

PRESIDENTIIS
Harry Truman has contracted the well-known occupational disease, Presidentitis. The News says in an editorial commenting on his last Day speech yesterday. Turn to the editorial page.

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Nationwide Telephone Strike Threatened Sept. 17

LEARNERS STRIKE REDS

Equipment Workers Set Date For Walkout

Only 5 States Not Affected

CHICAGO — (AP) — The CIO Association of Communication Equipment Workers today set Sept. 17 for a strike which it said would cripple telephone service over the nation.

Announcement of the strike date was made by Dan Harris, Portland, Ore., vice-president of the union. He said negotiations between the union and the Western Electric Manufacturing Co. are deadlocked.

Harris said the strike would pull out 65,000 members of the union working in 2,200 Bell telephone Co. locations in 43 of the 48 states.

The five states where the union does not operate are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Alaska.

WAGE DISPUTE

Harris said the dispute is over wages and working conditions. The union is demanding a 15 cent an hour increase across the board. The company has offered a 10 cent pay on its offer of 8 cents. Wages of union members north range from 15 cents to \$1.00 an hour.

Negotiations have been going on intensively since May 11, Harris reported. Union members are being urged to strike to enforce their demands.

ACEW's members work as installers. It is likely, ACEW officials said, that other phone workers will be asked to strike. ACEW picket lines at the exchanges when ACEW starts its strike.

Presumably the automatic dial numbers would continue operating on local dial calls, as in past telephone strikes.

Other principal phone unions are to meet here Friday. The unions belonging to the CIO's TWOC and the Independent Communications Workers of America are to arrange plans for joint bargaining action due to start Sept. 15. Bell, Phone System companies. These unions represent approximately 300,000 phone workers.

East Indies Will Get Jap Fabrics

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Economic Co-Operation Administration today approved use of \$12,500,000 in recovery funds to buy Japanese goods for distribution to The Netherlands East Indies.

The approval was the largest on the day of ECA purchase authorizations, which totaled \$33,086,784. It is the first Marshall Plan shipment to originate in Japan.

The Netherlands received more than half the total of recovery goods approved for American financing today. It has added up to \$14,540,000, but all the shipments will go to the East Indies.

Topsy Turvy Truck

The world looked upside down to Raymond Lawing when his truck swerved and overturned on Rozzell's Ferry Rd. near Lawing, who lives at 815 Maxwell St., was pinned underneath the truck when a speeding car forced him

Advocates Legal Control

Pastor Group Ousts Leader For His View On Beer, Wine

FAYETTEVILLE — The Rev. Kenneth M. Lindner said today he has been removed as president of a Baptist ministers' conference because of his view that "temperance can be best obtained through legal control of beer and wine."

Mr. Lindner was asked first to voluntarily resign as head of the New South River Baptist Ministers Conference in a meeting held yesterday at the First Baptist Church here.

"I declined," he told a News reporter by long-distance telephone, "unless they made their request in writing, stating the charges. This was the first I knew of the action."

Mr. Lindner said the other ministers of the conference decided not to make a written request to him.

"They then declared the office of president open by unanimous vote," he said.

Mr. Lindner said that he had made his views public at least

twice during the months preceding an election on beer and wine sales in Cumberland County. (The county voted on Aug. 31 to outlaw the sale of beer and wine.)

Mr. Lindner said he has called a meeting of his Immediate Baptist Church congregation here for tomorrow night at 8:30 to give the members an opportunity to ask for his resignation as pastor.

He will do this, he declared, because of the fear that the church may be "declared out of fellowship" if he continues as pastor.

The Associated Press quoted the Rev. W. D. Guthrie, secretary of the Baptist Ministers Conference, as saying that minutes of the conference meeting had not yet been written up, and that copies of the resolution declaring the presidency vacant were not now available.

Mr. Lindner told a News representative that his views on

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ITU Replies

Strike Threatens To Charges

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The International Typographical Union today denied a Government charge that it violated a Federal Court injunction by attempting to negotiate union membership with newspaper publishers.

The injunction, granted by Judge Luther H. Sawyer in Indianapolis last March 27, forbade the union from insisting on closed shop conditions.

