

France Speeds Military Preparations

Troops Rushed To Frontiers

Marseille Dock Workers Under Military Rule as Defense Move

(By the Associated Press) PARIS, Sept. 7.—France spurred military preparations tonight by mobilizing all Marseille dock-workers and sending more troops toward the German frontier in apprehension of conflict developing from the German Czechoslovak quarrel.

Pledged to aid Czechoslovakia from a foreign attack, France speeded additional reserve troops to her eastern border, bringing to 1,200,000 unofficial estimates of the soldiers under arms or standing by for orders from Premier Edouard Daladier.

5000 Under Military
The Marseille mobilization put an estimated 5000 dock-workers under military discipline at the nation's vital gateway to the huge man-power of her colonial empire.

A previous government decree put the Marseille port under military jurisdiction when stevedores' strikes tied up operations on weekends and holidays.

Reserves and overlapping classes of new recruits have swelled the 700,000-man standing army that France ordinarily maintains.

Mobilization Plans Made
Circles close to the interior ministry reported instructions relative to war mobilization had been sent to the prefects of each of the nation's 92 departments in France and Algeria.

Similar instructions were said to have been sent to the governors of France's overseas territories by the colonial ministry.

Another important development was a communique issued by the general confederation of labor indicating that workers of the powerful organization will cooperate in strengthening national defense.

The 5,000,000-member confederation had fought Daladier's moves to end the 40-hour work week, but the communique showed willingness to favor longer hours in view of the threatening international situation.

A war ministry order instructed an undetermined number of reservists to report immediately for duty on the Maginot line facing Germany.

Buses to Be Used To Carry Troops

PARIS, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The "taxi of the Marne" which helped turn the tide of German invasion 24 years ago will be replaced with buses if the necessity of rushing troops from Paris ever arises again.

The war ministry ordered the Paris Transport company, owner of the capital's buses, to turn over a number of their regular city buses for use in the recent army maneuvers near Besancon.

If the French army is ever hard pressed before Paris again as in 1914, military experts say the general staff expects to find the big buses, each seating 48 persons, far more efficient than Paris taxis for emergency troop transport.

Diplomat Shakeup In Japan Rumored

TOKYO, Sept. 8.—(Thursday)—A comprehensive shake-up in Japan's diplomatic circles, affecting ambassadors to Rome, Berlin, Moscow and London, was predicted in informed quarters today.

While it has long been rumored that Ambassador Hiroshi Saito would be recalled from Washington, definite indications this move would be made were lacking.

Britain's National Debt Highest Ever in History

LONDON, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Britain's national debt was revealed today to have passed £8,000,000,000 (about \$10,000,000,000) mark for the first time in history.

Rejects Bid

Florens Blasch, star 21-year-old Chicago athlete, is pictured in New York City, where she revealed that Lithuania had offered her a place on its 1940 Olympic team. "But I'm going to get into the Olympics the hard way," she said, "by going out for the American team."

Czechs Are Ready



George Boochever, chairman of the Board of the American Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce, is pictured as he returned to New York from abroad. Referring to an interview with President Beneš he declared the Czechs are ready and willing to fight if necessary.

Marauding Wolves Kept From Child

PORTLAND, Sept. 7.—(AP)—How two marauding timber wolves—great, gray fellows still lurking in the Mount Wilson wilderness—missed their kill after a tiny girl's childish prattle drew them from the woods was related here today by A. C. Bull, Portland attorney.

Bull said the incident happened last Sunday in the Mount Hood area. His four-year-old daughter, Marilyn, was with him.

"Marilyn was skipping down the trail and suddenly I heard her scream. I looked down the trail to see two timber wolves slinking toward her. They were within 10 feet or so when I scrambled over the log and yelled and waved my arms. They raced into the timber and disappeared. Had she been 50 feet farther down the trail she would have been out of my sight—and I don't know what would have happened."

A forest ranger said wolves were fairly common in the area.

