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LABOR BOSS WARNS OF STEEL STRIKE

Non-Striking Steel Plants To Share Excess Profits?

NEW YORK (AP)—John F. Murray, Pittsburgh Steelworkers Union official, said today the union "is eventually going to win its demands even if we have to strike to do it."

Murray, director of the union's District 16, and a cousin of the union's late president Philip Murray, said the public and industry are underestimating the union's solidarity and determination to gain a sizeable wage boost, and other concessions.

David J. McDonald, Steelworkers Union president, and R. Conrad Cooper, chief negotiator for U.S. Steel Corp. and the industry, agreed to quit airing differences at joint meetings with reporters after they'd mixed it up a bit at such a session Wednesday.

Cooper confirmed reports that the industry is working on a plan to counter any union divide-and-conquer strike move.

He said that if the union should strike only one or a few industry producers, the others left operating might, under the plan, share any excess profits with the strike-bound firms.

Cooper also hinted steelmakers are considering shutting down in a common front if any one or few are struck. He said the industry is considering all eventualities while hoping to reach a peace pact with McDonald ahead of present contract expirations June 30.

McDONALD'S UNHAPPY

While both Cooper and McDonald reflected the surface cordiality that has marked their joint meetings with newsmen since negotiations opened Tuesday, the union president made it clear that he was unhappy with the industry's mutual aid strike plan. He accused the industry of provoking strike talk.

This led to an exchange between Cooper and McDonald, still cordial yet obviously pointed, as to which side has been responsible for past steel strikes.

Evidence of growing tension was also reflected in the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. and Kaiser Steel Co. negotiations with the union. Both hit snags and quit early on what McDonald later described as "procedural difficulties." Both bargaining sessions were due to resume today on a calmer note.

Iraq Releases Italian Plane

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)— Iraqi authorities today released an Italian airliner with 29 persons aboard after holding it for 27 hours. The plane took off for Beirut and Rome.

The Baghdad representative of the airline Alitalia, Joseph Thweny, said the plane did not have the required permission to fly over Iraq and landed here yesterday on radio instructions from the Baghdad airport's control tower.

He denied an earlier report that the four-engine airliner was forced down by Iraqi fighters.

The passengers included four Americans. They were identified by the airline only as Mr. and Mrs. Lachwal, en route to Beirut, and Mr. Laren and Mr. Harry, en route to Athens.

The plane was on a flight from Tehran to Beirut, Athens, Rome and London.

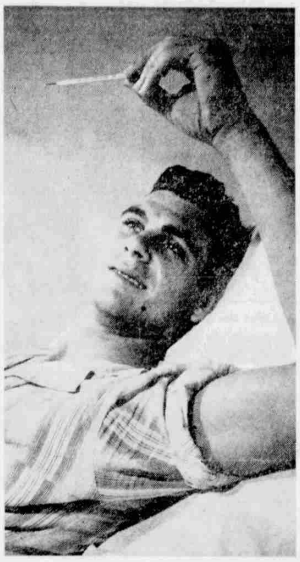
In announcing earlier that the plane had been forced down by Iraqi fighters, the airline's headquarters in Rome said the Iraqis charged the plane had violated Iraqi air space.

The airline said that while the plane was not scheduled to land in Iraq, Alitalia planes had permission to fly over Iraq along a certain corridor.

The pilot of the plane, Capt. Walter Galli of Rome, said he was under the impression it was permissible to fly over Iraq during daylight hours. During the last two months however, airlines have had to secure individual permission for each flight over Iraq.

Evening Prayer

Dear Saviour and Lord, Thou didst speak to the woman of Samaria and offer her living water. May men and women today feel that Thou art still the same in compassion and love. Lead them to seek and find Thee, who givest the water that springs up into everlasting life. In Thy name we pray. . . . Amen.



News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Hester

Jennings Checks His Own Temperature

Unhurt By Tractor

Run-Over Farmer Just Played Dead

BY JOHN KILGO
News Staff Writer

James Jennings, 21, is alive today because he knows how to relax.

"Something I learned in the Army," he says.

