

The Labor Front Unions Swap Walk-Out for 'Cold Strike'

By Victor Riesel

THE hot weather and hotter political tempers have forced many labor chiefs to put their crippling stoppages on ice. To avoid angering the harassed public during the campaign, union strategists in the past few weeks—while the country had eyes only for the national conventions—have developed a new technique: the cold strike.

EVERYBODY'S doing it these summary days—telephone workers, radio announcers, wood workers and others who believe an inconvenient strike would antagonize Congress and irritate a public now eager to be distracted during the eerie presidential campaign.

ONE of all the "cold strikes" is the one now being run by CIO and independent leaders of some 200,000 telephone workers who are trying to badge the Bell Telephone system into giving its girls about \$6 a week more.

ELSEWHERE, pickets walked on streets; in another city phone workers in their off hours led a goat with a sandwich sign up and down in front of the telephone office.

IN MINNEAPOLIS, they had the support of Mayor Humphrey. In Omaha, the City Council was behind them when sound trucks suddenly began roaring the streets blaring out with "Hello There, we are the Hello people, the Telephone Workers. We want to tell you our story—and we want to do it without a strike."

THERE'S more than fear of the public behind the invention of the "cold strike." For instance, it's also being used by the American Federation of Radio Artists, an influential amusement union skillfully led by dapper George Heller.

SINCE AFRA doesn't care to strike these days, it is using the technique first developed during a wage battle with a Raleigh, N. C. radio station.

ON VACATION WALTER WINCHELL and DANTON WALKER are on vacation. Their columns will be resumed upon their return.

Today —

of the problem, and that he merely wants a talking point. Thus, if Mr. Truman expected to act at once and if he knew what the effects of action would be, his first concern would be to make sure that he had an agreed program to which the Republicans were committed.

Washington Background Russell Bans Appomattox In Battle Over Civil Rights

By The Inquirer Washington Bureau Staff

WASHINGTON, July 28. SENATOR RICHARD B. RUSSELL (D., Ga.), leader of the "Dixiecrats" in the Senate, talks of his anti-civil-rights campaign in terms of Civil War battle strategy, perhaps because he is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

At his press conference the other day he started out by saying his group had decided strategy and tactics, that it had decided to fight to the limits of its ability, and that it "certainly will not surrender before the first shot is fired."

One reporter asked him whether the coming fight was going to be another Bull Run. At the Second Battle of Bull Run in late August, 1862, the Confederates drove the main attacking Federal Army clear back to Washington.

Russell bridled at this. "It may not be another Manassas," he began. This caused a rumble of laughter among the reporters. Northern historians refer to the Battle of Bull Run and Southern historians refer to it as Manassas, which was the town nearest the creek.

Senator Francis J. Myers (D., Pa.) the embattled chairman of the resolutions committee at the late Democratic convention, is still chuckling over one of the convention sidelights which affected him personally.

Representative Leon H. Gavin (R., Pa.) has introduced a bill to provide for the issuance of a postage stamp to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the beginning of the petroleum industry in the United States.

Thanks to the research of a couple of studious members of Congress we are able to make a report on special sessions.

YOU may think it unfair that the responsibility should be placed on you, but that's where the responsibility belongs, and that's where it always has belonged.

IN ITSELF, rationing would be a form of price control therefore, if the demand for higher-priced meats were controlled, the price

Meat Rationing Is Futile Without Public Support

MEAT rationing won't be worth the paper it's written on unless you, the buyer of meat, really want this control and you, the individual citizen, swear to make it work. If both these conditions are not met to the fullest extent, it will be futile for President Truman to ask a meat rationing law from the special session; it will be futile for Congress to pass the bill, and the whole argument will be just another symbol of our economic illiteracy as individuals, our economic fumbling as a nation.

Samuel Grafton Voters Left In Doubt by Conventions

NEW YORK, July 28. BROADWAY AND POINTS WEST — Newest Commie rift is closer to home. I understand, from the same source that gave this column the scoop on the Yugoslavian-Moscow rift, that Henry Wallace and his shadow, Gaillard, have had a violent argument.

I ATTENDED the Progressive Party convention in Philadelphia, as I have attended the other two conventions, and I suppose that by this time I ought to have seized one of these three banners, and should be moving it wildly in the air, with a look in my eye proclaiming that I am completely convinced of the merit of the indicated cause, down to the last bone splinter and fibre of my being.

I SUPPOSE that by election day I may have to pick something out of the mess and make it my own; maybe there is a duty on every citizen during an election to be enthusiastic for something he is not enthusiastically for.

BY TURNING my head I can see the Golden Horn, and without turning it at all I can see countless minarets and mosques and Leander's Tower, now serving as a lighthouse in the Bosphorus.

