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It's Lunchtime Again

(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin's—Hunter)

It was an animal's world today, with domestic beasts taking the play from humans. Top photo: four little piggies and how they grew on bottles of milk. The pigs, owned by Mrs. J. M. Brackett, were put on bottles when the mother pig became ill. She's doing fine now, thank you. Bottom photo, F. M. Leigh (right), manager, and G. Y. Brewster, assistant manager of the Charlotte zone of the Buick Motor Corp. feed horses carrots in the Charlotte Hotel. The horses were brought to the hotel this morning to help launch Buck's "Million Dollar Sweepstakes Drive" in the Charlotte territory. Approximately 200 dealers from the Carolinas and parts of Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia came here for the meeting. One of the civic rooms in the hotel was equipped as a stable.

Hurricane Expected To Brush N. C. Coast

French Labor Faces Laniel In Showdown

4 Million Workers Called In Protest

By JOHN RODERICK

PARIS (AP)—French organized labor shook a big fist under Premier Joseph Laniel's nose today, calling out upwards of four million strikers to underline its protest against the government's economy program.

Most of the workers were ordered to walk out for only 24 or 48 hours. But a hard core of more than a million already is committed to stay out until the Premier backs down, tying up the nation's mines, railways, gas and electricity works, public health services and postal, telegraph and telephone systems.

In the ninth day of the strike wave, Laniel, a multimillionaire textile industrialist who learned to fight in the wartime French underground, stuck his chin out and said he would not yield.

In a fighting speech to the nation last night, the 64-year-old Premier exclaimed:

"I say not to strike. I say no to pressure moves, direct or indirect, which have been imposed on the government."

SOLID BACKING

All factions of French labor were pressing him. The first walkouts last week were called by the Socialist Workers Force (FO), but the Communist-led General Federation of Labor (CGT) and the Christian (Catholic) Trades Union (FOTC) quickly joined in.

Laniel declared it was the duty of the government of a democratic state to oppose the strike. He asserted the rather workers realized the strike would end sooner or later, the quicker the nation could buckle down to carrying out the "generous social program" he said he has in mind.

The wave of walkouts was sparked by disclosure that the government's program for rescuing the nation's treasury from near-bankruptcy included lopping some employes off public payrolls and upping the retirement age for civil servants.

Workers also were angered that Laniel's plan did not put a heavier tax bite on the nation's wealthy. And the Communists chimed in with calls for a general wage boost.

The Premier declared that "defective services" would be replaced. The government has put policemen, soldiers and convicts to work delivering mail, driving buses and collecting rubbish. It also has issued requisition orders to railroad workers.

Defiance of the orders could result in loss of jobs or even imprisonment. Several thousand railway employees returned to their jobs last night, putting a few express trains back into service.

Postal, telegraph and telephone workers have largely ignored similar requisition orders.

There was no immediately official response from the unions to Laniel's tough talk. Today's strike called for walkouts in nearly every public and private enterprise in the nation. The only industries not affected thus far are chemicals, textiles, hotels and theaters.

GENERAL MOTORS PLANT BURNS

The General Motors transmission plant in Livonia, Mich., burns fiercely after a fire was set off by an explosion of an unknown origin. (AP Wirephoto).

Capes Advised Of Threat From Storm

Warnings Raised All Along Coast

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP)— The North Carolina and Virginia Capes were alerted today as a hurricane named Barbara swept up the coastline.

At 11 a.m., the storm, containing winds of about 85 miles an hour, was centered about 130 miles southeast of Wilmington. Its center was expected to pass over or very close to Cape Hatteras about midnight.

Winds from the hurricane buffeted Wilmington at noon. The Flying Pan Shoals lightship, about 25 miles off the mouth of the Cape Fear River, reported winds ranging up to 75 miles an hour at noon.

Four Coast Guard planes flew over the Outer Banks dropping warning messages to isolated residents More than 100 vessels in the area also were warned. The Coast Guard canceled leaves and cutters prepared to put to sea, ready for distress calls.

The Coast Guard crews at the Atlantic and Cape Hatteras lifeboat stations were ordered to evacuate after helping residents of exposed areas to prepare for the hurricane.

At Raleigh, Albert V. Hardy, a weather bureau official, said present indications are that the storm would "pass mighty close to Cape Hatteras." In that case, he said, the North Carolina coast would not feel the full effect of its force.