Yesterday Jennings was driving a heavy farm tractor on Moore's Chapel Rd. on his way to do some plowing.

He says he wanted to smoke and he had to stand up on the tractor to get to his matches.

"I stood up to get my matches," he says, "and that's about all I remember.

"But I do know that tractor left the road and threw me into a field."

Jennings was lying on the ground when he saw the tractor was going to run over him.

"I saw I couldn't get out of the way," he says, "so I just relaxed every bone in my body. They taught me that in the Army.

WHEEL HIT HIM

"The rear wheel of the tractor ran over my stomach and chest.

"At first I thought my back was broken but I didn't know what was wrong."

Jennings doesn't remember it but he got up and walked to the ambulance under his own power.

He was taken to the Memorial Hospital and X-rays were taken.

Strangely enough, no bones were broken.

He was just bruised a bit and cut slightly on one arm.

"The doctor told me I must be stron gas iron inside not to have any broken bones after that thing running over me," Jennings says.

JUST LUCKY

"I've got another answer for it, though. Luck. I was just lucky."

Today, Jennings is relaxing in his Memorial Hospital bed.

"They'll probably keep me her a couple of days," he says, "but I'm in a hurry to go home.

"I didn't sleep much last night. I wasn't hurting from the accident but those nurses worried me to death.

"They stuck my arm four times with a needle."

The Lighter Side

Heavy Hangs Right Above Their Heads

(From AP Reports)

Heads Falls and Idaho rated the news report today.

In Idaho Falls Ken Bridges walked under a ladder leaning against a jewelry store. The ladder collapsed and a doctor took 12 stitches to sew up the gash in Bridges' scalp.

"I'm a believer now," Bridges said later.

More Of Same

And in Twin Falls, same state, a class of city firemen and their wives gathered for a Red Cross refresher course in first aid.

As the class opened, a large light bulb dropped from a ceiling fixture and broke upon the head of Mrs. William Heinrich.

Instructor William Bergadine immediately administered first aid, lecturing the while on how to bandage a wounded head. Mrs. Heinrich then was taken to a doctor, who removed four pieces of glass from her scalp.

Our Weather

Generally fair and warmer this afternoon with widely scattered thundershowers, little change in temperature tonight. Friday fair and somewhat cooler.

Low this morning	66
Low tomorrow morning	60
High today	92
High yesterday	83
High tomorrow	79

Sunrise today 5:26 a.m.; sunset today 7:13 p.m.

More Weather Data on page 2A

Building Collapses; 20 Men Trapped

At Least One Killed In Accident

WESTBURY N. Y. (AP)—A large industrial building being erected by scores of workers collapsed with an ear-shattering roar shortly before 11 a. m. today. At least one man was killed, a number injured and an estimated 20 trapped in the wreckage.

Hundreds of rescue workers rushed to the scene and tore at the mounds of twisted steel girders and splintered planking with bare hands in an effort to free trapped laborers.

For a time shrieks and cries arose from the heap of rubble, lying on the floor of the one-story building.

Giant cranes also were sped to the site to hoist heavier segments and permit rescue teams to crawl underneath.

Ambulances roared away at frequent intervals with injured. Eight or more were known to be in hospitals.

The building was under construction at the Westbury Industrial Park about 30 miles east of New York City on Long Island. The steel framework had been erected and roofing and brick finishing work were under way. The structure, 200 feet long and 150 feet wide, was to house an electronics firm.

GIRDER COLLAPSED"

A steel girder in the roof was believed to have given way, causing the avalanche of steel and wood to cascade downward.

As many as 100 workmen were believed to have been on the job, some on the roof.

When the crash came with little or no warning, there was a wild scramble for life. Some escaped. One group of 15 men had left the building an instant before the collapse.

Al Long of Islip Terrance, at work on a nearby building, gave this description:

Al Long, of Islip Terrace, at "All I saw was men running out from under the thing as it fell. Some made it but most didn't. The entire roof just fell over."

Another witness, Verge Abbatello of Westbury, also standing nearby, said:

"I heard a tremendous roar and turned around. There was thick smoke rising up like a bomb. I heard a guy scream."

