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Spring Storms Lash Wide Areas N. S.

Rival Union Involved

AFL Claims N. Y. Dock Strike Failing

NEW YORK (AP)—The AFL contended today that a rival union's 24-day dock strike that has cost an estimated 275 million dollars is "failing apart."

More men were reported going back to work.

And the possibility that the strike might spread today to other East Coast ports failed to materialize.

The AFL International Longshoremen's Assn. (AFL-ILA) said 4,000 of its members crossed picket lines of the rival independent ILA and went to work, compared with 1,600 yesterday.

The old ILA, ousted from the AFL for harboring racketeers, struck in what has been known as a wildcat walkout in a jurisdiction dispute with the new AFL-ILA for control of the waterfront.

Capt. William V. Bradley, president of the old ILA, yesterday gave official endorsement to the strike. It was this that led to belief that ILA locals in other ports might strike in a show of ILA strength.

But there were no reports today of walkouts in these ports that have been getting increased business because of the New York tieup.

Tugboat men in New York, affiliated with the ILA, also continued on the job.

City officials said 27 of 56 ships berthed in New York City piers were being worked today, compared to 25 of 38 yesterday.

PICTURE BRIGHTER

John Dwyer, chairman of the AFL-ILA Port Committee, said the number of men working today presented "a much brighter picture."

"The longshoremen are not fooled by Bradley's phony attempt to pull the mob's chestnuts out of the fire," Dwyer said.

Bradley had said that ILA men in the other ports wanted "to go out" and that "we'll have a job keeping the other ports working."

C. G. Tegnell, director of research for the State Chamber of Commerce, said the strike had cost the nation's No. 1 port 275 million dollars in lost business and that the figure would rise to a half billion if the walkout continued another 10 days.

The walkout by members of the ILA — ousted from the AFL last fall for harboring racketeers — has been staged in defiance of a federal court injunction. Contempt of court proceedings are pending.

The ILA high command reportedly hopes to escape possible jail terms or fines for contempt for endorsing the walkout by contending that the strike is a "no contract, no work" action and not a defiance of the federal court injunction issued March 4, the day before the walkout started.

"SACRED DUTY"

Bradley said he considered it was his "sacred duty" to lead the union in its fight for a contract with the New York Shipping Assn., which represents 170 shipping and stevedoring companies.

The wildcat ILA strikers have decided for weeks that they would stay off the job until their union was certified as bargaining agent for the harbor's 24,000 longshoremen.

A slowly increasing number of AFL-ILA members have been leaving ILA picket lines to work piers in recent days under heavy police guard. Minor violence, two arrests and three phony bombs seemed to mark the union rivalry yesterday, but the flareups were nowhere as serious as recent feuds.

Tornadoes, Snow, Sleet, Rain On Map

Strong Winds Blow Across Midwest

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thunderstorms, snow, sleet, whipping winds and torrential rains hit broad areas of the nation today.

A day of wild weather followed a night in which at least seven tornadoes whirled in Texas and Oklahoma.

A tornado struck two miles south of Centerton, Ark., today and then dipped down again two miles north of the community.

Thunderstorms were scattered in an area from Texas and Louisiana to the Ohio Valley and other parts of the Midwest.

HEAVY RAINS

Downpours drenched many cities. Rains scaled up to 4.29 inches in Bradford, Ill., and 3.51 in Glenview, a suburb northwest of Chicago.

A 2.30 inch fall in Chicago flooded basements in hundreds of homes and 27 undergrounds. The rain exceeded two inches in Grand Rapids, Mich., and South Bend, Ind.

Winds of gale force caused widespread damage in the St. Louis area early today.

The Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma tornadoes resulted in property damage but no deaths were reported.

Storms threatened other sections.

The Weather Bureau at Indianapolis said there is a possibility of tornadoes in an area extending 50 miles on either side of a line between Evansville, Ind., and Cleveland, Ohio.