COULD TURN INLAND

However, he warned that the possibility remains that the storm will turn inland and added that "everyone down there should be alerted for the worst."

The hurricane's strongest winds were northeast of the center. Gale force winds stretched 150 miles out from the center toward the northwest and west and 100 miles to the southwest. The Miami Weather Bureau said the storm was moving northward at 10 to 12 miles an hour and would continue to move northward or north-northwestward during the next 24 hours with slow acceleration in forward speed.

Heavy black clouds and rain with rising wind heralded the approach of the tropical storm along the North Carolina coast.

MIAMI ADVISORY

The Miami advisory said "high tides and dangerous winds are indicated for the North Carolina and Virginia Capes this afternoon and tonight. Storm warnings flew from Myrtle Beach, S.C., to the Virginia Capes.

The storm, discovered east of Daytona Beach yesterday, was named Barbara for the second letter of the alphabet. The year's first hurricane, Alice, dissipated itself south of Cuba May 29.

At the Cherry Point, N. C., Marine Air Station, pilots began moving planes to inland bases at Berry Field, Tenn., and Malden Field, Mo.

Base public information officers

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To Fight Discrimination

Ike Creates Job Committee

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

DENVER (AP) — President Eisenhower today created a new government committee to help prevent any hiring and firing discrimination on jobs covered by federal contracts.

At the same time, Eisenhower abolished a somewhat similar committee which former President Truman set up Dec. 5, 1951.

The President signed an executive order at his vacation headquarters establishing a 14-member government contract committee.

AGENCIES REPRESENTED

The committee, to be named soon, will be made up of representatives of these agencies:

The Atomic Energy Commission, Commerce Department, Department of Defense, Justice Department, General Services Administration, and the Labor Department.

The other eight members will represent the public generally and will be named by Eisenhower. White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said there will be some Negroes in the group representing the public.

CITES POLICY

In his executive order, the President said it is the policy of the government "to promote equal employment opportunity for all qualified persons employed or seeking employment on government contracts because such persons are entitled to fair and equitable treatment in all aspects of employment on work paid for from public funds."

Eisenhower also said the contracting agencies of the government, as well as those doing business with the government, are obligated to insure compliance with "the equal employment program of the government."

The President noted that existing executive orders require federal contracting agencies to include in their contracts a provision obligating the contractor not to discriminate against any employe or applicants for jobs because of race, creed, color or national origin.

Prime contractors are required to include a similar provision in all sub-contracts. The President said a review and analysis of existing practices of government contracting agencies show that the practices and procedures relating to compliance with the non-discrimination provisions must be revised and strengthened to eliminate discrimination in all aspects of employment.

Fires Sweep Greek Earthquake Ruins

ATHENS, Greece (AP)— Severe earth tremors for the fifth day turned Greece's pleasant Ionian Islands into a place of terror today.

Billowing fires swept earthquake ruins and huge slabs of the ancient mountainous island of Kefallinia, loosened by the tremors, were reported slipping into the sea. Unofficial estimates said just under 1,000 persons have been killed.

Officials of the island reported to the Ministry of Interior that Argostolion, a city of 10,000 and the island's chief port, was "beginning to sink under water."

The Athens newspaper Katherini quoted reports from the port as saying some sections of the town's waterfront were being submerged slowly.

SCENE FROM AIR

(Walter Hawkins of Coatesville, Pa., TWA pilot, and Max Scribner, Long Island, New York, engineer said their plane flew over Kefallinia yesterday afternoon and the stricken island looked like a forest fire. Great chunks of the coast could be seen sliding and splashing into the sea, they said. Clouds of dust rose over the earth slides.

Greek officials said, however that reports that all Kefallinia was "sinking" were greatly exaggerated. They said their best information was that such reports were based on excited messages arising from the crumbling of quake-displaced cliffs.

American personnel at Kefallinia reported to the embassy here that two small villages were seen to crumble this morning, but no details were reported.

22 SHOCKS

The Athens Observatory registered 22 tremors between 4 p.m. Wednesday and 5 a.m. today.

The disaster centered at Kefallina but also struck hard at Ithaca and Zakynthos, two other of the Ionian Islands off Greece's west coast.

There still was no official estimate of the dead and injured among the 120,000 people of the three islands.