There was no fire, and Abbatillo mistook dust for smoke.

ROCKEFELLER GUEST

WASHINGTON—(AP)—New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller will be guest of honor June 11 at a lawn party of the Capitol Hill Club, a group made up mostly of conservative Republicans.

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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin's—Kelly)

More Than Spectators Paid For

Whoa, Nellie, whoa! Last night's opening of the rodeo in the coliseum brought more than the expected excitement. This cowboy fell under the hooves of an attendant's horse after losing his steer in the steer wrestling contest. The cowboy managed to scramble out from under the horse. He was uninjured.

Two Climbers Fall To Death

BRIDGEPORT, Calif. (AP)— Two mountain climbers fell to their death at 13,000 feet in the High Sierras, a rescue party radioed here today.

Frank Sanborn, leading the rescuers, said the bodies were located near a quicksilver mine 60 miles east of Bridgeport.

The bodies were identified as those of Burl Parkinson, 65, South Pasadena, Calif., and Francis Foley 53, Glendale, Calif. They had been missing since last Friday.

Undersheriff Jack Gardner of California's Mono County said the men apparently lost their footing fell into a crevice, and then froze to death.

The bodies were partially covered by two feet of fresh snow.

"We cannot return the bodies to Bridgeport before Friday," said Gardner. "It is extremely rugged country, and it will take trained mountain climbers 10 to 12 hours to reach the scene and lower the bodies to where a helicopter can land and take them out."

The abandoned truck of the two men was found on the Nevada side of the Sierra at the base of the 13,145-foot Boundary Peak.

Parkinson and Foley were said to be experienced climbers. They told friends they expected to climb the peak and return to their starting point, Bishop, last Sunday. When they failed to show up a search was started by ground parties and the Civil Air Patrol.

CONVOY ATTACKED

DAMASCUS, Syra—(AP)—A Damascus newspaper said today rebel tribesmen of North Iraq killed 30 Iraqi soldiers and wounded 80 yesterday in an attack on an Army convoy.

No Suspension Right?

NAACP Reaction Draws Challenge

MONROE (AP) — The president of the Union County branch of the National Assn. for Advancement of Colored People challenged today the right of the national leadership to suspend him from office for urging Negroes "to meet violence with violence."

Robert Williams who made the statement regarding violence after the acquittal here Tuesday of a white man charged with attempting rape on a Negro woman. The NAACP official was suspended from his office Wednesday.

Announcement of the suspension was made from New York by Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the NAACP.

Williams declared, however, that Wilkins "is talking through his hat. The members of our chapter voted me in as president and only they can vote me out. We have certain rights as a local chapter and I have not violated the NAACP's national constitution."

Williams earlier was quoted as saying, "If it's necessary to stop lynching with lynching, then we must be willing to resort to that method." He said he had had no adverse reaction here to his statement.

Further action on the suspension will be considered at the NAACP's board of directors meeting in New York Monday.

Wilkins' statement said: "The NAACP does not and has never in its history advocated the use of violence. We have fought against lynching from the first day of our organization 50 years ago, and we repudiate any pro-lynching statement by one of our officers, regardless of provocation."

MAN ACQUITTED

Williams' made his statement Tuesday after a white man was acquitted by a jury of a charge of assault with intent to rape a Negro woman. A Negro was on the jury which acquitted the man.

In the same court, a Negro was convicted of attempting to assault a white woman.

In Charlotte, Kelly Alexander State NAACP president, said Williams' statement "is strictly not in line with policy, procedure or philosophy of the NAACP."

Rule Debated

BOMBAY, India—Replying to glowing praise of women's ability during a debate in the City Council over whether city administration should be handed over to women, Amy B. H. J. Rustomjee declared:

"If men, in a chivalrous mood, hand over the city's administrative duties to women, only God could save it from ruin."

Pickets Go Black Tie For Video

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Striking members of the National Assn. of Broadcast Employees and Technicians picketed the Moulin Rouge in Hollywood for the TV Emmy awards—but observed niceties of dress.

Invitations to the show specified black tie.

