



HOLD UP TRAINS—Maintenance workers of the Philadelphia Transit Company, continuing a protest against layoff of maintenance forces, stage a meeting at the line's 6th and Market streets terminal.

The World Today

U. S.-Japan In Accord

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—The United States agreed today to consider gradual withdrawal of U. S. ground forces from Japan as quickly as Japan becomes able to "assume primary responsibility for the defense of its homeland."

The agreement was made known in a statement issued jointly by Secretary of State Dulles and Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu ending their three days of economic-defense talks.

The 1,000-word communique declared there had been a "free and frank exchange of views from the global viewpoint."

It noted agreement that "continued solidarity of the free world is needed to maintain improved prospects of peace."

The communique emphasized a desire by Japan to make cooperation with the United States and the free world "the cornerstone" of its foreign policy.

Czech Chief Has Attack

VIENNA, Austria, Aug. 31 (AP)—Communist Czechoslovakia's 70-year-old President Antonin Zapotocky, who was taken gravely ill after a heart attack yesterday, was reported in satisfactory condition today.

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Wickard Heads Anti-Ike Unit

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Claude Wickard, former secretary of agriculture, today was named to head a Democratic Agricultural Advisory Committee expected to spearhead a 1956 attack on Eisenhower administration farm policies.

Announcing Wickard's appointment, Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler said the group will organize at a Sept. 19 meeting in Chicago to begin a "re-examination of Democratic policies in all phases of agricultural problems."

Butler said that Charles Brannan, also a former secretary of agriculture, will be a member of the group, which will be limited to those who have active farming interests. Wickard now farms more than 600 acres near Camden, Ind.

U. S. Paroles War Criminals

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—The United States today announced the parole of 22 Japanese convicted as war criminals.

They were among the more than 200 lesser Japanese convicted after World War II.

The State Department, in announcing the release of the 22, said five had their sentences reduced before being paroled.

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Early Saturday Pennsylvania RR Strike Is Called

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (AP)—A strike of 35,000 nonoperating employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad was called today for 12:01 a. m. Saturday. The employees maintain and inspect equipment for the railroad.

The CIO Transport Workers Union of America announced at a meeting here its railroad division called the strike on recommendation of a Philadelphia conference Aug. 31.

Michael J. Quill, TWU president, said "countless grievances" were the cause of the strike action. He said: "The union is sorry that hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvania Railroad passengers will be stranded over Labor Day weekend. But the patience of workers is at an end."

He said a secret ballot showed 97 per cent of the voting members favored a strike, and added: "Representatives assembled here report that the employees are sick and tired of management's refusal after six years to solve countless grievances. They include electricians, boiler-makers, repair men and others."

In Philadelphia, the railroad top brass went into an immediate conference to discuss the situation. A spokesman said, "This thing has just been thrown at us."

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Ervin: Solons Will Study Hurricanes

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 31—Senator Sam Ervin (D-NC) says Congress will give "careful study" in the hurricane problems when it meets again in January.

The North Carolina senator believes particular action will be taken in the areas of weather forecasting and disaster insurance, through investigations and additional federal financial aid.

Senator Strom Thurmond (D-SC) and Ervin both actively supported a bill passed by Congress this year, which gave the Weather Bureau an additional \$5 million for development of its hurricane warning system.

The problem involves much study on all levels of government, the North Carolina senator said. The problem of restoring and rebuilding areas is complicated by the disaster insurance availability and increased insurance premiums caused by hurricanes "Comie" and "Diane."

Ervin Warns Farm Price Dip Must Halt

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 31—Unless either the administration or Congress takes action to halt declining farm prices, there will be a "major political upheaval," Senator Sam Ervin warned today.

Ervin is "quite disturbed" by the continuing drop in farm prices and the tobacco price-squeeze problem. He is studying both to see what can be done.

Ervin's statement followed an Agriculture Department announcement that farm prices again dropped another 2 per cent in August, and 6 per cent lower than in August, 1954.

The North Carolina Democrat said the people are looking to the White House for a solution, but, if the administration fails, Congress will be forced to take action.

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POSTER CONTEST WINNER—Jolene Kay Lake, 31, of Seattle, in which "vie with pure in lap, is ready for trip to New York after winning a national poster contest for Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, Inc. Her likeness will appear on a million posters, in drive to get funds for research into the fatal disease afflicting more than 200,000 most of them children.

Scientist Fears Globular Blast

BRISTOL, England, Aug. 31 (AP)—A leading British scientist warned tonight that no one knows just how big a nuclear explosion is needed to blow up the globe.

Sir Robert Robinson, president of the British Assn. for the Advancement of Science, called for an international conference of scientists to find out if there is a ceiling limit beyond which man should not meddle with the elements.