Portland May Request Big Housing Project

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 7.—(AP)—The city council today asked the city attorney to prepare a resolution calling for a \$5,000,000 housing project for Portland, if and when veterans authorize joining the federal government in the program.

Insurgents Deny Franco Might Resign His Post

PARIS, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Spanish insurgent representatives in Paris flatly denied reports in the London Financial Times today that Generalissimo Francisco Franco, insurgent leader, might resign in favor of a Spanish politician favorable to mediation.

Dewey's Case Comes to End

Lawyer Backs up Charge Hines Fought Naming of Dewey

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—(AP)—A rapid fire of testimony intended to bolster the charges of gangland informers that James J. Hines served as paid political protector of Dutch Schultz's mammoth policy racket today concluded Dist. Atty. Thomas E. Dewey's case against the 61-year-old Tammany district leader.

The last prosecution witness, James D. C. Murray, New York lawyer, boldly underscored previous testimony that Hines attempted three years ago to block the appointment as special rackets prosecutor of Dewey, the crusading young man who eventually brought him to trial.

Fire Chief Testifies
Hammering home his final place of evidence that Hines allegedly was associated with Schultz, the underworld overlord, Dewey produced Cornelius Casey, fire chief of Troy, N. Y., for 20 years and democratic chairman of Rensselaer county.

A friend of Hines for 15 years, the ruddy, white-haired fire chief quietly testified that Schultz came to him in February of 1935 with two attorneys and, "they wanted to know if I could stop the police from interfering with them."

"I told them I didn't think I could do anything, but I would see," Casey said, adding that he soon received a telephone call from Hines.

Asked For Aid
"He said, 'they are giving some fellows a run-around up there, and he wanted to know if I could do anything.'"

By "the fellows," Casey said, Hines told him he meant "the Dutchman."

"I said," Casey testified, "I don't know how much I can do, but if they are all right and behave themselves here, I don't think anybody will interfere with them."

When Murray left the stand, Defense Counsel Lloyd Paul Strickland announced he would make a motion tomorrow to dismiss the charges against Hines and asked for a recess until 2 p. m. to prepare his argument. The recess was granted over Dewey's objections.

17 Bombers Land At Pearl Harbor

HONOLULU, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Seventeen great bombing planes of the United States navy bearing 119 men descended upon Pearl Harbor before dawn today, completing a moonlight flight of 2,570 miles from San Diego, Calif.

The big flying boats flew in mass formation throughout the night and completed the long over-water journey in officially announced elapsed time of 17 hours, 17 minutes.

New Mexico WPA Object of Probe

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Sept. 7.—(AP)—A federal grand jury was launched tonight on an investigation of "common rumor" of graft, payroll padding and political activity within the works progress administration of New Mexico.

US District Judge Colon P. Neblett tersely charged the jury with the inquiry as it was sworn in at the start of the fall jury session today.

Oddities

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The General Burglar Alarm company is a concern which protects small retail shops from robbery by a wire alarm system. Today, two men held up the company and took \$250.

PONTIAC, Mich., Sept. 7.—(AP)—In a hurry, Mrs. Merle Croteau telephoned for a taxi cab. A few minutes later three fire trucks and police cruiser pulled up at her door.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Reginald H. Kent, 26, won a divorce today after testifying he radio technician husband continually played funeral dirges on a phonograph "just to bother me and get on my nerves."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—(AP)—A well-dressed middle-aged couple stepped from an automobile bearing New England license plates. They stood gazing at a big white building, then halted a passerby and asked: "Garden me, could you tell us what that building is?"

The passerby stared in astonishment: "That building?" "Yes, please." "That, sir, is the capitol of the United States."

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7.—(AP)—David Beerman, 41, asking for a reduction of an order to pay his wife \$6 a week, told Judge William M. Lewis today: "I have four wives, your honor—her two sisters and her mother. They all told me what to do."

Judge Lewis reduced the order to \$4.

'Boat on Wheels' Conveys Family

SEATTLE, Sept. 7.—(AP)—A boat on wheels in which ten members of a Richmond, Va., family crossed the United States neared Seattle tonight, Alaska-bound.

