

Old Junk
Erlich Brandeis says most of us
are too old to think like the
famed jurist's recast of New
York. His column is on the back
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PHONE WORKERS

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Most Miners Stay Away From Pits

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — Incomplete reports from the nation's soft coal mining areas today indicated a substantial majority of 400,000 miners heeded demands of union leaders to stay away from the pits until safety conditions are improved.

The situation was roughly 280,000 miners idle with no reports from areas employing the rest. The national telephone strike complicated the task of tabulating work production figures.

Fragrant reports indicated 90,000 idle in West Virginia, the largest producing state; 15,000-16,000 in Ohio; 50,000 in Kentucky; 14,000 in Illinois and 10,000 in Alabama.

Indications were that virtually all of Pennsylvania's 101,000 soft coal miners also were idle, but neither the Solid Fuels Administration nor the Navy Coal Administration would venture estimates on the figure.

In Indiana

40 Injured When Train Is Derailed

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind. — (AP) — The Pennsylvania Railroad's Gotham Limited, en route from Chicago to New York, left the rails as it sped through Columbia City at 12:12 this morning and about 40 of its 300 passengers were injured. No one was killed.

Fifteen injured were taken to two Fort Wayne hospitals. Doctors said that although the engine and two cars were derailed, the train apparently was not derailed. The engine and thirteen of the fifteen cars in the train were derailed.

K. E. Berkins of Fort Wayne, spokesman, said: "The train apparently was derailed by a Pullman motor car to overturn was a Pullman motor car. The injured were taken from it."

A number of persons with minor injuries were treated by doctors in the City Hall here.

Policy Speech Given

Russia Demands Bomb Scrapping

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. — (AP) — Andrei A. Gromyko today renewed Russia's demand that the United States scrap its atomic bombs. The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister declared that such a step plus a general slash in armaments would "remove mutual suspicion and lack of confidence" throughout the world.

Delivering the long-awaited Soviet policy speech to the United Nations Commission on conventional arms, Gromyko said that the United States had "violated its obligations under the Geneva Convention of 1925" by refusing to scrap its atomic weapons. He said that the United States had "violated its obligations under the Geneva Convention of 1925" by refusing to scrap its atomic weapons.

Gromyko then indicated that Russia was not ready to compromise on the long-fought atomic issue as he said sharply: "We will not discuss the use of atomic weapons until the use of atomic weapons is prohibited by a convention which would be impossible to successfully ignore the question of establishing international control of atomic energy."

Management Works On Southern Boards

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Southern Federation of Telephone Workers ordered its 42,000 members to strike immediately the Southern Bell Telephone Co. at 6 A. M. today but management personnel manned the switchboards in an effort to maintain emergency service.

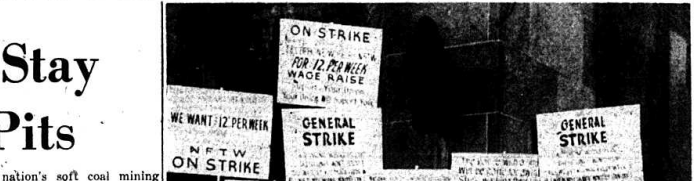
A union spokesman said the strike, part of the nationwide walk-out, would be difficult and perhaps appeared 100 per cent effective.

The Southern Bell Telephone Co. has 3,000 employees in Atlanta, headquarters of the company which operates in nine states, struck in orderly fashion promptly at 6 A. M.

There was little disruption in service in the South's major cities where dial systems predominate. Management personnel manned the switchboards where only emergency service was being accepted.

The company, in its last pre-strike statement, released its offer to arbitrate. It proposed a board of arbitration of levels "in effect the Southern area." The union declined this offer which it described as limited.

States in the Southern Bell system are Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Tennessee, Kentucky and Louisiana.



THE GIRLS GO ON STRIKE—A big group of telephone operators, smiling prettily, had a new occupation this morning. They began walking in picket lines in front of the main telephone exchange building on N. Caldwell St. and a store-room on S. Mint St.

