ford pension-welfare package might affect the steel dispute. Ford is expected to attempt to settle in line with Mr. Truman's fact-finding board's suggestion for industry-paid pensions for steel workers.

2. In Washington, House leaders appeared to have written off chances of getting any new labor law through Congress this year or in 1950. The chairman of the House Labor Committee said his group will take no further action now or next year on Taft-Hartley law repeal, "unless the attitude of the House changes."

3. In Cleveland, the CIO United Electrical Workers announced its feud with the CIO over policy matters. UEW convention delegates Wednesday criticized CIO leadership and ordered withholding of UEW tax payments to the CIO. Then they re-elected left-wing UEW leaders.

4. In Toronto, the CIO United Rubber Workers reinstated L. S. Buckmaster as president. He had been ousted as union president. He is a right-wing faction leader in the 160,000-member union. Last May he was ousted on charges of malfeasance in office.

5. In Cincinnati, 79 AFL stereotypers went on strike for more pay from Cincinnati's three newspapers. The papers continued publication.

WNC Methodists Hear Dr. Holmes

WINSTON - SALEM —(AP)— An Australian-born Methodist layman of Western North Carolina members of his denomination today that they face their "greatest hour."

The man "from down under" was Dr. Harry N. Holmes, now lay leader of the New York East Conference and principal speaker in the opening general session of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference at Centenary Church.

"Nations have always found their greatest hour as they have met the challenge of the moment," Dr. Holmes said.

He pointed to the hour when "Wesley took a fire which gave guidance to the world and to the great hours of religion — Martin Luther's Reformation of the ecclesiastical tyranny of his day and the circuit riders of Bishop Asbury and the Methodist "Crusade for Christ."

"I believe today," he said, "that the moral and spiritual condition of the United States is such that this great Protestant church of ours must rise to its greatest hour of witness and service. It can only become our greatest hour as we give response to the challenge being made by atheistic paganism."

"To make this our greatest hour," he continued, "every minister and layman in America has to declare with fervor and enthusiasm the greatness of God and our responsibility Him. We have got to realize with passionate conviction that a world without God is destined to be a Godless world . . . the most precious secret which we have to bear is that man can find no happiness, no security unless he marches not to the City of Man but toward the City of God."

EVANS REPORT

Dr. Holmes' address followed a report of the Conference Board of Lay Activities presented by Paul E. Evans of Lexington, Conference lay leader. The Board recommended 100 per cent participation in world service and mission special offerings, training and using lay representatives for church services, support for the institutions of the Conference, support of the four-year program, "Advance for Christ and His Church," the organization of more Methodist men's clubs and a wider observance of Laymen's Day on Feb. 19, 1950.

Board leaders were re - elected unanimously. In addition to Evans, they are Dr. L. L. Gobbel of Greensboro College, vice chairman, and Thomas C. Hoyle of Greensboro, secretary.

Highway Patrol Will Check Cars

RALEIGH —(AP)— Col. C. R. Tolar, highway patrol commander, issued a warning to motorists today: Get your automobile repaired.

Tolar revealed that next Wednesday and Thursday his patrol would set up road blocks throughout the state to stop cars and check on equipment.

In the checks, Tolar added, particular stress will be laid on defective lights, and cars with faulty lights will not be allowed to proceed until the lights are repaired.

He said that the road blocks would be situated near filling stations or repair shops where the drivers can get their lights fixed. He added, however, that drivers would not be required to have lights fixed at these stations but could obtain wreckers to have their cars towed to repair shops of their choice.

In cases of mechanical defects, Tolar said, drivers will be issued equipment cards and will have to have cars repaired within 48 hours and the cards returned to the officers who issued them.

A similar check will be made on Wednesday and Thursday nights of the following weeks, Tolar added.

Sam Wood, Movie Director, Dies

HOLLYWOOD—(AP)—Sam Wood, 66, one of the movies' best-known directors, died today of a heart attack.

His death was the third among movie notables in less than a week. Comedian Frank Morgan and Actor Richard Dix were the others. Wood directed Morgan recently in "The Stratton Story."

Wood's studio disclosed that he lived less than two hours after an early-morning heart attack. He succumbed in a hospital.

Wood, a native of Philadelphia, spanned the era from silent pictures into sound. In the old days, he megaphoned such notables as the late Wallace Reid, Jackie Coogan and Gloria Swanson. In recent years, probably his most notable achievement was directing "For Whom The Bell Tolls."

News, Ad Monopoly Effort Charged

Suit Filed Against Ohio Paper

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Government today filed a civil action charging the Lorain (Ohio) Journal Co. and four of its officers with conspiracy to monopolize the spread of news, advertising and other information.

Attorney General McGrath announced the suit was filed in Federal District Court at Cleveland. He said it is the first case in which a newspaper has been charged with conspiracy to injure a competing radio station.

The suit names as defendants, in addition to the company, these officers:

Samuel A. Horvits of Cleveland, vice-president, secretary and director of the Lorain Journal Co.