The I.T.U. today said it was closed shop by which only union members may employments.

The union filed its answer in Federal Court in Indianapolis today. It replied to a petition of General Counsel Robert N. Denham of the National Labor Relations Board that the union should be cited for contempt of the injunction.

The I.T.U. said that the union was insisting on form contracts in violation of the injunction. It asked the court to require the union to stop paying strike benefits to the printers who have been on strike at the I.T.U. since last November.

The answer, filed by Henry Kauter, Gerard P. Van Arkel and Eugene A. Brennan of Washington and Clarence R. Martin of Indianapolis, denied all of the charges of violation.

The answer, made public here, said that the union's refusal to sign the I.T.U. contract was based on the violation of either the (Taft-Hartley) or the (National Labor Relations Act) of this court's decree.

Man Dies Of Cuts

His Temper Got Away From Him

TORONTO — (AP) — Angered when his automobile broke down, Gordon Metcalf, 29, smashed his fist through a rear plate glass window and died of wounds today.

Corner Fred Tackett said several arteries were severed in the forehead of the 29-year-old man, and he had suffered serious loss of blood when he reached the hospital in a taxi-cab. An autopsy was ordered.

As Metcalf stood at the hospital door with blood pouring out of his wrist and forehead, the taxi driver demanded \$12 from him to clean the blood off the upholstery.

The 1927 model car had given Metcalf considerable expense and trouble since he bought it a few weeks ago, police said.

Battle

Moccasin Is Enmeshed In Spider Web

GREENVILLE, S. C. — (AP) — A deadly moccasin snake was still enmeshed in a spider's web today after two days of struggling.

The battle is going on in the basement of J. H. Cannon's home here. The one-foot moccasin has been trapped in a tall bench a pool table since Sunday morning. The fat little snake, the size of a pen, sits patiently by waiting for the snake to

Cannon says he probably will let them fight it out. He has put some bugs in the water for the snake to eat to keep the battle more even.

Coast Oil Strike Break Possible

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — A possible break in the West Coast oil strike hinged today on a responsible wage conference between the union and Shell, one of the six major companies struck at midnight Friday.

An industry spokesman estimated, meantime, that if the strike continues West Coast motorists may find filling station pumps dry by the first of next week. He looked for Washington to impose some form of rationing, with emergency users given first priority.

Today's meeting between Shell and representatives of the CIO Oil Workers International Union was arranged by Glenn Bowers, supervisor of the State Comptroller Service. It was the first move to bring the two sides together since the strike began.

GOP Answer To Truman Due Tonight

Stassen Will Speak In Detroit

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Presidential campaign zipped into high gear today with Harold E. Stassen ready to deliver the official Republican reply to President Truman's day-long series of Labor Day addresses.

Stassen will speak from Detroit at 8 P. M. EST, tonight over the same NBC network that carried the President's kickoff speech from that motor city.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey already has given his blessing to Stassen's address as the result of a conference the two held at Albany last week.

Dewey, who beat out the former Minnesota governor for the Republican Presidential nomination, said the speech will be "of major interest to the American people."

WIDE RANGE

Behind his off-the-cuff utterances, Stassen's Michigan campaign covered a wide range of subjects. Mr. Truman aimed most frequently at the difference between what he called the "two Americas."

He told a Pontiac audience that union members had better get out and vote Democratic because "this election makes a lot of difference to you. Among other things, it might make a difference between whether you have a job today or not."

A crowd estimated at 120,000 gathered in Detroit's Cadillac Square to hear Mr. Truman. The President said in advance he had been told it would be disappointing if 300,000 failed to appear.

There and in his other Michigan appearances, Stassen attacked Lansing, Hamtramck, and Flint — Mr. Truman got off such digs at the Republicans.

"The boom is for them and the bust is for us," he said.

"They failed to crack down on prices, but they cracked down on taxes and voted you a cut in freedom."

Mr. Truman called the Taft-Hartley Act "a vital weapon in the hands of the corporations." In his seventh and final speech at Pontiac, he said he would go back to Washington, the President said he plans to visit "every white spot in the United States" during his campaign.