Employees Leave Jobs Here
Striking Phone Workers Picket Three Buildings

By TOM FESPERMAN
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Accident Victim
Man Is Killed By Heavy Truck

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Investigating officers said the truck apparently did not see the man as he stepped into the street directly in the path of the heavy vehicle. The rear wheel of the trailer passed over the man's body and he was pronounced dead when he arrived at Memorial Hospital.

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Seizure—Attorney General Clark has ruled that President Truman has the power to seize the telephone companies. Top Administration officials were reported as taking any such action immediately.

Reigning Party Wins In Turkey
ISTANBUL — (AP) — The reigning People's Party apparently won new deputies to the National Assembly yesterday in by-elections, which passed quickly despite intense campaign bitterness and hostility from the Democratic Party, which refused to participate in the balloting.

Long-Distance Operations Sharply Reduced
By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Long distance telephone operations throughout the nation were cut to 20 per cent of normal today a few hours after union telephone employees began a coast-to-coast strike, the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. announced.

The report, based on a survey of fourteen cities, in mid-morning, was issued in New York City, nerve center of the communications world. The strike began at 6 o'clock.

Still unaffected were dial telephones without an American history, began in the East shortly before 6 A. M. EST—the official deadline—and spread westward for three hours as the dialing groups talking about the nation.

The large urban areas of the East and Middle West were hardest hit, although New England was comparatively free of the strike. Dial systems remained in operation and company spokesmen declared such phones could operate for a long time without maintenance.

The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said there were 21,600,000 telephones in service in the United States, of which 18,700,000 are in the Bell System.

Of this total, 25,700,000 are in the Bell System. The remainder are in other companies, mostly in small towns, whose lines are connected to the Bell System for long distance service.

NEW JERSEY SEIZURE
The state of New Jersey seized the 204 plants of the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. at 6:12 A. M.

204,000 Leave Their Jobs At Walkout Start

Union Officials Expect Number Of Strikers To Reach 340,000
By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Telephone workers struck throughout the nation today after union leaders rejected a last-minute Government plea for a 48-hour postponement of the walkout.

The National Federation of Telephone Workers announced at 2 P. M. (EST)—eight hours after the strike began in the East—that income tax payers showed 204,000 workers were off the job. Union officials said they expected that number to swell to 340,000.

President Truman was reported to be watching the situation closely but he withheld any seizure action over the industry.

NFTW strike headquarters here announced that its survey showed these numbers of workers off their jobs: 120,000 in Eastern states, 88,000 in central states, 58,000 in the South and 28,000 in the West.

The NPTW claims a membership of 287,000. It said support of unaffiliated unions was "fair but spotty," with their information incomplete.

"The NPTW's latest section not affected seriously are the six states of Indiana and Virginia are held in by State legal restraints."

"Craftsmen and technical workers are not striking. Chicago operators are striking on contract demands on the bargaining table before the Senate Labor Committee."

"Our West Coast figures are incomplete at this time because of the time element."

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Love At First Sight

SCRANTON, Pa. — (AP) — It was love at first sight for Skopje II. He caught the glimpse of Miss Swinburn. He liked her face and settled down to a visit.

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STRIKE IS ON

It was Joseph A. Peirce, president of the Independent National Federation of Telephone Workers, who returned from his Eastern tour on Wednesday a bill that would direct President Truman to seek court injunctions and order curtailment of communication service.

The Senate Labor Committee announced today that it was planning to incorporate injunctive procedure for dealing with "national strikes" in its general labor bill.

A House injunction was used last fall to force John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers to call off a strike in Ohio.

A last minute appeal by Secretary of Labor Schweitzerback had pleaded for a 48-hour postponement of the strike, but was unanswered by the Policy Committee, summoned from bed to hear the Secretary's request.

Beime told reporters after listening to Schweitzerback's appeal: "The strike is on as the House bill is on the floor."

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Weather
Mostly cloudy and mild through Tuesday. Showers to night and Wednesday.

Temperature at 5:30 today: 58. High and low last 24 hours: 58-38. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:58.

See Weather Data on page 8-A