

Teamster Boss Imports General Strike Threat From Europeans

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Teamster boss James R. Hoffa's threat to import a deadly European strike strategy which would straighten out the employers once and for all has some solid precedent in the U. S. labor movement. Hoffa now denies he made any such threat of a general, nationwide strike of his teamsters' union. Such a strike would paralyze the U. S. economy. Whether Hoffa made the threat can be left for

determination—under oath—by the Senate rackets subcommittee. If somebody is lying, then somebody may go to jail for perjury. The general strike, a strangling strategy, is well known in Europe. It is as much a political as an economic weapon. Moreover, the general strike strategy frequently works. European labor has tried them all. Hoffa's threat recalls that nearly 25 years have slipped by since the left-wing of U. S. organized labor imported the sit-down strike technique from

France and stopped the great assembly lines of General Motors. On Feb. 11, 1937, GM signed the agreement which ended a 44-day Flint (Mich.) sit-down. From that agreement developed the United Automobile Workers of America (UAW) organization in GM. Sen. Pat McNamara (D-Mich.) in the Senate on the sit-down's 20th anniversary said: "Mr. president, 20 years ago this month (Feb. 1937), there took place in Flint, Mich., events which marked the launching of a new bill of rights for the industrial worker. From these strikes came recognition of UAW by General Motors Corporation."

The Communist Party, USA, in their national publication, "The Worker," also commemorated the Flint sit-down in a nostalgic account of events in the first year of the second Roosevelt Administration. Organized labor was heavily infiltrated and in some instances led by Communists at that time. Wyndham Mortimer, vice president of the struggling UAW, was a Communist closely associated with Bob Travis, UAW leader in Toledo, Ohio. "The Worker" recalled in discussing the Flint sit-down.

Strike Leaders
"Who were the people (in the Flint strike)?" the paper continued, "with initiative and leadership? They were mainly an active core that Mortimer and Travis had built up. But it was people with a socialist consciousness and association with the Communist Party and the then-leftist Socialist Party of Michigan who stood out in key positions."
"While the major leaders at Fisher (a GM plant) were Communists, the group that led the sit-down at the Chevrolet plant (Flint) were mainly Socialists. Later the three Reuther Brothers, then Socialists, came to Flint to join Mortimer and the other Communists in the leadership." (Walter P. Reuther now is No. 2 man in the AFL-CIO.)

So, that is the Communist version of the 1937 importation of the sit-down strike. The sit-down was a device by which employees quit work but remained in the plants day and night, resisting eviction. This was a deadly effective device, especially when courts and Michigan's Gov. Frank Murphy rejected company pleas that their properties were being seized and occupied illegally. UAW's own account of the sit-down background was this:

Doctors Want A Pay Raise In England

LONDON (UPI) — The British Medical Association today issued a detailed plan for a "strike" to be called by the 20,000 physicians in the National Health Service if negotiations with the government fail to produce a pay raise.

The doctors involved care for about 97 per cent of the nation's patients. According to the plan, medical service would be available during the strike, but patients would have to foot the bills now paid by the government and claim reimbursement from the government afterward. "National Health Service practice throughout the country would cease," the association said, "and the government would be powerless to organize any effective alternate service."

The health service, started 11 years ago, pays doctors \$2.50 a year for each patient on their treatment list, with an additional \$1.60 a year for each thousand names on the list. Each doctor is limited to 3,500 patients. Payment is made no matter how much treatment is given the individual. The program costs about 2 billion dollars a year, 80 per cent being paid by tax money and the rest supplied by social security plans and the patients. Contributions by patients include 14 cents for each prescription, whether it calls for aspirin or expensive drugs, and \$2.80 for each series of dental treatments, whether for pulling one tooth or replacing a mouthful. The doctors contend that the government is underpaying them, and negotiations on a pay increase have been going on for several months. The medical association has given no indication of when its strike plan would be carried out.

Timid Bear Roams Capital

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A timid black bear roamed the nation's capital today, eluding a big game hunt by police and zoo officials. A police officer who has been in on the week-long search said the elusive bruin has been chased so often "he is scared to death. We'll never catch him now." The bear stands about waist-high to a man. He was estimated to weigh between 200 and 300 pounds. The animal was spotted first last Monday at Andrews Air Force Base in nearby Maryland. No one knows where he came from. The National Zoological Park offered to give the bear a home. Zoo Director T. H. Reed and several assistants have taken part in the search armed with guns which shoot drug-dipped darts designed to put the animal to sleep. Some police officials expressed fear that the darts, or the air rifles which some hunters have carried, might wound the beast and turn him into a killer.

