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Yard Strike Spreads To More Key Rail Points

NORTHEAST BEACHHEAD SHRINKS

Tieup May Hit Parcel Post Mail

Army Threatens Contempt Action

CHICAGO — (AP) — A crippling strike by railroad yardworkers today spread from Chicago to other key points, tying up freight and some passenger and mail service despite an Army plea and a Federal court order to stop it.

The Post Office Dept. considered a partial embargo on parcel post mailings. Such action would catch late Christmas package mailers short.

The walkout began suddenly yesterday in Chicago, the nation's rail hub. Today it disrupted terminals at Washington, St. Louis and Baltimore, and piled up freight at other points. It seemed likely to spread elsewhere.

ACTION THREATENED

The Army threatened to seek contempt action against the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen unless its striking members obey a court order to end the wildcat walkout—one which union leaders disavowed.

A spokesman for the trainmen's union in Washington, told about the Army threat, called attention to the union's telegraphed "return to work" order, sent to Chicago strikers yesterday.

He said the brotherhood president, W. P. Kennedy is being asked to do something by Washington which he had already done."

The court order was issued last night in Chicago by a Federal judge. He was told the Army, which technically is runing the railroads, considers the strike is serious interference with the Korean war effort.

In Chicago today the strike spread to the Milwaukee Road and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, making a total of 14 lines affected in Chicago, the union station said.

WASHINGTON HIT

In Washington, where the walkout began early today, passenger service was hardest hit.

In St. Louis the strike followed the Chicago pattern—chiefly affecting freight.

The Pennsylvania Railroad said in Philadelphia that freight was piling up throughout its huge system as a result of the strike.

In Baltimore trains leading for Washington were stopped. Passengers heading for Washington were unloaded and transported on a shuttle service.

The Army, with war supplies to deliver, found its hands tied although it formally operates the railroads.

The Army took over on President Truman's seizure last August after a strike threat grew out of the wage-hour dispute.

The dispute remains the same. The striking trainmen want 48 hours pay for 40 hours work.

The strike threatened to curtail Christmas deliveries.

It also seemed likely to pinch the steel and other key industries. In Chicago some blast furnaces already were banked.

REPORT "SICK"

In Washington, as in Chicago yesterday, workers reported sick or failed to show up for work today.

Some passenger trains which usually run into the capital's Union Station were late or all other points. The station usually handles 240 trains in a 24 hour period.

Freight trains were handled in

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Our Weather

Cloudy this afternoon and tonight with the possibility of occasional rain. Minimum temperature tomorrow morning of 25 degrees and a maximum of 48 degrees.

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THE BIG SLEEP

Not all hibernating animals, now deep in their Winter sleep, stay abed for the whole season. The black bear is a light sleeper. Hunger makes him restless, and soon after January he gets up to raid the ice box. His mate, however, stays holed up with her cubs, which are born during hibernation. Possibly the greatest sleeper of all is the groundhog, despite his reputation for venturing forth in mid-Winter with a weather forecast. He retired in September and probably won't stir before March, living off fat he stored up in late Summer.

THE ARMY THROWS A PUNCH . . .

An F-80 Shooting Star, similar to the ones which engaged 24 Russian-made MIGs today near the Yalu River, is shown taking off over a field while South Koreans calmly continue their work without looking up. (U. S. Dept. of Defense Photo.)

4 Yank, 24 Red Jets Engage In Air Duel

By WILLIAM J. WAUGH

U. S. 5th AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Korea — (AP) — Four American jet Shooting Stars today attacked 24 Russian-made MIG-15 jet fighter planes near Sinuiju in northwest Korea.

Maj. Gen. Earle E. Partridge said it was the biggest aerial battle of the war.

None of the American planes was reported damaged. Pilots said one Communist plane was hit.

The American F-80s were escorting an unarmed reconnaissance plane when they sighted the MIGs taking off from the Antung airstrip in Manchuria. It lies just across the Yalu River border from Sinuiju.

