

ALL SEAMEN UNITE Truman Backs Pauley To Limit In Confirmation Fight



NEW AIR SERVICE—Non-stop flights between Los Angeles and New York have been inaugurated and the picture shows film actress Paulette Goddard coming down the steps of the plane

Diversion Effort Charged

Reds Got 'Insignificant' Canadian Atom Bomb Data

LONDON.—(AP)—Russia said today its representatives had obtained "insignificant" secret data in Canada and the Canadian Government of using the espionage expose for "an unbridled anti-Soviet campaign."

Lancaster Vote

Transit Strike Brought To End

LANCASTER, Pa.—(AP)—Lancaster transit workers voted today to end their sixteen-day walkout which grew into a general AFL sympathy strike call.

Hailed By Union

A. H. Keeler of Philadelphia, general executive board manager of the Congress Transportation Co. would become effective immediately upon signature and would run to March 1, 1947.

Sharp Cotton Rises Scored

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Heavy demand for cotton futures based largely on OPA price ceiling and Government parity programs, brought sharp advance in today's market at New York and New Orleans.

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By TOM LAMBERT
(For Hal Roop)
TOKYO.—(AP)—The Japanese are the most carefree jaywalkers ever.

Gives Full Support To His Nominee

Pauley Refuses To Quit Arena

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Truman said today he intended to back Edwin W. Pauley to the limit in his fight for confirmation as Navy Undersecretary.

The President told his news conference he usually backed any man who was for, when asked whether the suggestion of Senator Stewart, Democrat, Tennessee, that Pauley resign because he is confident he should withdraw would change his attitude.

A FLAT NO

A reporter, repeating a question that has been asked of the President at two previous news conferences, wanted to know whether Mr. Truman intended to withdraw Pauley's nomination. The President gave a flat no.

"Does that mean that Pauley will have your full support if he insists on fighting it out?" a reporter pressed.

The President replied that when he gets behind a man he usually stays behind him.

Pauley, meanwhile, brushed aside demands that he ask Mr. Truman to withdraw his nomination.

With the Senate Naval Committee's investigation of his qualifications in recess until next Tuesday, Pauley told a reporter he wants his name to go to a Senate vote because he is confident he will be confirmed.

ISSUE IN DOUBT

The President also has predicted the California oil man also former treasurer of the Democratic National Committee will be approved, but Democratic leaders have yet to state this view. They believe the issue at this stage is highly in doubt.

A second legislator today urged Pauley to withdraw. Senator Morse, Republican Oregon, said he had just returned from a speaking trip which took him through several states where Pauley's name has the country riled.

"He (Pauley) professes loyalty to the President," Morse said. "If he's really loyal he ought to withdraw and save the President embarrassment."

BUILD FOR PAULEY

Senator Bibb, Democrat, Mississippi, however, added a rider in another statement he congratulated the President for "standing pat" on Pauley "because I want an opportunity to vote for his confirmation since this is the best way that I know of to show my support of the President."

Ickes resigned as Secretary of the Interior after taking caustic issue with the President for saying Ickes could be made a mistake about his testimony on Pauley. Ickes said Pauley told him in 1944 that \$300,000 in Democratic campaign contributions could be obtained from California oil men if the Government would drop its efforts to establish a federal ownership of oil-bearing tracts.

Pauley denied this.

Senate Confirms Paul Porter

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Senate today, by unanimous consent, confirmed Paul A. Porter, the new director of the Federal Communications Commission.

Only a half dozen minutes of discussion was required for action on Porter's nomination.

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They shun to the other side of the street at will—to pass the time of day, discuss affairs up at the Diet, argue the latest Government edict or just to bewail the price of rice.

If an American is the least bit relaxed these days while driving through Tokyo he is likely to pick up anywhere from one to ten horns on his jeep bumper.

Of course left-hand traffic might have something to do with it. After years of right-side driving, even the most steel-nerved has a tendency to become a twisting, spec-

Lion's Tail Twisted

Britain's Power Challenged In Many Sections Of Globe

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The British Empire upon which the sun never sets was beset with troubles today in many parts of the world.

Royal Indian Navy seamen seized a flotilla of fighting ships off Bombay, turned the guns on the city and fought back at besieging British Indian troops. A flag officer called it "a state of open mutiny."

Egypt was another sore spot. Demonstrations demanding that the British leave the valley of the Nile, attempted to invade a British Army barracks, burned military stores, attacked an Anglican church and touched off riots. Students and union leaders called for an early strike.