ANN LANDERS

Answers Your Problems
Dear Ann Landers: I'm one teen-ager who is off of you for life. I just read the letter from that kid with the ducktail haircut. That did it. I nearly passed out when you sided with the principal. Since when is a corney high school principal an authority on hair? I've never yet seen one, who had any.
You knew you were going to get us kids all steamed up because you said "sorry, gang, but I call 'em as I see 'em." Either your eyeballs need cleaning or old umpires should wear glasses. That call stank.
About 70 per cent of the guys in our school wear ducktails. They look real sharp. Most of them are clean-cut athletes, not hood or thugs. I get six haircuts a year and I consider myself neat at all times. This is one teen-ager who attends church every Sunday — ducktail and all. —Ducky.
Dear Ducky: Thanks for brushing the mop out of your eyes long enough to write the letters. Plenty of the ducktailed readers from coast to coast quacked about the advice. The mail is running 50 to 1 against me, but in spite of all the static, the original verdict still stands. Ducktails belong on ducks.
Dear Ann Landers: I am going with a wonderful young man. We

Elgin Centennial Results Released By County Agent

Results of the Elgin Centennial celebration and 4-H Community Fair, held last weekend have been announced by the county extension service.
More than 250 persons attended the event where the following 4-H club members won awards:
LIVESTOCK
Jersey: 1st—Kim Tameris; 2nd—Celas Hug.
Brown Swiss: 1st—Dick Barnes. Milking Shorthorn: 1st—Terry Croghan.
Guernsey: 1st—Terry Shaffer. Ayrshire: 1st—Terry Shaffer. Herefords: 1st—Billy Roulet.
Market Hogs: 1st—Beth Hug; 2nd—Larry Hays; 3rd—John Hays.
Feeder Lambs: 1st—Gary Miller; 1st—Shirley Miller.
Junior Sheep Showmanship: 2nd—Gary Miller; 2nd—John Hays.
Junior Swine Showmanship: 1st—Larry Hays; 2nd—John Hays; 2nd—Beth Hug.
Junior Dairy Showmanship: 1st—Celas Hug; 2nd—Terry Shaffer. Senior Dairy Showmanship: 1st—Terry Croghan; 2nd—Dick Barnes; 2nd—Jack Shaffer; 3rd—Kim Tameris.
Junior Horse Showmanship: 1st—Virginia McClure; 1st—Dennis Moore.
Intermediate Horse Showmanship: 1st—Betty Lou Adams; 1st—Ricky Taylor; 1st—Teri Adams; 2nd—Judy Trump; 2nd—Barbara McClure.
Junior Horsemanship: 1st—Dennis Moore; 1st—Virginia McClure.
Intermediate Horsemanship: 1st—Barbar McClure; 2nd—Ricky Taylor.
FORESTRY:
1st, Wayne Boswell; 2nd, Alan Rutherford.
ELECTRICITY:
1st, Thomas Tuckler.
HANDICRAFT:
2nd, Dolores Harris.
CLOTHING:
JUST SO GIRL: 1st, Shirley Hindman; 1st, Beverly Hug; 2nd, Mary Blalock.
SEW IT'S FUN: 1st, Shirley Wilson.
CHARMINGLY YOURS: 3rd, Bonita Hug.
TEENWISE CLOTHING: 2nd, Beth Hug; 3rd, Georgie Williams; 3rd, Neva Elliott.
CLOTHES FOR FUN & SUN: 2nd, Dolores Adams;
KNITTING: 1st, Janis Yarrington; 2nd, Dolores Adams.
COOKERY—Mealtime Fun: 1st, Beth Hug; 2nd, Judie Waelty.
DINNER CLUB: 1st, Christine Kennedy; 2nd, Shirley Durfee.

Strauss Okay Said Doomed By Senator

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.) has predicted the Senate never will confirm President Eisenhower's nomination of Lewis L. Strauss to be secretary of commerce. Anderson, a long-time foe of Strauss, said Sunday he believed the President would withdraw the appointment or the Senate would reject it if the issue came up for a vote. The Senate is expected to begin debate Thursday on the nomination, which the Commerce Committee approved by a 9-8 vote. Both sides of the controversy have forecast victory by a narrow margin. Anderson, chairman of the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, said the debate would be "extended." He rejected the idea that the matter could be settled in a day or so. The New Mexico Democrat said he would not join in the recent recommendation of some Democrats that Strauss ask that his nomination be withdrawn. "Anything I would recommend, he would do the direct opposite," Anderson said. Anderson was reminded that Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) recently made a thinly veiled threat to filibuster against the nomination. He was asked if he would try to persuade Morse not to resort to a talkathon. "I would not discourage Sen. Morse from doing anything," Anderson replied. He said that "extended debate" is sometimes useful in educating the American people about an undesirable situation.

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