

YANKS BATTER TOWARD COLOGNE ACTION LOOMS AS PHONE STRIKE GROWS

Women Walk Out In Detroit & Washington

Ohio Union Official Says Chances For Settlement Are Good

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—"Definite action" in a spreading strike of women telephone operators was forecast for late today as the Ohio-born walkout spread to Washington and war-busy Detroit.

Cause Of Strike

Bonus Given Out-Of-Town Operators

The strike of telephone operators in Washington, Detroit, and most of Ohio stemmed, according to statements by union spokesmen and company officials, from a week-old walkout at Dayton, Ohio, called to protest against a proposed 10-cent-per-hour bonus paid to girls transferred to Dayton from other towns. Sympathy stoppers followed in all Ohio cities, adding a total of 8,000 workers.

The Washington operators said they were obliged to take a slight cut in pay as retaliation had some wage grievances as to base pay scales.

Company officials, however, insisted the strike was necessary in this time of much work and shortage of help—that is only fair to help out-of-towners meet extra expenses.

P. G. Wodehouse Still Detained

PARIS.—(AP)—The police authorities announced officially today that P. G. Wodehouse, British novelist, had been released after spending three nights in a police station, but did not disclose where he was or still is detained.

Although it was unconfirmed and Wodehouse had agreed not to press charges, he was believed to have been released by French authorities who had been held since his arrival from Germany in 1941. According to the Paris area indications were that he would be released soon.

He was one of the earliest pending arrangements for his residence under surveillance in the country.

Both the press and Mrs. Wodehouse were formally notified today of his return, but nothing was known about the author's last hours.

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Two-Minute

News Roundup

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Western Front

On the Italian front, American Ninth Army troops are holding tank-and counter-attacking tanks around the defense center of Ljubljana where the enemy apparently has chosen to make his stand.

Phone Strike

Washington quarters believe that definite action will be taken soon against telephone operators, which has spread from Ohio to Washington and Detroit. A spokesman for Economic Stabilization Dept. said that the main cause of the strike was the statement that action would be forthcoming.

The Army, however, said that telephone workers were holding "very close to the fighting lines," and the Navy allotted a pound for each man in the armed forces toward the cost of an extra half pound each for battle.

The Army, however, said that exports during the 1943-45 season will be larger than occurred during 1943-44, and primarily because of more imports of countries in Europe and the movement abroad of foreign owned tobacco stores stored in the United States, with easing of the shipping situation as well as the desire of liberated countries to obtain tobacco.

Domestically, Price Admin. said that new tobacco imports, especially from Canada, will be taken soon.

American fighters and bombers ranged out of Bifidio last night to drop about 500 tons of bombs on a Nazi-controlled plant at Cosenzina. The news now, we have no information on air actions in Italy.

Russian Front

Russian forces in Hungary are driving their way westward, having cleared all Nazis out of a river loop less than four miles from the town of Szatmar. And Allied Hungarian divisions, which units have captured three more villages in the north, have beaten off a Nazi re-takeover in that area.

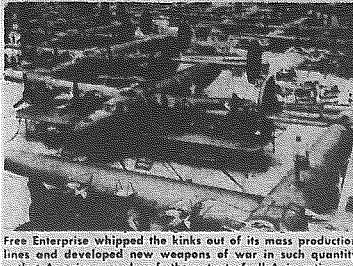
Home Front

From War Secretary Stimson adds new gravity to American Thanksgiving today. The War Department reveals that battalions and communications centers, strung along an 85-mile front northeast of Budapest and across the Danube, now include 174,000 men. This figure includes 117,453 American fighting men killed. The news also reveals that the majority of men wounded, prisoners of war, and missing in action are now known to have slipped through our air and sea

WHY AMERICA IS THANKFUL



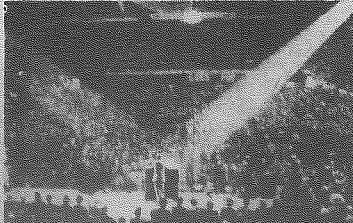
The land of freedom is fertile. Despite shortages of men and machinery, farmers this year grew record crops. The U.S. Army is the world's best fed and so is the U.S. civilian.



Enterprise whipped the kinks out of its mass production lines and developed new weapons of war in such quantity that America now dwarfs the output of all Axis nations.



Americans, schooled in the ways of peace, became in 1944 hardened fighters of attack and definitely attained mastery over fascism in our lands east and west.



The U.S.-set-war held an election. Candidates pulled no punches while the rest of the world argued. And after Ed Day, the U.S. voter gave us greatest honest Democracy.

Cigarette Outlook Bad

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—To the chagrin of cigarette smokers who figure they're lucky, these days there is a park anywhere, the War Post Administration today predicted.

The tight supply situation may mean a smaller harvest of next year's tobacco crop.

In a report on 1945 tobacco production goals, the WPA said war requirements have exceeded previous records, reducing stocks below

Demand May Rise

The demand for American tobacco, it explained, may increase next year regardless of what may happen to the maintenance

reduction in domestic usage

may occur if the armed forces requirements are pared below

the front line.

The War Department predicted turkey a mite for the man in the trenches, wrote a press release.

It was also noted that

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