Ships of all sizes shuttled steadily across the Ionian Sea and brought hundreds of injured to hospitals at Patras, the closest mainland city.

Rear Adm. Ralph Earl of Springfield, Mass., chief of the U.S. Navy Section in Greece, left in an amphibian plane with Charles Yost, U. S. charge d'affaires, for Patras to set up a headquarters to coordinate all American aid and rescue efforts.

Allies Complete Release Of Chinese

PANMUNJOM—(AP)—The Allies today sent back the last Chinese Communist prisoner who wants to go home despite a United States threat to withhold some Red captives.

The transfer was made even as the Peiping radio was declaring it had the right to hold back Allied prisoners charged with various "crimes" and jailed even after the armistice was signed. Returning prisoners have said the prisoners were jailed on trumped-up charges.

The United States in retaliation had declared it would withhold some Red prisoners charged with various crimes until Communist intentions were known. Presumably, these to be withheld would be among the 50,000 North Korean Reds still to be exchanged.

However, it is generally believed Red China runs the show in Korea and is more concerned with getting back its own men than North Koreans.

Another 400 prisoners came back from Communist prison camps to this true village today. Prisoners freed today in the ninth day of the great POW exchange were 75 Americans, 75 British and 250 South Koreans.

Most of the repatriates appeared healthy as they bounced from the Red trucks.

This was the first large group from Camp 1 at Chongsong. Almost all POWs returned previously were from Camp 5 at Pyoktong on the Yalu River.

NOTE REPEATED

However, the stories of turncoat informers and cruelty in Camp 1 struck a note heard before from the Camp 5 veterans.

Meanwhile, Red China's harsh warning backed stories from returning prisoners that buddies had been left behind, sentenced to jail for terms up to three years by the Reds on such charges as "instigating against peace."

U. S. Secretary of State Dulles warned the Communists Tuesday that the U. N. Command would not return Red captives convicted of crimes "until we know the attitude of the Communists toward ours." He said the UNC wanted all POWs returned.

Peiping radio said the Geneva Convention provides that prisoners

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Fire Damage $35 Million

DETROIT (AP)—A 35 million dollar fire roared through the General Motors Corp. transmission and instrument plant in suburban Livonia late yesterday, leaving a charred building.

Two men were killed, more than a score injured.

One GM official, who estimated the damage cost, said that production in the Cadillac, Oldsmobile and Pontiac plants would be hit. An estimated 45,000 workers may be out of their jobs temporarily.

The fire raged for three hours before it was brought under control. Within another hour the dead were brought out of the building.

Lt. William G. Degner, 43, acting chief of the protection force of the Ternstedt instrument division located in a wing of the building.

Danny Staley, a production worker.

Most of the injuries were slight.

Firefighters said that a spark from a welding torch set off oil which spread to the rest of the building.

The fire started just before 4 p.m. A pair of plant safety men cleared 3,500 workers out of the building.

Johnson Quits Customs Post

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP)—Charles M. Johnson announced today he has submitted his resignation as collector of customs for North Carolina. The resignation is to be effective Sept. 1.

Johnson said in a statement that he plans to open a securities business in Raleigh around Oct. 1.

"I have for some time had in mind returning to Raleigh and going into the securities business, specializing in state and municipal North Carolina bonds," he said.

Johnson's resignation as customs collector had been expected since the Republican victory in the national elections last fall. A lifelong Democrat he was appointed customs collector more than two years ago. He served as official of a Charlotte bank for some time following his defeat by Kerr Scott in the 1948 Democratic primary for governor.

Political observers in Raleigh frequently had mentioned Johnson's name in speculation as Gov. Umstead began the task of making his appointments to high state jobs. However, Johnson's statement he plans to go into business at Raleigh apparently indicates he does not plan to accept a state job.

Johnson said that Asst. Customs Collector Tom Hunter probably will serve as acting collector until a Republican is named to fill the post. The appointment is made by the President.

Johnson stepped down as state treasurer to make the unsuccessful race for governor against Scott. He had held the job for about 15 years. He is a native of Burgaw.

Federal Aid Urged For Housing Program

CHICAGO (AP)—The AFL Executive Council today called for a six-year government-aided program to build 12½ million new homes.