Paul Satko, 48-year-old welder, brought his wife and eight children from Richmond in the novel conveyance in nearly three months of alternate traveling and working at odd jobs.

The land-going vessel, in which the Satkos crossed the Cascades east of Seattle today, consists of the steel framework of an uncompleted 40-foot boat, mounted upon a truck chassis, steered from within by a ship's wheel and equipped with a ship's bell instead of an automobile horn.

Satko explained that when employment turned dull in Richmond he constructed the boat framework and headed westward, planning to finish the vessel here and take his family to Cook Inlet, Alaska.

"I'm going to sail up to Alaska just as soon as I get this thing finished," Satko told interviewers. "I hear life is easier up there."

4-Day Week Asked By Typographers

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 7.—(AP)—Proposals of a 4-day week for the printing industry along with suggestions to eliminate present contracts calling for work over a 6-day week are expected to come before the International Typographical union during its week-long convention beginning here Saturday.

Charles E. Wilfong of Chicago, chairman of the important committee on law, said today discussion of a 4-day week for the industry was probable.

Depoiting Suit Goes to Court

Government Appeals Case Which Has Bearing on Bridges

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—(AP)—The government appealed to the supreme court today a deportation case which may affect the status of Harry Bridges, west coast CIO leader, against whom deportation proceedings are pending.

Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson and Gerard P. Reilly, labor department solicitor, asked the court to decide in the case of Joseph G. Strecker of Hot Springs, Ark., whether an alien member of the communist party is subject to deportation under a 1938 statute. This statute provides deportation for alien members of organizations which advocate the overthrow of the government by force.

Deportations Reversed
The fifth circuit court recently reversed a deportation order against Strecker, granted by a federal district court. Pending final disposition of the case, the labor department has been deferring further action against Bridges.

Chairman Dies (D-Text) of a house committee investigating un-American activities, recently asked Secretary of Labor Perkins to conclude deportation proceedings against Bridges.

Dies declared there was no justification for delay and said he could not see how the Strecker case would have any bearing on Bridges' case "since the facts are so dissimilar." Witnesses before Dies' committee testified Bridges associated with communists.

Appeal Recommended
Secretary Perkins replied that her department had recommended an appeal from the circuit court decision to the high court, adding that "it was recognized at once... that unless this holding were reversed the charges against Bridges, even if proved, had no legal significance whatsoever."

Strecker came to this country from Austria in 1912. In 1933 he filed a naturalization petition. Before this proceeding was completed, however, he was arrested and ordered deported. He had joined the communist party in November, 1932, but stopped paying his dues in February, '33.

Grants Pass Cats Like Oil Surface, But Owners Don't

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Sept. 7.—(AP)—There are a lot of dogs and cats here which are in for a hot time. Dick McCullough, superintendent of a crew surfacing some streets here, says the felines and canines have taken to rolling in the first coats of asphalt oil—all with sorry results. He says the only way he knows by which the owners can cleanse their pets is to bathe them in kerosene.

Those who know say there is only one thing worse than trying a can to a dog's tail and that is coal oil applied to the seat of its pants.

Stanfield Named Action Defendant

Severance of Fixtures From Real Property Is Charged

ONTARIO, Ore., Sept. 7.—(AP)—An indictment charging severance of fixtures from real property named as defendants today former US Senator Robert N. Stanfield, who was defeated last May for the republican nomination.

Jointly named as defendants were Miss Kathleen Kivett, his secretary, and John R. Corbett, foreman of the Crowley ranch operated by Stanfield.

M. A. Biggs, Malheur county district attorney, asserted that the defendants directed the removal of a house, barn, chicken house, blacksmith shop, stockade, corral and fence from the

Grant Walters ranch, owned by the state and adjoining the Crowley ranch. Biggs said that Stanfield and his associates "said they believed the property was included in a lease of state-owned range lands negotiated last year by Stanfield. The district attorney said that while negotiations had been carried on by Stanfield and state representatives, the lease had not been signed although the document had been mailed to Stanfield's office."

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