Isadore Norvitz of Cleveland, president, treasurer and director of the company.

Frank Malloy of Lorain, business manager of The Journal.

Frank Malloy of Lorain, editor of The Journal.

A Justice Department statement said the company and its officers are charged with undertaking "to acquire ownership of their competitors and refusing to publish in The Journal advertisements of business houses who advertise over radio stations in Lorain and Elyria, Ohio, or who advertised in the Lorain Sunday News, a newspaper published every Sunday.

They are accused also, the department said, of inducing publishers of The Elyria Chronicle-Telegram not to circulate their newspapers in Lorain.

The two cities are adjacent.

The suit contends the activities alleged in the complaint force businessmen to refrain from advertising over the radio stations and in the Sunday newspaper and "irreparably injure the Lorain Journal's competitors."

The department said many affidavits from businessmen, Elyria and Lorain businessmen concerning their experiences with the journal were filed with the complaint.

The Government asks a preliminary injunction to require the Lorain Journal Co. to publish at the current rates all advertisements submitted by persons who also advertise over the local radio stations or in the Lorain Sunday newspaper unless the publication of such advertisements would violate the law.

In a statement, McGrath said:

"This is the first Sherman (anti-trust) Act case filed by the Government against a newspaper charging it with conspiring to injure a competing radio station.

"As the Supreme Court pointed out in the Associated Press case, freedom to keep others from publishing news is not guaranteed by the Constitution. Indeed, the Constitutional guaranty of freedom of the press goes hand in hand with the application of the Sherman Act to situations where businessmen are combining to prevent competitors from publishing."

Herbert A. Bergson, assistant attorney general in charge of the anti-trust division, said in a statement that "since advertising plays an important role in our free enterprise system, it is vital that advertising channels not be closed by private combinations."

In Mansfield, Samuel A. Horvits said he preferred not to make a statement until he had studied the suit. He said he had not been informed of the action until shortly after noon today.

Union Pressure Stopped Probe, Congressman Says

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rep. Jacobs (D-Ind) said today a House Labor Committee investigation of trade union practices was called off because of "heavy pressure" by the International Pressmens Union on Chairman Lesinski (D-Mich).

Lesinski, informed of what Jacobs had told reporters, said: Bunk Pure bunk."

Lesinski added: "I don't know anything about any pressure on union. There is no fight as far as Andy Jacobs and I are concerned."

Jacobs was chairman of an investigating subcommittee. Lesinski, as chairman of the full committee, abolished it and other subcommittees last month.

One subject of the subcommittee's inquiry into union democracy was the tangled financial affairs of the late George Berry, president of the AFL Pressmens Union.

"Heat was put on by the Pressmen's Union to dissolve the subcommittee, and Lesinski couldn't stand the heat," Jacobs told a reporter.

Lesinski said yesterday it was necessary to end the activities of Jacobs' subcommittee because a request for an additional $42,000 appropriation was unfavorably received by the House Administration Committee.

To this, Jacobs retorted:

"He (Lesinski) is practicing rank deception when he says that. The House Administration Committee did not vote on the resolution for $42,000, although only one expressed himself against it to me."

Jacobs said he will ask the House to appoint a select committee, independent of the labor committee, to carry on the inquiry his subcommittee had started.

There are a number of things demanding Congressional study, Jacobs said. He named one as the question of democracy in the maritime unions, and another as the question of Communist control of one or more of the big unions.

Jacobs said the law that his subcommittee was going to be abolished was known to George Googe, vice-president of the Pressmens' Union, on July 28. That was six days before Lesinski's letter went out Aug. 31 announcing the action to subcommittee members.

Googe was a witness before Jacobs' subcommittee. Jacobs said Googe had "admitted that he was responsible for transferring nearly $27,000 from the union treasury to pay Berry's income taxes."

Jacobs went on to contend that as a result of Lesinski's action there is now "no effective Labor Committee and there is no leader except a leader without judgment."

'Child Of The Gods' Back From Exile In France

Oil Speculator Returns To U. S. To Face Trial

By FRANK PITMAN

DENVER — (AP) — This mountain city's fabulous "Child of the Gods" —65-year-old Henry M. Blackmer— is expected home Sunday. After 25 years of luxurious self-imposed exile in Europe, he returns to face six Federal charges of income tax evasion.

The multi-millionaire oil tycoon passed into Boston yesterday on a trans-Atlantic airliner. After clearing customs, he was whisked away in an automobile. Denver friends said he would fly to Chicago and board a train for Denver, arriving Sunday. He is accompanied by his second wife, Elde Rotness, Norwegian soprano.

His sudden return kindled the memories of the Harding Administration's Teapot Dome scandal. Three of Blackmer's oil associates, Edward L. Doheny and Harry Sinclair, were involved.

Blackmer slipped away to Europe in 1924 rather than testify at a Congressional inquiry into the Continental Trading Co. He was a director. It was disclosed in a Cheyenne, Wyo., court that the company made $2,000,000 through a paper transaction by purchasing oil from the company and selling it to another. The profits were used to purchase liberty bonds. Government detectives said some of the bonds were traced to Albert Fall, secretary of the interior in the Harding Administration.