British troops in Indonesia were machine-gunned south of Batavia.

In Palestine, the acting head of the Jewish agency political department asserted that a British decision to use German prisoners of war for work there was "a deliberate and studied insult."

The Russians took another cut at Great Britain in a blunt Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. The Communist newspaper Pravda, commenting on Russian admission of ferreting out secret information in Canada, asserted that Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada had exposed the plot in an effort to distract attention from "the failure" of Bevin at the United Nations Assembly.

Near Phone Decision

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(AP)—The question of setting a strike date by the National Federation of Telephone Workers, Joseph A. Bevin predicted, will be determined late today.

Bevin, president of the combination of 50 autonomous unions, who previously went on record as opposing the strike, has indicated that "strong sentiment in favor of a strike call" continues to exist.

SENTIMENT FOR STRIKE

John J. Moran, vice-president of the NFTW and leader of the young line unit, has indicated that "strong sentiment in favor of a strike call" continues to exist.

Moran appeared as spokesman for eight of the Federation's 50 affiliates who carried to the assembly yesterday a request for establishing a strike date.

Bevin said the NFW's chief counsel, Al Philip Kane, was conferring with Government leaders in Washington as a result of the telegram he sent yesterday appealing for Government intervention in the dispute.

In telegrams to both the Labor Department and a management, Bevin said "a strike will not be called until after we have talked with you." He added: "A strike seems inevitable unless you intervene to withdraw and save the President embarrassment."

The debate was set off yesterday by a request for a definite strike call date by leaders of seven unions which have already complied with the National Labor Relations Board strike notices last month. They represent about 150,000 workers.

Included in the group is the Western Electric Employees Association which called its 17,000 members out of 21 Western Electric plants in New York and Southern New Jersey Jan. 3.

STRIKE APPROVED

The general assembly was a walkout affair. The Federation's executive board to order a walkout "whenever it considers proper."

A. T. & T. has reportedly offered wage boosts of \$5 a week to operators and from \$2 to \$6 for other workers. Labor Department statistics reveal that in November the average hourly wage in the industry was slightly more than \$1.

At a session last night delegates discussed the possibility of affiliating with the NFW with either the CIO or A. F. of M.

Septuplet Tip Proves Fake

PARIS.—(AP)—Reporters of many nationalities combed the left bank area of the Seine last night and came back to their offices today with a tale. There are no septuplets in the Rue Calandine, No. 27.

They started the search on the Rue Calandine, No. 27, which was reported telephoned to a British news agency yesterday by a tipster that a woman in the tiny district had given birth to seven children—four girls and three boys, all living.

Japanese carrying on his right shoulder a huge box which obscured his eye. Brakes were applied but the jeep plowed on. The driver, who was drunk, turned abruptly, then continued across the street with the box still on his right shoulder.

Traffic laws mean nothing to Japanese bicycle riders, pullers of rickshaws, cart haulers and open drivers. They are in no hurry when driving in the city's outskirts, to have plodding pace in a roomy vehicle, even into your path. Even the shrillest horns and the choicest of most thunderous selections of horns have little effect on these creatures.

Japanese cars and trucks give a different picture. They are driven warily on the left side, this correspondent suddenly was confronted by a

Production Hope

Truman Cheerful About Conditions

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Truman expressed belief today that production and distribution will hit its postwar peak before long if everybody works and co-operates.

He told his news conference that he had hoped last Fall that restoration of full civilian production would have been achieved by now.

Asked what he thought of present economic conditions, he said "I was optimistic and he still is."

STABILIZATION ORDER

He said that an order reconstituting the Office of Economic Stabilization would be issued soon. He attributed delay in its issuance to the necessity of working out details.

This order is a part of the new program under which he shook up his job stabilization command and established a new wage-price policy.

Meanwhile the Government opened labor disputes left hanging for a week by pay provisions of the new program.

Stabilization Administrator John Collet postponed until March 1 the effective date of the rule that wage increases must be approved in advance by the National Wage Stabilization Board.

White House officials said many employers had balked at signing wage agreements before the Federal approval machinery was ready because of fear.

Collet's order issued last night provides that employers may go ahead with non-approved pay increases until mid-March, providing they are approved by the board after the increase is reflected on their payrolls.

FOUR ORDERS

Four orders were issued simultaneously with the approval of the OPA Administrator Chester Bowles, who will succeed Collet shortly as stabilization chief.