After seeing the unarmed plane safely on its way, the Shooting Stars turned back to attack the Communist planes.

Lt. Edward H. Wayne of Syracuse, N. Y. said:

"We had to press the attack all the way. They broke off first on all headon passes."

The dogfight at 16,000 feet lasted nearly 20 minutes.

Lt. Robert F. Otondo of Glendale, Ariz., said: "They all wanted to get into the act. All 24 of them made at least one pass at us."

Lt. Forest W. Crowe of Belvedere, Calif. said, "It looked as if they were trying to lure us out after them." Allied planes are forbidden to cross the Yalu into the air over Manchuria.

Hits on one MIG were verified by the flight leader, Lt. Joseph E. Olshefski of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He said:

"I sprinkled one of them. I could see the hits on his wing and fuselage."

Earlier in the day, 14 to 16 MIGs attacked a flight of Shooting Stars near Sinjiju. The MIGs were driven off without causing any damage.

American Casualties Now 33,878

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Announced American casualties in the Korean war rose to 33,878 today, an increase of 1,436 in a week.

Today's weekly summary, issued by the Defense Dept., reported 5,879 deaths, of which 5,253 were killed in action, 607 died of wounds and five are now known to be dead after previously being reported missing in action.

It listed the wounded at 23,477 (including the 607 who later died). Missing in action: 3,143.

The new totals are based on notifications to next-of-kin through Dec. 8, but probably reflect few of the losses suffered when United Nations forces were hit by the huge Chinese Communist offensive.

This is because of the time lag resulting from the notification procedure. The first effects of the enemy offensive probably will begin to show in casualty reports a week or two from now.

Assembly Approves Cease-Fire Measure

By MAX HARRELSON

NEW YORK — (AP) — The United Nations Assembly today approved an Asian-Arab plan for a Korean cease-fire despite Soviet bloc warnings that this would not end the fighting.

The vote was 52 to 5, with Nationalist China abstaining. The Soviet bloc countries cast the negative votes.

The proposal creates a three-man committee, headed by Assembly President Nasrollah Entezam of Iran, and directs it to seek a basis for a truce. Entezam deferred naming the committee.

Polish Delegate Stefan Wierblowski told the Assembly the cease-fire proposal would not stop the Korean fighting. This had been assumed by most delegates as a result of the Soviet bloc opposition, but some had clung to a slender hope that the Chinese Communists still might agree to a truce.

The 60-nation U. N. Political Committee adopted the measure yesterday 51 to 5, after a flood of gloomy predictions that World War III threatens unless the Chinese Communists heed the world organization.

Russia's Jacob A. Malik fought desperately to defeat the measure, sponsored by India and twelve other Asian and Middle East countries.

He even half-promised that Chinese troops would quit Korea if all foreign troops, the United Nations forces—pulled out in accord with a Soviet proposal still awaiting committee action.

Delegates hoped that the three-man commission would be able to determine quickly what should be done and lay it before the Assembly for approval.

But a number of questions remained unanswered as the delegates went into an historic session to lay the groundwork for a U. N. truce request addressed to a nation fighting, and besting, the first U. N. force in history.

These included:

How will the Chinese Communists answer, if they answer at all? Is the Soviet attitude a sure indication of the Chinese Communist line? Will this prove that Moscow and Peiping have an unbreakable bond or that the Communists have swerved from Kremlin mastership?

NO ANSWER

The Indian delegation has never received an answer, either from Peiping or from its representative Wu Hsiu-Chuan in New York, on the Asia-Arab plea for Communist forces to stop at the 38th parallel.

Wu has remained silent here ever since the cease-fire proposal came up.

Delegates also tried to figure out how sincere Malik was when, for the first time, the Soviet delegate indicated that Chinese forces would withdraw if U.N. forces did. Withdrawal of foreign troops, he told the committee, would also dispose of the question of volunteers (the Communist-line designation of Chinese troops in Korea), whose presence in Korea was caused by the fact of overt foreign armed aggression.