If the required homes are to be built to take care of the expected population increase by 1960, the council said, construction will have to average more than two million units a year. This compares with a record of 1,600,000 produced in 1950 and an average of 1,100,000 during the 1951-1953 period.

Air Force Personnel May Be Released

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Air Force is giving many of its enlisted men and women a chance to get out of uniform early.

It announced yesterday that those with three years' service, which may include previous tours in any U. S. military branch, may apply for release Sept. 15 if they are not serving in critical categories.

Early releases will be permitted for personnel serving in the continental United States and considered "surplus" to the needs of the service.

Normal enlistments are for four years.

Woman Halts Construction Job With Fence And Rifle

BALTIMORE— (AP) —A 57-year-old grandmother, who says she really isn't a "bad fellow", put a crimp in a three million dollar construction project today by building a fence around the contractor's equipment.

Work on the sewer project in suburban Dundalk was curtailed.

And Mrs. Wanda K. Sienkielewski stood at a handy window overlooking the scene with a small caliber rifle at her side.

Why the rifle?

"I have to watch them because they're liable to try to sneak the equipment out when I'm not looking," she said.

The equipment is parked on Mrs. Sienkielewski's lawn. She has no objection to this, she said, but wants the contractor to "put it in black and white that they'll repair any damage done to my lawn and pay me a rental."

She wouldn't say what rental she would require. But earlier she returned a check for $150 to the Leo G. Butler Construction Co. of College Park, Md.

"I don't want to be mean, I'm really sorry for the superintendent and the men on the job. That poor superintendent is getting ulcers in his stomach out of this.

"But I don't like to be called an 'old woman.' I just got tired of them saying not to pay any attention to that old woman whenever I complained," Mrs. Sienkielewski said.

She added, "I've got two strapping sons who could go down there and lick any one of them, but I got myself into this and I'm going to get myself out of it.

"This is my fight—and I'm having fun," she said.

An official of the firm said "one of our engineers is handling details of the matter, but I don't think we'd want to comment right now anyway."

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. Not much change in temperature.

High temperature expected today 90 degrees.

Low temperature this morning 67 degrees.

High temperature yesterday 88 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 70 degrees.

Sunrise 5:41 A. M.; sunset 7:14 P. M.

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EVENING PRAYER

Dear God, help us to commit ourselves to follow Thee. Grant us courage and strength to remain faithful to Thee. Use us to carry Thy boundless love and power to our spiritually needy world. In Christ' name. Amen.

Maultsby Cleared By GOP For Johnson Job

LENOIR, N.C. (AP) — Thomas E. Story, state Republican chairman, said today that Josiah Maultsby of Whiteville had been cleared for the job of federal collector of customs for North Carolina.

9 Children Suffocate In Two Ice Box Tragedies

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Twice within a period of a few hours Wednesday and Thursday searches for missing children ended with the horrifying discovery that they had suffocated in ice boxes they apparently had entered in a spirit of adventure.

In all, eight boys and a girl, ranging in age from 2 to 9, died lingering deaths in abandoned refrigerators.

Second to occur but first to be discovered was the tragedy at Proctor, Ark., where a deputy sheriff lifted the overhead lid of a heavily insulated box late Wednesday and found four sons and a daughter of Mrs. J. W. Hallman huddled together in death.

Mrs. Hallman had called officers when she returned from work in the fields with two older children and found the youngsters were missing.

Nine-year-old Edward Hallman's forehead was bruised as if he had butted his head against the heavy lid in an effort to free himself, his 4-year-old twin brothers, Odie and Tommy, 7-year-old Wesley and baby sister Barbara Ann, 2.

At Richmond, Va., two families lost four boys in a large, six-door refrigerator near their homes at McGuire Veterans' Administration Hospital.

Woodrow and Wilson Blackstock, 7-year-old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Blackstock, their brother, George, 5; and Walter Boykin, 7, had been missing since Tuesday.

Unlike the Hallman children, these boys didn't have ready access to the suffocating box. Apparently they had climbed through a window of an unused building about 25 yards from the Boykin home and used a steel footlocker to climb into the enclosure where the invitingly big box was stored.

Comic Dictionary

CONFIDENCE

The feeling you have before you know better.

Ladies Beware!

Of Those Disease-Carrying Insects

Betty Boyer

Tells You Today In The

Grocery News

How to do away with this germ-spreading menace