I AM willing to admit this indicates some lack in me, that if I had a spark of manhood I would go off and build a small house of certainty for myself. But I have noticed that those who, after much inner distress, do make themselves choose from among alternatives they do not really like, usually go on to become angry at any who do not follow them, and always manage to persuade themselves that the choice they have made with some difficulty is the obvious one.

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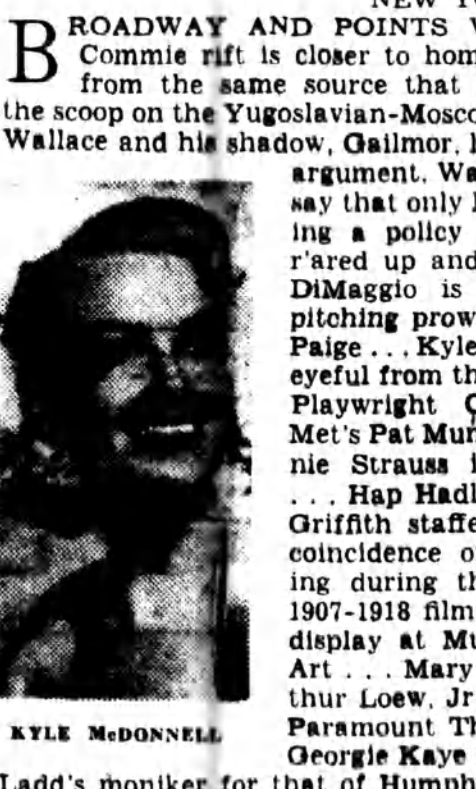
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Gossip of the Nation - Ed Sullivan

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PARAMOUNT Theater told Comic George Kaye to substitute Alan Ladd's moniker for that of Humphrey Bogart in his tough guy routine, on the grounds he was plugging a Warner star.

BOSTON Braves are 7-to-5 choice to top the National League flag with the Boston Red Sox 7 to 5 over the Yanks and Cleveland.

HENRY McLEMORE to see Istanbul in four days would be like trying to play a game of chess in three minutes.

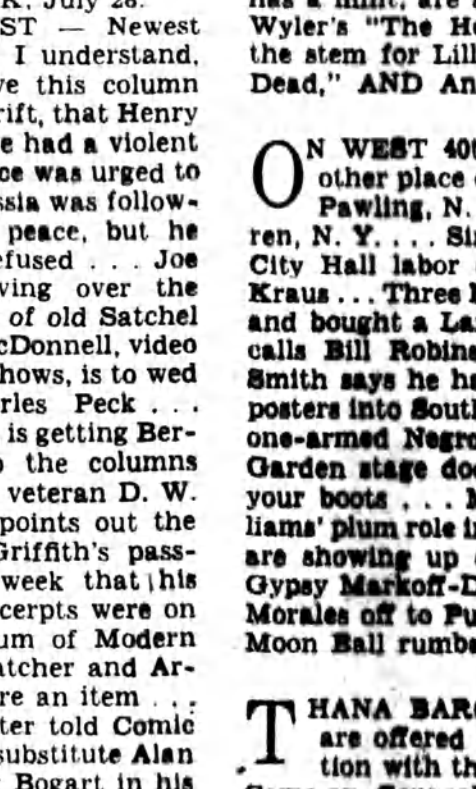
WESTBROOK PEGLER THE little green door suddenly opened and the condemned man walked firmly to the chair, bowing with a ghastly grin to the warden and the spectators.

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Hollywood Errol Flynn Set to Make 'Montana'

HOLLYWOOD, July 28. TODAY'S whisper around Hollywood is that Errol Flynn returns Aug. 1 for "Flamingo Road."



WALTER WINCHELL will narrate the program on Bob Hope's "Surrender to Me," starting over all the movie he gets to the Dames Room.

JUNE ALYSON and Dick Powell just completed furnishing their new home—and presto, it's up for sale!

THE most serious romance in Virginia Gray's life since Clark Gable is Dr. Ed La Mocket.

HOLLYWOOD in shorts: Humphrey Bogart almost had Cathy O'Donnell knocked from Stan Goldberg for "Knock on Any Door."

FRANKIE LANE is back on the Coconut Grove bandstand after losing his voice a few nights ago.

THE London press went overboard for Maureen O'Sullivan's clothes designed for her by Edith Head.

DOROTHY MANNERS is substituting for Lucille Parsons, who is on vacation.

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Henry McLemore Westbrook Pegler Truman Suffers Historic Humiliation

WASHINGTON, July 28. THE little man from Independence was a sorry and pathetic picture in the opening speech of his campaign.

HE HAD lost their respect and, in his fury and desperation, he had even turned against him that large group of Southern Democrats who were quite prepared to go down with him next fall.

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