Crack Train Rams Derailed Freight

ALTOONA, Pa. — (AP) — The Pennsylvania Railroad's Spirit of St. Louis rammed the rear of a derailed freight train today, knocking the Diesel engine and two cars off the track. No one was injured.

Railroad officials said the wreck occurred at South Fork, 28 miles west of Altoona.

The Spirit of St. Louis was able to proceed on its trip eastward after a four hour delay.

Just three months ago the Spirit ploughed into the rear of a stalled troop train at Coshocton, Ohio, killing 33 Pennsylvania National Guardsmen en route to Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Atlantic Storm Claims Ship, Others In Danger

BREST, France — (AP) — At least three ships — Dutch, English and Greek — are in difficulty in a tempest off the coast of northwestern France, the French Naval Station said today.

The 3,658-ton Greek ship, Aglo. Spyridon, is in the worst shape, and can probably be considered lost, the station said, adding that it has reports that rescue ships have approached the vessel and taken off at least two men and a woman.

The station said it also had picked up signals of distress from the 5,083-ton British ship, Blairclove, and the Dutch coaster, Koninghsave, 493 tons, which was drifting out of control.

The storm is so bad it has disrupted the radio signals, the station said.

Urgent calls for help came later from the Swedish motorship Scandinavia. Messages received at Rotterdam, the Netherlands, said the 3,506-ton vessel is facing serious trouble in the Bay of Biscay.

Dutch Rogers Shipping Agency said the Scandinavia reported that water was pouring into her engine room.

The agency also reported the 8,925-ton motor vessel Esso, owned by the Anglo-American Oil Co., of London, has radioed for assistance because of engine trouble.

A Valencia radio broadcast heard in Amsterdam said the 8,200-ton U. S. Steamship American Banker was afire and asking for aid. But a later broadcast said the distress call was canceled after the fire — in one of the ship's holds — was put out.

The American Banker is owned by the United States Lines and reported her position 300 miles off the southwest coast of Ireland.

Twining To Get Four-Star Rank

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today nominated Lt. Gen. Nathan Farragut Twining for promotion to the chief of staff of the U. S. Air Force with the rank of a four-star general.

The nomination went to the Senate with that of Paul C. Daniels of New York to be ambassador to Ecuador.

Lt. Gen. Lauris Norstad was nominated to be commander in chief of U. S. Air Forces in Europe.

Lt. Gen. Idwal Hubert Edwards was nominated to be deputy chief of staff, operations, headquarters, of the Air Force.

Twining And Family Formerly Lived Here

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, U. S. Air Forces leader, was known in Charlotte during World War II, when Mrs. Twining and their children made their home on Tin Still Hat Heathorne Lane. He held important Air Force commands in several theaters of war.

Much suspect of the numerous visits made by him to his family here was that which followed his rescue after drifting five days in the Far Eastern Pacific when his big headquarters plane had been forced to make an emergency landing on the water in an isolated location.

The Twining family removed from Charlotte after World War II ended when Mr. Twining was given command of Air Forces based in Alaska. He remained in that command until a few months ago, when he was recalled to Washington.

Dewey's Speech On World Outlook On Air Tonight

NEW YORK — (AP) — A speech on the international situation by New York's Gov. Thomas E. Dewey will be broadcast tonight over a nationwide radio network.

The Columbia Broadcasting System and the American Broadcasting Co. will carry the governor's address from 10:10:30 P. M. (EST). The Mutual Broadcasting System will present a delayed broadcast of the speech from 11:30 P.M. to midnight (EST).

The titular GOP leader will speak at the annual dinner of the New York County Lawyers Association. He will outline his ideas on how the U. S. should meet the world crisis.

Sharp Quake Felt In California Area

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — An earthquake described as violent by residents was felt in the isolated Donner Summit area of the Sierras at 5:23 A.M. (8:23 A.M. EST) today.

Civil Aeronautics Authority said the CAA airways station there was shaken violently.

There was no report of damage, however.

The quake was felt mildly as far as Sacramento, Calif., to the west and Reno, Nev., to the east.