Three of the pickets, carrying "unfair" placards, were dressed in tuxedos, complete with black homburgs and black ties.

There was no disturbance when members of the Academy crossed the picket lines, but one of the Emmy winners had to send his wife in to accept his award.

He was Bill Wallace, who won an Emmy for best live camera work on the "An Evening With Fred Astaire" show. Bud Yorkin, director of the show, said Wallace would not cross the picket line. He is a member of the union.

Fourteen striking technicians also paraded outside the Ziegfeld theater in New York, scene of the eastern phase of the ceremonies.

Part of the show originated from the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, and pickets also appeared there.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon entered the hotel before the pickets arrived. He appeared on the show as scheduled. House Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex) and Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont) decided against appearing on the program after learning it was being picketed.

The dispute began when Dave Garroway used a video tape, made in France and featuring actress Brigitte Bardot, which the union charged was made by non-union men. The union accuses NBC of a lockout.

PLOT REVEALED

LISBON, Portugal—(AP)—The Portuguese government today revealed a plot two months ago against dictator Antonio Salazar and said 22 civilians and 9 army officers had been arrested.

Gas Station Robbed Of $90

Two young Negro men armed with a pistol held up the Columbus Service station, 4026 N. Tryon St., at noon today.

County Patrolman Bill Lutrick said the bandits held the pistol in the back of station operator Eugene Pettus while they took about $90 in cash from his billfold.

The robbers then threw Pettus into a restroom and locked the door and made their getaway in a 1952 or 1953 black Oldsmobile.

Local police and State Highway Patrolmen were combing the county looking for the two men this afternoon.

Lutrick gave this account of the robbery:

The men pulled into the service station at noon and ordered $2 worth of gas.

They gave Pettus a five dollar bill and followed him to the cash register.

One of the men asked Pettus about some soft drinks, then pulled a gun and stuck it in his back with orders to "hand over your money."

The robbers took all of the money out of Pettus' billfold but didn't bother the change that was in the cash register.

They forced Pettus into the restroom and locked the door.

"He stayed locked in there for about 10 minutes," Lutrick said, "and then he beat a hole in the door with a mop handle and freed himself.

"We were at his station within minutes after his call."

Lutrick said three police cars were in the vicinity of the hold-up at noon but none of the policemen saw the getaway.

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—GRAHAM'S EYE ALMOST HEALED—

Billy Will Curtail Non-Crusade Work

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Billy Graham said today he is feeling fine but intends to curtail his non-crusade activities on returning to the United States in mid-June.

The American evangelist said he is going to resign from a number of executive boards and organizations.

"I am going to concentrate on speaking at these crusades and in study preparing for them," he said.

Graham, who has had trouble with his left eye since before arriving in Australia in February, reported the eye is almost back to normal.

"For the first time in many weeks I can read out of my left eye," he said.

Graham has drawn a total attendance to 1,458,000 in Australia and 335,000 in New Zealand since the crusade began down under. With a dozen more Australian meetings to go, the total attendance seems sure to top the two million mark.

BISHOPS PLEASED

Church of England Bishop R. C. Kerle, who is chairman of the crusade in Sydney, said "This is the biggest thing that ever happened in the church history of Australia. Ordinary people are talking about religion. Church attendances have greatly increased."

Graham's 22 meetings in the Sydney showground have attracted 739,000 persons. The average attendance of 33,600 was described as the biggest he's ever drawn anywhere. Crusade headquarters announced there have been 46,365 "decisions for Christ."

Sunburned and looking fit, Graham spoke enthusiastically with newsmen about future plans. His next major crusade in the United States is scheduled for Indianapolis, in October.

He said he hoped to return to Australia and New Zealand in two or three years and then move from island to island in the South Pacific holding meetings.

As reporter asked Graham whether he ever thought about entering politics. The evangelist replied quickly: "I have no intention of entering the political field. I feel I can make a better contribution to the world in my present work."

After a pause, he added: "The only thing that would alter me would be an extreme emergency in the world in which I would be asked to take a position of responsibility and which I felt it my duty to accept."