"To us really know enough about nuclear reactions to be sure there is no loophole?" Robinson asked the association's 117th annual meeting. "Has every conceivable case been considered?"

Robinson said ordinary atomic explosions are used to touch off hydrogen explosions. New "H-bomb" in its turn can initiate a vastly greater uranium explosion, but physicists insist they can keep it all under control, he said.

What must be checked, Sir Robert insisted, was whether every possibility of a runaway explosion has been covered.

COCKSURE "The physicists appear to be cocksure that this is so," he said. "But just as it is necessary that 'justice shall be seen to be done' I submit that it is desirable that the inner circle of advisers to governments should not only be right, but 'be seen to be right.'"

"This can only be secured by a relaxation of secrecy on the scientific aspects of nuclear energy developments and by some form of international consultation before novel and greatly increased releases of energy are attempted."

Robinson, one of Britain's leading organic scientists, told his colleagues it was their job to go on developing "the terrible nuclear weapons... so as to build up the efficacy of international treaties, our only defense against extinction."

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Veteran Says Parent 'Risk' Cost His Job

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organization she knew to be sympathetic with the Communist party.

NO RED She said she had no knowledge that her retired husband ever was charged with Communist connections in his 27 years as a public school teacher. She added that she "certainly should have known" it if he had been.

Both of them belonged to the Progressive party in 1948, Mrs. Summers said, and she was a member of the International Women's League for Peace and Freedom and the World Affairs Council. None of the three is on the attorney general's list of subversive organizations.

Sen. Carlson (R-Kan.), who told reporters later he "hated to do it," raised a series of questions, without offering any supporting evidence, as to whether the father and a daughter, Lillian, had any Communist affiliations. The daughter lives in Boston.

PETITION It was Carlson who brought up the Progressive party membership of Mr. and Mrs. Summers. He also asked whether Mrs. Summers had signed a petition to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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Cops Whoop It Up As Hotel Robbed

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Peron Withdraws Offer To Resign

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Aug. 31 (AP)—President Juan D. Peron said tonight he has withdrawn his offer to resign and has decided to remain president of Argentina.

The President earlier in the day had said he would quit if that would bring peace to his country.

Peron appeared on his Government House balcony to address a shouting crowd packed into the Plaza de Mayo to demand that he stay as president.

The crowd walked more than an hour for his appearance.

A small group tried to force entrance through the main door of the Government House demanding the right to talk with Peron. Federal police hurled back the intruders and restored order before Peron came on the scene.

Peron earlier had told his followers he would resign if that would pacify the nation.

The reply from loyal Peronists—clearly primed in advance to receive and reject the offer—was a clamor of demands that he stay in the office he has held for nine years.

The General Confederation of Labor (CGT) called a general strike and summoned workers to mass demonstrations to insist that Peron stay.

The House of Deputies, ruled by Peron's party, had to cancel sessions this afternoon because the majority refused to attend until the President withdraws his offer. The entire membership of the Senate—all Peronists—declared they would resign if Peron does.

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Sharpshooting Slayer Of 2 Kills Himself

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 31 (AP)—Lincoln Syre, crafty sharpshooter, killed his two sisters-in-law, was found dead today with a note in his pocket expressing bitter disappointment that he'd been unable to kill their two brothers.

Coroner Edna Gettles said the 37-year-old crane operator turned his high-powered Japanese rifle on himself about 5 a. m. today in a farm of a friend, Charles Williams, who lives in remote hill country near here.

The body of the man who quietly stalked his victims in the darkness Monday night was found sprawled on the floor of Williams' barn.

Police Sgt. D. E. Carson said a note in Syre's hip pocket laid out the facts of his case to kill the brothers of Mrs. Phil Jones and Mrs. Alice Martin.

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Examiners Clear Pastor Of Heresy

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 31 (AP)—A trial board sitting in the second heresy trial in the 65-year history of the Northwest Synod of the United Lutheran Church tonight found the Rev. John Gerberding innocent of deviating from official church doctrine.

Pastor Gerberding, 33, of Holy Cross Church at Menomonee Falls in neighboring Waukesha County, was found innocent on seven charges and the remaining eight charges was set aside. The trial board, made up of seven pastors, was unanimous in its decisions.

The first heresy trial in the history of the synod was held last month and found the Rev. George P. Crist, 31, guilty on nine of 15 charges.

Pastor Gerberding was accused of "denying the divine authority of the Holy Scriptures, holding and teaching that the doctrine of the virgin birth of Mary was unimportant and 'needed not be interpreted as literal fact,' denying the physical resurrection of Jesus, the historicity and actuality of the visible ascension of Jesus and a number of his recorded miracles, denying the efficacy of intercessory prayer and the sacramental union of the Lord's Supper."

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