NEW YORK (AP) — The Western military governors considered today joint protests to the Russians against Communist-led riots which have disrupted blockaded Berlin's city government.

A French liaison officer who is protecting 73 German police of the Western zone in the city hall was threatened with arrest by the Communists in the riot.

Identified telephone calls in the Western zone, which is the last step. The 73 police remained hidden in the city hall, which is in the Russian sector.

The three Western military governors, Gen. Lucius D. Clay, United States; Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, Britain; and Gen. Pierre Koenig, France, met briefly. Then they went into their seventh conference on the Berlin blockade with their Russian counterparts, Marshal Vasily D. Sokolovsky.

The Western generals may decide to take the city hall riots directly with Sokolovsky. If that were done it would lift the local German Communist crisis into direct Big Four level.

In London, a British diplomatic source said the Western powers are planning a protest. He said it may go either to Sokolovsky or to Moscow.

This diplomatic source said the British have no doubt the wave of Communist riots in Berlin in the week have been organized "with the deliberate intention of wrecking the city government."

FORCED TO MOVE

The Communists press accused the Western powers of blocking the city hall from the West. Berlin. This appeared to be the Communist-controlled Socialist Unity Party (SED) leaders to move along with the Russian zone.

The SED refused to announce at a news conference they will boycott any further assembly meeting held in West Berlin. This appeared to be the Communist-controlled Socialist Unity Party (SED) leaders to move along with the Russian zone.

Aggressor Vs. U. S.

20,000 Soldiers Begin Exercises

GRAPENWOEHR, Germany — (AP) — Some 20,000 American soldiers rolled out of their tents at dawn today and deployed through rough mountain terrain in the biggest mock battle since the real thing ended.

Thousands of jeeps, weapon carriers and tanks rolled from this reservation soon after sunup on the first maneuver on a grand scale ever planned by American armed forces in Germany.

While the generals insisted there was no political significance, some cognizance of the tense world situation was taken.

For example, the Army for the first time discarded the time-worn system of calling two teams in any maneuver the "reds" and "blues."

In the exercise, to last two weeks, it was decided to have an "aggressor force" and a "defender force" to be known as "Reds" and "Blues" respectively.

It was explained, so that the aggressor force would be the "Reds" meant Soviet Russians. The "Blues" meant the U. S. constabulary-police force of New Orleans.

The "defenders" were essentially parts of the First Infantry, which was to be known as the "Blues" and "Blues" respectively.

Every gun was loaded with blank ammunition. By Thursday morning, after a day and a half of tactical trials, it should be established by special umpires whether the aggressor has punched a good hole or the defender has beaten off the attack.

Actually, the aim of the whole job is to show whether the First Division can function as a unit in a "real" battle.

The problem being simulated is simply this: Can a division hold back an attacker all the way from the hills of Franconia in a delay fight to such a bulwark as the Rhine River?

Assistant Chief Abducted

2 Gunmen Surrender After Slaying Cop

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — Two men sought all night long in the killing of a New Orleans detective and abduction of the assistant chief of detectives, surrendered to officers today at Galvez, La., a village 65 miles northwest here.

The men were found sitting on the steps of a saw store, munching cake and drinking soft drinks.

New Orleans police have identified the two men as Dale Simpson, 26, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and H. E. Miller, 28, a native of Monticello, Miss.

Detective Nicholas Jacob was shot to death as he and another officer were being brought to a lunch. Gen. Clay said that up to that time the subject of the Berlin blockade had not come under fire.

Heavy forces of the Russian-controlled German police patrolled the streets and shot at the city hall tonight.

The Russian announced "democratic bloc" held a meeting. A spokesman claimed the sessions did not represent an attempt by the bloc to assume the functions of the city government.

The SED leader boasted the bloc already was "acting over the head" of the government.

Mostly cloudy this afternoon and tonight with scattered showers and showers Wednesday; warmer.

Temperature at 3 P. M. today: 88
Relative humidity: 68-77
Sunset today: 6:48
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:48
Source tomorrow: 6:48

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