Granting pre-approval of certain goods.

New Strike Set At Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH.—(AP)—A power strike was today set to begin at 12:01 A. M. Feb. 26 in the vital Pittsburgh industrial area but negotiations for a settlement of an employees' wage dispute are continuing.

The work stoppage—a renewal of a strike suspended Feb. 12 after it lasted nineteen hours—will involve 4,300 employees of the International Association of Electrical Workers and the Duquesne Light Co. serving an 81 square mile area.

The union seeking a wage increase of 37 per cent announced the negotiations would continue if the employees are willing to accept a 20 per cent increase over the 1,500,000 people live.

The company has offered 11 2 per cent.

The brief strike by the 4,300 employees curtailed transportation and electrical service to industrial establishments and business buildings but was only slightly felt by homes in the area. Union officials have said a longer strike would be far more effective.

A union statement calling the strike said "it is with great sorrow" and called for public support of the wage demands against the company.

H. L. Donaldson of the company said: "We are still interested in working this out. We'll continue to negotiate."

Argentina Tense As Election Near

Buenos Aires.—(AP)—Minor election outbursts and violence kept this capital in a state of tension today as the Army prepared to take over from local police the job of maintaining order during the national and provincial elections Sunday.

Exchanges of gunfire between followers of the opposing President-elect, Juan Peron, and Governor Col. Juan D. Peron, have left a toll of four dead and twelve wounded in the past 36 hours.

Guns Turned On Bombay As Strikers Seize Ships

Royal Navy Ships Headed To Scene

BOMBAY.—(AP)—A commando-ship from Vice-Admiral Sir John Godfrey, flag officer of the Royal Indian Navy, said tonight that all R.I.N. ships in the Bombay harbor in the hands of mutineers had resisted the signal "cease fire."

BOMBAY.—(AP)—Striking Indian naval seamen trained the guns of a flotilla of warcraft on Bombay tonight after a day of fighting between troops and seamen ashore which one Navy enlisted man said had cost the strikers 200 casualties.

Navy enlisted men barricaded in Castle Barracks, a naval establishment in the Castle section in the heart of the downtown area, were besieged by British Tommies and Indian troops. The troops had orders to quell their way to the Indian Navy's flag officer called a "state of open mutiny."

GUNFIRE ECHOES

There were reports a truce ended the night in Castle Barracks shortly before 5:30 P. M. (7 A. M. Eastern Standard Time), but gunfire still echoed through the city at 8 P. M.

Nine warcraft held by the strikers maneuvered into battle positions in the harbor as the troops and barricaded seamen exchanged rifle and machine-gun fire.

The exchange of 200 seamen killed or wounded came in an enlisted rating who said he had escaped from the barracks. "There was no official announcement of casualties."

The Army tonight issued a communique stating:

"It is officially announced that strong naval, military and air reinforcements are on their way to Bombay, Poona and Karachi."

Prime Minister Attlee told Commons in London that Royal Navy ships were proceeding to Bombay. He said he had made urgent inquiries to officials in India as to details of the conflict.

MAY DESTROY NAVY

Vice Admiral Sir John Godfrey proclaimed the existence of a "state of open mutiny." He said Government forces would be used to the utmost, "even if it means the destruction of the Navy."

The Indian strikers have charged discrimination against them in the way the Government has used force to bring about a settlement.

The New Delhi radio said Godfrey had promised to investigate fully all complaints and that mobilization would proceed quickly and according to age and service groups.

"The entire question of pay, traveling allowances and family allowances is being examined by a 'services committee,'" he broadcast said.

"Tension" within Bombay grew hourly tonight.

One unidentified seaman said: "It would be wise for white men to stay inside tomorrow."

British troops were moving ammunition boxes into the town hall in the Castle Barracks area. They were standing by. All approaches to the docks were under guard and Royal Marines in dress dress marched into the area.

Indian soldiers and Bombay city police were on duty.

Best In Hands Of U. S. Forces

VIENNA.—(AP)—Robert Best, undersecretary of the United States for liaison in connection with wartime broadcasts, was turned over to U. S. Forces today by German security agents who arrested him 28 days ago. Best will be questioned by American intelligence officials before he is returned to the United States for trial. It was announced.

WEATHER

Clear to partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Friday. High 60, low 40. Saturday, high 60, low 40. Sunday, high 60, low 40. Monday, high 60, low 40. Tuesday, high 60, low 40.