The Weather Bureau at Jackson, Miss., said there is a chance of occasional tornadoes along a belt extending 30 miles on either side of a line from Greenwood, Miss., to Corinth, Miss., and South Tenn.

SNOW IN ROCKIES

Snow fell from the Sierra Nevada to the northern Rockies. Austin, Tex., reported 8 inches of snow. Grand Canyon 6 inches and Billings, Mont., 9 inches.

Snow and sleet fell from the northern Rockies to Minnesota.

Showers were reported in California and the southern parts of Arizona and New Mexico. Rain fell as far east as Pennsylvania.

Twins Replace Twins; Confusion Continues

MANNHEIM, Germany (AP)—Robert and Edsel Campbell, twins from Sarasota, Fla., were sent home last week after confusing fellow soldiers at a U. S. Air Force pool here for more than a year.

But the soldiers looked twice when their replacements arrived from Hawaii and Anthony Lammona, of Hammond, La., identical twins.

TOSCANNI 87

NEW YORK (AP)—Maestro Arturo Toscanini is 87 years old today. The famed conductor of the NBC Symphony Orchestra planned to celebrate in his usual quiet manner—a private family dinner.

EVENING PRAYER

We thank Thee, blessed Lord, that Thou has invited us to be co-fishermen with Thee in the work of fishing for men. May we, like the disciples of old, leave all and follow Thee, For Thy name's sake. Amen.

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GOP Senators Oppose New Excise Cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate Republican leaders regrouped forces today against any further floor cuts in excise taxes after losing a test in which a 100-million-dollar reduction was voted on household appliances.

The GOP leadership lost control last night and, when that became apparent, agreed to accept the household appliance cut. The vote for it was 64-23.

There remains a good possibility the appliance tax cut, from 10 to 5 per cent, will be knocked out in conference with the House, which voted no such reduction. Sen. William B. (Buck) Connally, chairman of the Finance Committee, expressed belief the House would stand firm against going below the 10 per cent level on most excises this year.

PREDICTS VICTORY

Milliken predicted to newsmen today that other key amendments to the excise or sales tax bill sponsored by a group of Democrats would be beaten. He said the Senate may complete action on the measure today.

Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.), chief sponsor of the reduction amendments, planned to ask first today for a vote on a proposal to cut the excise tax on autos from the present 10 to 7 per cent. This would slice the tax by 275 million dollars a year.

Douglas says the cut would save about \$30 on the price of a \$2,000 car. The tax is levied on the manufacturer, but is passed on to car buyers.

2ND CHILD DUE WITHIN WEEKS OF 1ST

CHELSEA, Mass. (AP)—The U. S. Naval Hospital here disclosed today that a Navy wife who gave birth to a second child 19 days ago is expecting a second in six weeks as a result of separate conceptions, believed to have been at least a month apart.

The mother has dual organs of procreation, naval authorities disclosed, an extreme rarity in medical history.

The first child weighed three pounds, 14 ounces at birth March 15 and has been in an incubator at the big naval hospital, reportedly "doing well."

The mother, Mrs. Wilbur Chapman, 31, of Foxboro, Mass., is at the hospital but expects to be allowed to go home for a while before returning for the second birth.

The unusual circumstances of Mrs. Chapman's pregnancy were discovered by Lt. Pauline E. Clark of the Navy Medical Corps.

Capt. Lewis T. Dorgan, Navy doctor, said it was believed no more than six such cases are listed.

The naval officers' report appears to rule out the possibility of delayed birth of a twin.

OUR WEATHER

Cloudy to partly cloudy and somewhat warmer today. Partly cloudy, warm and windy tonight and Friday with showers and scattered thunderstorms. Turning cooler late tomorrow or tomorrow night. Low temperature this morning, 32 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 63 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 53 degrees.