Donner Summit is about 160 miles northeast of San Francisco.

The University of California seismograph registered the quake for 30 minutes.

New Zealand Troops Arrive In Australia

BRISBANE, Australia — (AP) — New Zealand's "K" force, headed for Korea, arrived here today aboard the liner Ormonde. It left Wellington four days ago.

The force is made up of an artillery regiment of about 600 men, with medical and other troops to make the total force number about 1,000.

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. . . AND SO DOES THE NAVY

Clearing the end of the flight deck, a Navy F4U Corsair leaves a carrier for another strike over Korea. Both Army and Navy planes have been participating in providing air cover for repeating UN troops in northeast Korea. (U. S. Dept. of Defense Photo.)

Wage-Price Action Urged On Truman

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman discussed home front mobilization with a second Congressional group today and was urged by several of the legislators to go ahead with wage-price controls.

There was no word as to whether Mr. Truman had made up his mind about that, but Senator Maybank (D-SC) said he was "hopeful" the President will declare a national emergency and put into effect swiftly "whatever wage-price controls can be administratively handled."

Senator Tobey (R-NH) told reporters he had advised "all out" controls.

DARK HOUR

"This is one of the darkest hours in the history of this nation and the world," Tobey said.

Maybank is chairman of the Senate Banking Committee which handles controls legislation. Tobey is the top Republican on the committee.

Attending today's White House conference were the leaders of the Senate and House Banking Committees, the Senate House Economic Committee, and the Atomic Committee. Key Administration officials concerned with economic matters also were present.

It was the second such meeting that Mr. Truman has held preliminary to reporting to the American people in a radio address at 10:30 P. M. (EST) tomorrow on what steps the Government will take to meet the world crisis and the increasing threat of World War III.

Democratic and Republican Congressional leaders met with him yesterday.

After that meeting the White House said there appeared to be unanimous agreement among the conferees that "our military strength should be built up with the utmost speed."

The Republicans present backed up that statement, but Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said on their behalf some members of the GOP group had doubts about the need for proclaiming a national emergency.

Mr. Truman is considering such a step and may announce his decision in a nation-wide radio broadcast at 10:30 P. M. EST) tomorrow night. The speech also will be carried by some television stations and it will be beamed abroad by the State Department's "Voice of America."

At the first White House session leaders of both parties endorsed plans for a rapid build-up of U. S. military might.

Senator Maybank (D-SC), one of those invited Tuesday, declared that no such build-up can be achieved without wage-price controls, at least on defense materials and equipment.

WANTS QUICK ACTION

"I intend to tell the President in no uncertain terms that we must have wage-price controls on a selective basis right away," said Maybank, who is chairman of the Senate Banking Committee.

Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo), chairman of the Senate-House Economic Committee, said he would urge Mr. Truman to put general wage-price controls into effect immediately.

"It's too late for selective controls," O'Mahoney told a reporter. "We've got to have them across the board. Military mobilization can't succeed unless we do something right away to curb the inflation that is deteriorating the value of our dollars. And mobilization officials have said they don't expect to be in a posi-

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Verbal Violence Becomes Physical

McCarthy, Pearson Fight In Cloakroom

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Physical violence erupted between Sen. Joe McCarthy and Columnist Drew Pearson the other night. The two had different versions and the only acknowledged witness wasn't talking.

McCarthy, the Republican Senator from Wisconsin, promised to tell his colleagues something about Pearson today. But he said he wouldn't talk about their encounter.

The two are not buddies. McCarthy has been conducting a months - long campaign against what he calls Communist influences in the State Dept. and elsewhere. Pearson has written and broadcast critically at the Senator.

AT SWANK CLUB

The incident occurred — the accounts jibed in this, at least — at the swank Sulgrave Club on Tuesday night. Another columnist and radio commentator, Fulton Lewis Jr., broadcast the first public account of it last night.

The pertinent post-fight quotes: McCarthy: "I smacked him with my open hand and knocked him down on his hips. I didn't punch him."