Fall was convicted of accepting a bribe of $100,000 from Doheny in the leasing of the Elk Hills naval oil reserve, part of the Teapot Dome field. He was sentenced Nov. 1, 1929, to a year in prison and fined $100,000.

In the same court and before the same judge, Doheny was acquitted of charges that he gave Fall the bribe. Doheny died in 1935.

Sinclair, who had been accused of passing along more than $200,000 in Liberty Bonds to Fall in exchange for a lease on Government oil fields, was exonerated. Later, however, he served seven months in Washington District Jail for contempt of the Senate in refusing to answer questions at a hearing in 1929.

Sinclair, now 78, is president of the Sinclair Oil Corp., with offices in New York.

Before his exile, Blackmer became known as the "Child of the Gods" for his incredible financial success. A former business associate in Denver once said: "Blackmer could make a million dollars on a desert island."

MAN WITHOUT COUNTRY

In 1927 he became a "man without a country." The U. S. Government revoked his passport after several futile attempts to extradite Blackmer from France. That restricted his travels to France. But during World War II he managed to reach Geneva, Switzerland, where he lived on an estate. He returned to Paris in 1947.

Denver knew Blackmer as a lavish spender, a financial wizard and an unobtrusive philanthropist. Born in Worcester, Mass., he followed his father in the study of law and moved to Colorado Springs in 1891. There he became district attorney.

But the role of small town lawyer didn't appeal to him. He moved to Denver, where his political and financial climb was rapid.

FORTUNE IN TEN YEARS

By 1900 he had amassed a fortune in mining and railroad ventures. He expanded his operations to petroleum and became vice-president of the Midwest Oil Co., which was developing the Salt Creek oil field in Wyoming.

Through shrewd operations, he succeeded in affiliating his firm with the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana. The company expanded rapidly and he was its president until he fled to France.

Blackmer's tax troubles mirror his vast wealth. In 1923, while in exile, he paid the Treasury Dept. $3,070,754 in income taxes allegedly unreported. That action settled a civil suit for back taxes in the years 1916 through 1923. Also in 1923, he paid $60,000 fines on two contempts of court charges for refusing to answer subpoenas.

Still on file against him are criminal charges of perjury and income tax evasion returned by a Federal Grand Jury in Denver in 1933. He is expected to appear in

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Attlee To Call Back Parliament

LONDON.—(AP)— Prime Minister Attlee's Cabinet agreed today to call Parliament back from its vacation next Tuesday to debate devaluation of the pound.

Meanwhile, speculation increased that devaluation may compel Attlee to call a general election soon. One well-informed Pro-Labor informant said the chance of an early election now seemed about 50-50.

Labor rank and file remained restless and fearful of higher living costs to come from devaluation.

But railway workers, bowing to union discipline, spurned a call for a paralyzing slow-down strike on London's subways Friday morning. They were instead were awaiting devaluation developments.

Texas Oil Blast Damage Uncertain

BORGER, Texas — (AP) — Officials of Phillips Petroleum Co. waited for a fire to burn itself out in a gasoline plant today before checking damage from a terrific explosion which injured six men.

The blast, which shook the area, occurred late yesterday afternoon. It was followed by fire in two catalytic units and two propane gas tanks.

The fire was brought under control by nightfall but no one will enter the plant until fire is out in the gas pipes. None of the injured was in a serious condition.

Tar Heel Is Killed

REHOBOTH, Mass. —(AP)— A Greyhound bus crashed into a parked road - oiling truck early today, killing one man and injuring five others — one critically.

Leo J. Monica, 26, of New Bern, N. C., died in Morton Hospital, Taunton, several hours after the Boston-bound bus from New York hammered into the left rear of the truck in early morning darkness and catomed across the road.

Daylight Time Will End Sunday

NEW YORK—(AP)—Daylight saving, the Summer dividend of an extra hour of evening recreation for some 100,000,000 Americans, ends this Sunday.

The official time for turning the clock an hour in nearly all "time" zones is 2 A. M. Sunday.

Daylight saving was observed in most of the Northeastern sector of the country this year and in several large cities of the Middle East.

It was almost unheard in the South, and in most states of the Middle West and Far West.

Typical American' Held In Drug Case

JUNCTION CITY, Kan.—(AP)—A Kansas board of health member was accused today of supplying narcotics smuggled into the Colorado State Penitentiary.

The board of health member is Dr. Hugh A. Hope. Federal agents arrested him yesterday at his drug store in Hunter, Kan.

The physician has been active in Kansas Republican circles for many years. He was a delegate to the GOP National Convention last year, and was featured on a radio network as a typical delegate.

T. J. Walker, agent in charge of the Kansas City narcotics office, said the arrest "cleans up a very important source of narcotics going to the underworld."

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIGENTHALER

As a fellow gets up in the world, he expects more adjectives added whatever his name is said . . . It sure must be crowded at times, behind that "S" hall.