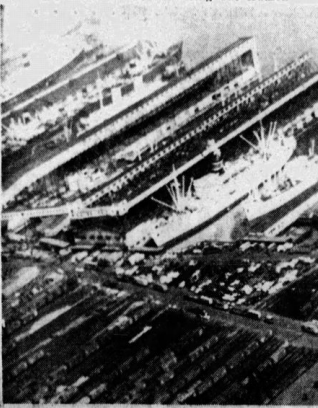
High temperature expected today, 75 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:29 a.m.; sunset, 6:39 p.m.

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VIOLENCE BREAKS OUT ON THE NEW YORK WATERFRONT... Mounted Policemen Ride Herd on Members of the ILU Along The Hudson



...AS BALTIMORE'S BUSY HARBOR HANDLES SHIPS DIVERTED FROM STRIFE-TORN GOTHAM

Pier Space Is So Valuable That Stevedores Plan to Unload Directly Into Railway Cars and Move Them to New York

McCarthy-Army Hearing Pushed

By G. MILTON KELLY and JACK KELLY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Mundt (R-S.D.) said today he still hopes to launch next week a public hearing investigation of the heated row between Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and top Army officials.

He outlined a quick-paced schedule he wants to follow as presiding officer of the inquiry.

It calls for swift selection of a special counsel and agreement on ground rules under which the Senate will look into.

1. An Army report backed by Secretary Stevens accusing McCarthy and his chief counsel, Roy M. Cohn, of trying to get favored treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine, an unpaid subcommittee aide until he was drafted last fall. McCarthy and Cohn have denied the charge.

2. Return accusations by McCarthy and Cohn that Stevens and his associates tried to "blackmail" the committee into dropping its inquiry into alleged Communists in the Army by using Schine as a "bribe."

Stevens replied that the charge was "fantastic."

3. Several young women working in reservation offices of four air lines in an adjacent building were evacuated without injury. The offices were damaged by water.

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Blast, Fire Level Building

ATLANTA (AP)—A terrific explosion started a fire that destroyed a five-story building early today.

Firemen and police expressed belief there were no casualties. No estimate of damage was available.

Witnesses said the explosion appeared to have taken place on the second floor of the building which was occupied by the Baskette Piano Co., and a book store.

In less than 10 minutes after the blast, the flames had spread to the top floor.

The explosion blew most of the front part of the building into narrow Pryor St. Some debris was hurled across the street into the doorway of Fire Station No. 4, temporarily blocking the exit of fire-fighting equipment.

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Millions To View Film Award Events

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Oscar will have his biggest audience tonight when the 26th annual Academy Awards are handed out before millions of lookers and listeners on TV and radio.

The biggest star spurge in television history will be seen tonight when Hollywood's top blowout is beamed over NBC.

It starts at 10:30 p.m. EST. The hour-and-a-half show will be telecast over 106 stations and heard on 163 radio outlets.

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Services Can Try Veterans

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U. S. Court of Appeals here today upheld a law giving the armed services the right to court-martial civilians for serious crimes committed while in service.

The decision applied specifically to Robert W. Tish, of Pittsburgh, an honorably discharged Air Force man, who is accused of murder in the slaying of a South Korean civilian.

The appeals court reversed a ruling by U. S. District Judge Arthur Holtzoff and directed that Tish be turned over to Air Force authorities for court-martial.

The three appeals judges who heard the case agreed unanimously that a provision of the uniform code of military justice, giving the armed services authority to try former servicemen for serious crimes, is constitutional.

Counsel for both Tish and the government have said the case would be carried to the Supreme Court.

Tish, 24, a Pittsburgh steel worker, was arrested May 13, 1953, at his place of employment and flown to Korea to stand court-martial. He was returned to the states under Judge Holtzoff's order.

3 MINERS KILLED

BATHGATE, Scotland (AP)—Three miners were killed and a fourth injured in a cave-in at a coal mine near here today.

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Comic Dictionary

A rabid chess player.



BURT LANCASTER



WILLIAM HOLDEN



AUDREY HEPBURN



DEBORAH KERR

Will Two Of These Make The Grade As Best Actor And Best Actress?