

# India May Ride To Freedom On Famine

By HAL BOYLE  
NEW DELHI.—(AP)—India, which lost more lives by famine in World War II than Britain and America lost in battle, is heading for a new political crisis on an empty belly. The specter of hunger is crystallizing discontent over Britain's century-old rule among India's masses. One-fourth of the world's population crowded into one-fifteenth of the world's living space.

Indian politicians have been quick to seize upon the prospect of widespread starvation in South India, where millions in the depressed classes live only a borderline existence even in "normal" times, as a tool to try to force new Government concessions in their campaign for independence.

And fear is growing that mass hysteria, engendered among the poorer classes, may break only too bitterly the dread famine of 1943 may lead to food riots throughout the entire country, even in sections such as the capital at New Delhi where the only impact of the shortage probably will be expressed in rationing.

Two of the greatest leaders in the Indian National Congress have issued fresh criticism on British dominance during the present food crisis.

**GANDHI'S PROPOSAL**  
Mohandas K. Gandhi proposed creation of a new representative Indian Government to tackle the problem of famine. Parvathamma Basu, calling upon the peasantry to rebel against political and social conditions, threatened that if people die of hunger their deaths will be avenged.

Nehru, who is less wedded to the (British) system of assistance than Gandhi, blamed much of the misery of the last winter on Bengal on black market profiteers. He told his followers during a recent speech at Allah that if famine comes again:

"We wouldn't submit to some people feasting and raving and their hands on the mass of the people suffered the agony of starvation. We wouldn't submit to incompetence and corruption of highly placed officers and selfishness of profiteers and black marketeers."

**WELL SEEKS ADVICE**  
Lord Wavell, the Viceroy, is expected to plan to confer this week on the food situation with Gandhi, who is cooperating with the government. It so he will have to undertake a precedent-making journey to the Mahatma's quarters at Wardha. Gandhi rejected an offer to meet the Viceroy here because of ill health although the British put a plane at his disposal.

Cabinet sources here say no British Viceroy here has been known to make a personal visit to the residence of a non-official Indian figure to confer on State problems.

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## TELEPHONE STRIKE HELD Bowles Says Wage-Price Policy Will Hold Line

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Joseph A. Beirne, 35-year-old president of the independent labor organization said the board's recommendation was made at a meeting of representatives of the 49 autonomous unions affiliated with the federation.

"No action has been taken on the recommendation yet," Beirne said at the close of the morning session. "The situation will be discussed thoroughly at further meetings this week."

**WILL DECIDE COURSE**  
Beirne added: "The representatives will decide what course of action we are to follow."  
The issue involved include a demand for a wage increase of \$10 per week, a minimum hourly rate of \$1.00, and a return to a 40-hour week.

The NPTW represents local and long-distance operators, maintenance workers and manufacturing and research employees of the American Telephone & Telegraph System.

Also on the conference agenda is a report of a committee set up to investigate a program of the NPTW affiliate (local with either the CIO or AFL).

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### Dangers Of Inflation Are Cited

**Calls Program A Good One**  
By FRANCIS M. LE MAY  
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Chester Bowles told Congress today the nation faces an inflationary explosion with pressure "up to the bursting point."

But he declared that President Truman's new wage-price policy is "a program that will work with 'little or no effect' on food, rent or clothing prices if the bulge in the stabilization line is not permitted to become a breakthrough."

"I think it is a good program, and I mean to put everything I've got into making it succeed," the newly-designated stabilization boss said in testimony prepared for the House Banking Committee.

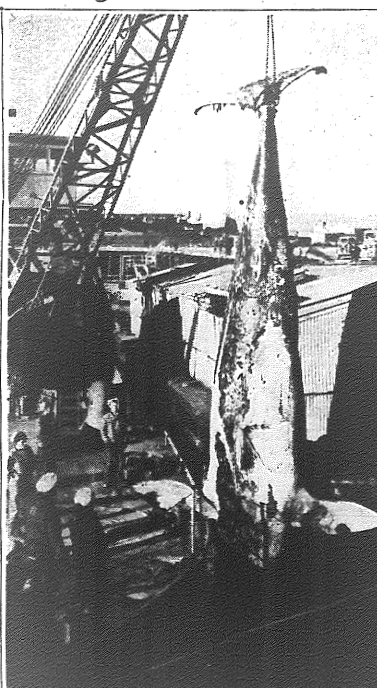
Bowles appeared to urge extension "at the earliest possible moment" of the price control and other stabilization acts now set to expire June 30. He called top for action by Congress to stop the inflation in the real estate market.

If the Administration's new homes-for-veterans program is to succeed, he said the food subsidy program must be continued.

**NOT PERFECT**  
The price chief acknowledged that the new wage-price policy "is not a perfect program and that under the circumstances which we face there can be no perfect program."

It would be difficult, he told the committee, "to exaggerate the gravity of the price control and other stabilization acts now set to expire June 30. He called top for action by Congress to stop the inflation in the real estate market."

He added: "If the heavy burden has to be borne owing to circumstances beyond our control, it will have to be shared equally by the government responsible for mismanagement or worse will have to be."



**THE ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY**—"Mopey Dick," while whaling in San Francisco Bay legend, returned to fish a hippopotamus at local baitmen and to sport for the last time. Reported seen in the area for some two weeks, Mopey was finally caught in the piling of an Alameda Aircraft Base pier, very dead and very smelly. During war years the merry mammal defied Naval precautions by entering the bay in spite of submarine nets and finding his way out to sea again, baffling all. The 30-foot whale is hoisted ashore at San Francisco for all to see. He'll be the Coast Guard's worry from there on. (Acme Photo.)

**Truman Nominations Hit**  
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, declared in the Senate today that three appointments made by President Truman have "excited the indignation of the people of this country."

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**DOESN'T MEAN INCREASES**  
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**OPPOSES PAULEY**  
But Taft said he regarded with no more approval the President's choice of Edwin W. Pauley, former Democratic National Committee treasurer for the Navy and the selection of Commissioner James K. Vardaman Jr. as the President's naval aide, for a four-year term on the Federal Reserve Board.

"None of these men know anything about the job to which he is appointed," Taft said. "Apparently, they were appointed only because they are personal or political friends of the President."

### 32 Become Cardinals

VATICAN CITY.—(AP)—Thirty-five eminent prelates, among them four Americans, were elevated to the College of Cardinals today with churchly pomp and ceremony.

Formally, Pope Pius XII announced at a secret consistory of the college, attended by 28 of the 37 existing members, the elevation of the 32 new princes of the Roman Catholic Church.

John Cardinal Sheen of Detroit, the new American Cardinal, making up with Dennis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia the five Americans in the 60-Cardinal college, are:

Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago, Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York.

### Called 'Absurd' Hutchins Attacks Training Program

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Termining universal military training "absurd," Chancellor Robert M. Hutchins, of the University of Chicago today called for an end to "un-American salubrity rattling."

"First witness at the House Military Committee resumed hearings on the training proposal advanced by President Truman. Hutchins declared that America's strength must lie in the intelligence and spirit of our people."

"This intelligence and spirit must be devoted to producing a world which can stay at peace," Hutchins declared. "If all efforts in that direction fail, we must with fortitude bear the consequences and defend the remnants of our country as best we can."

**TERMINED USELESS**  
Universal military training, he added, would be "the most useless of all forms of preparation."

### Navy Yacht Free After Grounding

VERO BEACH, Fla.—(AP)—The 104-foot Navy yacht, Sequoia, with Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air John L. Sullivan aboard, headed the Florida coast today after being grounded in the canal at Buoy 211 here by more than 30 feet of water.

The Coast Guard announced it freed the yacht at 5 P. M. yesterday from the spot where it had been held fast since 9:30 A. M. Saturday. The Sequoia had been at St. Lauderdale and was en route to Washington, the Coast Guard said.

**NO ATOM BOMB DEFENSE**  
Hutchins said there is "no defense against the atomic bomb" and asserted that since "we cannot beat the atomic bomb... we must beat war."

Survivors of an atomic attack, he said, would not need military training, but would need scientific, industrial, "perhaps plumbers and electricians" training.

### General Strike of AFL Unions Is Called At Lancaster, Pa.

By ALLAN CRIST  
LANCASTER, Pa.—(AP)—Union employees and other residents here today called for a general strike of AFL unions today.

Many of the townfolk took the strike calmly, but others placed "in a matter of months" and that personnel would be sent home or transferred to other theaters.

Other industrial plants were expected to be closed. The situation is not all notified. Benjamin W. Weigand, president of the Central Labor Union (CLU), which called the strike yesterday in support of the transit walkout, said the confusion was caused because not all the 12,000 AFL members in the area were notified officially of the strike.

Following an emergency City Council meeting, County dispatched a letter to Sheriff John Pennington asking him to furnish "police protection" to maintain law order and to Sheriff John Pennington, unable to cope with the strike.

### Two Outfits Die Equator Initiation Blamed in Ship Death

SAN FRANCISCO.—(AP)—The deaths of two San Francisco youths who died in the crew of a Chile-bound freighter ship were reported today by their parents, one of them Helen Blunt, 16, daughter of Mrs. Helen Blunt.

### No Politics For Jimmie Stewart

PHILADELPHIA.—(AP)—Actor Jimmy Stewart, a former colonel in the Army Air Force, says he does not want to run for Governor of Pennsylvania, reports Thomas P. McHenry, Philadelphia County Commissioner.

### New Commander Takes Over in Middle East

CAIRO.—(AP)—Gen. Henry S. Hensley assumed command of the Army-Middle East Theater today replacing Maj. Gen. B. G. Gilles, who is returning to the United States for an unclassified assignment with the Air Force.

### Executive Board of Union Calls For Walkout

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**WAGE PROBLEM**  
Once the issue is disposed of, Dewey believes, the wage problem will be less troublesome. The 18 1/2 cent wage increase offered by GM last Tuesday is only one cent less than the figure recommended by the UAW.

**WATER**  
Increasing cloudiness and mild today and tonight and Tuesday, with light to moderate rains Tuesday.

Temperature at 3:30 today 58 High and low last 54 hours 67 to 54. Windy, with light to moderate breeze. 1:00