

Union-Company Boast To Help Army Return Railroads



Union leaders are disgruntled with the way the railroad industry is operating.

All Roads Operating Normally, Royall Says

WASHINGTON (AP)—Army Secretary Royall, boss of the railroads under Government operation, said today he will name a union-management advisory board to help him run them.

Royall reported to a news conference that the railroads are operating in normal fashion. Bans against shipment of perishable goods—such as livestock and fresh produce—were lifted. Most railroads put on such bans last week-end because of the strike called by three operating brotherhoods for 6 A. M. (local railroads) said today.

The unions withdrew their strike order last night after the Government and the United Mine Workers for disobeying court orders.

While Royall was talking with reporters at the Pentagon Bldg., leaders of the three unions were holding their own news conference at downtown hotel. The main points they made:

1. Only a wage settlement can satisfactorily remove the possibility of a rail strike. Arthur J. Giever, president of the Switchmen's union, said emphatically that the anti-strike court order was "a gross violation of Government law and should be rescinded; it is what stopped a walkout; seizure of the roads alone would not have stopped it."

2. They are looking now to Royall to settle their wage dispute. David B. Robertson, president of the Firemen and Engineers' union, said the railroad industry (road management) are out of the picture.

3. They held considerable resentment because of the Government's move. Giever said: "New management knows that every time they get in a dog fight the Government will step in and act as a strike breaking agent."

Alvaney Johnson, chief of the Engineers, said the union men have many concessions in the long and fruitless White House negotiations for a settlement. Among other things, he said, they agreed to renege on their promise to accept a 1 1/2 cents an hour wage increase. That was proposed by Presidential fact-finding board and first rejected by the unions. The White House negotiations broke down over questions of operating rules. Most of these rules affect the amount of take-home pay the train crews get.

The three union leaders said they are awaiting to hear from Royall what he proposes about the wage dispute.

Royall told his news conference that for the time being the Army will make no attempt to settle the dispute.

He said he has asked rail unions to suggest men from their ranks to act with representatives of Army management on an advisory group to help him during the period of Government operation.

OPERATING METHODS Royall gave his account of the railroads' operations.

New Developments Hailed Hope Of Accord Excites Russians

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW (AP)—Announcement that Russia and the United States have expressed readiness to try to settle their quarrels created excitement among the Russian people and drew American observers here who attached great significance to the development.

Newspaper stands sold out as soon as editions appeared carrying the story. Laborers and office workers on their way to their jobs lined up at the newsstands for their copies. Many read the story as they walked along the streets.

The press and radio gave wide publicity to the development, without editorial comment. The newspapers announced that the United States had suggested a two-power meeting to discuss the state of Soviet-American relations and that Russia had accepted.

The announcement appeared to welcome the news that "the Soviet Government views favorably the suggestion of the Government of the USA to improve these relations." These were the words of a news agency's version of Russian statements.

able to agree that the present tension is "caused by the policy of the USSR in Eastern Europe." However, the Soviet note said that the Russians will continue a policy of consolidation.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A volunteer plan for eighteen-year-olds to get training as a military reserve was approved today by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The Senate group is working on military manpower legislation which has two main aims: 1. A draft of men in the 18-24 age group for regular service in the armed forces.

2. Training of 181,000 eighteen-year-olds as a reserve. This has been called a substitute for universal training.

The decision to let the eighteen-year-olds volunteer for training received an earlier veto: They must be taken by lot because they would avoid a longer two-year term imposed on men nineteen through 25 years by the stopgap draft.

This change was agreed upon by the Senate committee earlier in a final conference with Secretary of Defense Forrestal later today. They want to go over the bill with Forrestal before final action.

CLAIM SAFAD The Jews claimed also to have captured strategic Safad in Northern Palestine.

Reports circulated in Tel Aviv that the British blockade will end May 15 with the mandate. Rumors of an armistice between the Jewish and Arab units pouring into Jerusalem.

An unofficial source said the Pan Cresent and Pan Work, big former refugee ships, will be released at Cyprus to the Jewish Agency to carry the 24,000 to 30,000 Jewish refugees in Cyprus to the Holy Land.

Jewish military police placed a curfew on certain sections of Jerusalem and started hunting "shirkers and draft dodgers." Hagahon troops cordoned off the sections.

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Murray Raps Injunctions

By FRED BRADY BOSTON (AP)—CIO President Philip Murray said today that nearly every Federal court in the country is being petitioned for injunctions against labor.

Murray told a convention of the Steelworkers, which he also leads, that since the Taft-Hartley Law became law, more than 100 such labor laws have been issued than ever before in the country's history.

"The extent to which the Federal Government will go in the conduct of these injunctions was indicated in the Goldborough injunction only yesterday against the railroad workers," he said.

Murray charged that organized wealth—the big boys—are being supported by the courts and the Taft-Hartley Act and added: "The Federal courts are being petitioned in almost every one of our jurisdictions for injunctions of one type or another to restrain and prohibit and prevent labor exercising its God-given rights."

Murray did not give any hint of what the labor unions are asking in wages in 1948.

He charged, however, that the mass of psychological support the law opened the road yesterday, no company has used it because fighting still is going on in the surrounding hills.

Murray told the Steelworkers that the law is a dramatic landmark organization in the United States and will continue to grow.

Quake Hits Area Of South America LIMA, Peru (AP)—Deaths were cracked and about 500 houses were cracked and a few destroyed early today in Southern Peru and Northern Chile. Some casualties were reported.

The first strike was reported at Arequipa, about 200 miles southeast of Lima, at 3:55 A. M. (EST). That was followed by a 40-second strike at the same name and place with a population of 79,185. A second quake occurred at 4:05 A. M. and lasted for 40 seconds. A third followed at 7:30 A. M. A dust cloud was left in the air.

Several houses were razed by a strong tremor at Arequipa, about 75 miles southeast of Arequipa, where several casualties were reported.

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President Differs With Moscow View Offer Made

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman indicated today that he does not share Moscow's belief that this country has come up with an offer of a two-power meeting on Soviet-American relations.

The President said in a statement that the offer of a meeting was not a meeting was in prospect.

Russians were told by their newspaper that the country had suggested a two-power meeting to discuss the state of Soviet-American relations, and that Russia had accepted.

Neither Mr. Truman nor the State Department, however, gave any support to the idea that such a meeting was in prospect.

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He is a former minister of the budget ministry and governor of the Bank of Italy.

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