

Gen. Romulo Of Philippines Heads CIO Assembly

MILLION IDLED BY STRIKE

Czech Red Gets Soviet Bloc Votes

New President Asks Co-Operation

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SAME OLD STORY FOR FIREMEN

Worment citizens in town this cool morning were firemen from the Dilworth Station, who rushed down to W. Tremont Ave. to visit an old haunt. Another fire—one of many in the course of a year—had broken out in the abandoned rock quarry, and this time hundreds of old automobile tires were feeding the stubborn blaze.

Fire Dept. No. 1, which is the only fire department in the town, was called out to the quarry. The fire was caused by a pile of old automobile tires that had been dumped in the quarry. The fire was out of control and the firemen were unable to extinguish it.

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Best 'Customer' In Action Again

Quarry Fire Plagues Dilworth

which have been dumped into the hole.

Quarry No. 2, No. 3 and Truck Co. No. 2 rolled out to the quarry about 7 o'clock, as soon as an alarm was received. But Capt. E. S. Satterfield, from the Dilworth Station, said the fire evidently had been under way since pre-dawn hours.

The scene was spectacular. On the side of the abandoned quarry, which has been used as a garbage dump for years, firemen put ladders in place.

They climbed down the ladders, carrying three water hoses, and

Robeson Red Trial Witness But Allowed To Say Little

NEW YORK — (AP) — Singer Paul Robeson testified 20 minutes for the defense today in the Communist conspiracy trial.

But about all he got to say was that he knew all the defendants and that he once studied law under Federal Judge Harold R. Medina, who is presiding at the trial.

The Government objected to virtually everything else the Negro testified. Medina asked Robeson to answer immediately after the defense had finished its case.

"My reaction is that they don't want the truth," Robeson said.

"By their apparently meant Medina and the prosecution."

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England And Canada May Get Secrets

U. S. Others To Discuss A-Bomb

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The United States, Britain and Canada open negotiations today for a new agreement on (1) exchanging atomic secrets and (2) sharing the uranium from which the A-bomb is made.

The negotiations at this stage are wholly "exploratory" because President Truman has promised that he will not make any commitment until after consulting Congress.

In an atmosphere that was only slightly less than completely secret, representatives of the three governments were called together at the State Dept.

American officials are closely restricted as to what they can do or say about atomic energy information — even within the conference with Britain and Canada.

They are reported to be working to bring some three-way understanding as to the progress of atomic energy and atomic bomb research and development in the last two years or so.

They are also expected to discuss their own hands are not free for use as exchange and presumably they will be unable to discuss the A-bomb and French, for example, the A-bomb is a secret weapon.

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Two Killed In Refinery Blast

PORT WORTH, Texas — (AP) — A refinery explosion rocked Magnolia, Texas, today, killing two men and injuring at least eight others.

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Canada, France Join Devaluation Parade

By Associated Press

Canada and France are the latest to join in the worldwide scramble to devalue their money.

They brought the total today to nineteen nations that have devalued their currencies since the outbreak of the war.

On many sides the press attacked the move as a desperate attempt to cope with the problem of the dollar.

The Canadian dollar's value was slashed 10 per cent last night. That means tourists and buyers carrying American dollars to Canada can get 110 Canadian cents for each U. S. dollar — a bargain that Canada hopes will boost her export sales and tourist business.

France cut her export money from all franc-dollar controls with the idea of letting the free enterprise system determine how many francs the U. S. dollar will bring. Government officials expected the franc to slide about 20 per cent to a level of 330 to the dollar.

No Accord In Sight In Steel Peace Talks

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The CIO steelworkers went ahead today with plans for a strategy meeting as the second day of Government-sponsored peace talks brought no sign of an agreement in the steel dispute.

Philip Murray, leader of the steelworkers, said nothing had developed at the Government mediation conference so far.

The union policy committee tomorrow in Pittsburgh.

The CIO chief said the 110 members of the policy group already are assembling in Pittsburgh for the session. Presumably, the committee will lay the plans for a walkout Saturday night when the current strike ends.

Murray was warned that the 1,000,000 unionists will quit then unless the Government mediation conference is able to bring about a labor-management talks here with Federal Conciliation Director Cyrus Curtis.

Ching met separately this morning with the union and industry negotiators. There was no direct word from him on what, if any, progress was made in the talks.

John A. Stephens, vice-president in charge of industrial relations for the steel industry, said that his company had taken no action to force a strike in preparation for a possible strike.

Newton Train Wreck Death Toll Is Three

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Train Hits Gas Truck; 1 Killed

POTTSVILLE, Pa. — (AP) — A passenger train today struck a gas truck, killing one man and injuring several others.

The train was traveling from Philadelphia to Pottsville when it struck the truck. The truck was carrying a large amount of gas and the explosion was heard for miles around.

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