Pearson: "The Senator kicked me twice in the groin. As usual he hit below the belt. But his pugilistic powers are about as ineffective as his Senate speeches. I was not hurt."

Pearson said the encounter ended when Senator Richard M. Nixon, California Republican, intervened. McCarthy said Nixon saw the fracas, but didn't separate them.

Said Nixon: "I have no comment except that this incident occurred at a private party. I do not believe such foolishness should be bandied about in times like this."

Physically, the two aren't badly matched, although McCarthy has the edge in age, weight and — if appearances aren't deceiving — in strength.

Pearson is tall and rangy. He observed his 53rd birthday yesterday. A Marine in World War II, McCarthy is several inches shorter, but stockier. He is 41.

McCarthy said the whole thing started in the men's cloak room after a private party at the Sulgrave Club, which is frequented by many Washington officials.

He said Pearson came up to him and said: "McCarthy, if you talk about personal things regarding me on the Senate floor, I'll get you."

McCarthy said he then slapped Pearson and said: "Pearson, you said it down the rules. Don't be disturbed if I get a bit rough."

'I'LL GET YOU'

He said the columnist replied: "You get rough and I'll get you, McCarthy. I've got more circulation than you have."

It was then he slapped Pearson and sat him down, McCarthy said.

Pearson's version was that the Senator "kept badgering me — he kept saying he was going to make a speech in the Senate about me."

"After the party, when I was putting on my coat in the men's check room, he grabbed hold of me and kicked me," Pearson said.

Allied Lines Pulled In At Hungnam

Chinese Step Up Activity In Air

By OLEN CLEMENTS

TOKYO — (AP) — Allied forces pulled deeper into their northeast Korea beachhead today before the menace of a nestimated 100,000 Chinese Reds massed on an arc around them.

Across the peninsula in the northwest near Manchuria the biggest jet-against-jet air battles ever fought were waged during the day. The jet dogfights rendered no clear-cut decisions.

In Washington, an Air Force spokesman said the growing Red jet fighter activities indicated the Communist air force is starting to wage an all-out air war in Korea.

"The pattern now unfolded may reveal a steady increasing tempo of air activity as additional aircraft become available from Communist China or the Soviet Union," the spokesman added.)

On the northeast beachhead the U. S. Third Division abandoned the town of Oro, six miles north of Hamhung, and withdrew into the slender perimeter strip extending another six miles to the east coast port of Hungnam.

LAST TOEHOLD

It is the United Nations' last toehold on in the northeast.

Puerto Rican troops attached to the Third Division dynamited three spans of a vital concrete bridge over the Songchon River after Oro was abandoned. A railroad bridge and two other spans in the outer defense perimeter were blasted.

These were the first reported large demolitions on the outskirts of the beachhead Oro was in flames from pre-dawn fighting. This was believed to be the scene of a light Chinese probing attack reported earlier but not pinpointed. Enemy reconnaissance planes scouted the beachhead Wednesday night.

The tense beachhead was quiet Thursday. Riflemen and machine gunners, testing their weapons in the dock area, caused one flurry of excitement.

A Red convoy of 100 trucks was reported moving south from the Manchurian border toward the Chosin reservoir, where thousands of Allied troops now at the beachhead recently smashed through Red traps.

A briefing officer said the convoy was believed to be carrying supplies for the Reds massed around Hamhung and Hungnam.

On the far northwest, another threat appeared in the growing strength of Red jet fighter planes

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Security Blackout Curtails News On Korean Fronts

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A security blackout has been placed by the Allied military command on the general situation in northeast Korea, along with a general tightening up on military information throughout Korea.

There is still no formal censorship, but correspondents have been handed a list of "suggestions." These include the admonitions that no information be given concerning planned activities or moves in progress, and that no reports of activities or locations of friendly forces be made except in terms of divisions, units or separate forces, and then only when such forces are in firm contact with the enemy.

Headquarters spokesmen have declined to make any further published statements on the ground that such explanatory details might jeopardize security.

8 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS