

AFL Directs All Affiliates to Refrain From Striking Until Mediation Efforts Exhausted

(By The Associated Press)

The American Federation of Labor directed all its affiliates Wednesday night to refrain from striking against defense industries until all possibilities of mediation had been exhausted.

It called upon the international unions to discipline any locals which strike before government agencies have an opportunity to adjust the disputes peacefully and promised similar action itself against federal unions which do so.

In a statement, issued in Washington, the federation's executive council called attention to President Roosevelt's fireside appeal of Tuesday that labor utilize the government's conciliation and mediation machinery to avoid stoppage of defense production.

"We must do this," the council said. "We can do this. And we pledge our faith as Americans to the president that we will do it."

In another Washington statement, Sidney Hillman said that Harvey W. Brown, president of the AFL International Association of Machinists, was "completely in error" when he told a senate committee Tuesday that Hillman had sent a man to California to "stimulate" a strike at the Vultee aircraft plant.

Hillman wrote Senator Truman (D-Mo.), chairman of the defense investigating committee, that no one had been sent by him, on his behalf or by his division before the strike was called. Hillman is co-director of the Office of Production Management, but when the strike was called in November, 1940, he was a member of the defense commission.

An official of an AFL machinist union told a senate committee in Washington Wednesday that he would accept the "dictates" of President Roosevelt if the chief executive should demand that striking shipyard machinists return to their jobs in the San Francisco bay area.

He was Harry S. Hook, a business agent. After he had testified, Committee Chairman Truman (D-Mo.) expressed the opinion to newspapermen that "nothing" had been accomplished toward ending the machinists' strike which has tied up \$500,000,000 of navy contracts.

R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO United Automobile Workers, told a senate labor subcommittee that enactment of legislation providing a compulsory "cooling off" period before strikes would "embitter" workers and "produce more strikes than we have now."

Also in Washington, a leader of the Appalachian soft coal operators said that under the president's proclamation there could be no shutdown of vital defense industries, including the soft coal mines.

Operators of the southern Appalachian area have rejected a new contract demand of the CIO United Mine Workers calling for an increase in wages from \$5.60 to \$7 a day. The dispute is before the defense mediation board and the miners have agreed to continue work pending the board's announcement of its recommendations.

"Without conceding one single contention that has been held out for by southern operators and the United Mine Workers," the mine spokesman said, "it would seem to me the proclamation forbids the closing down of any industry vital to national defense." He asked that his name not be used.

SEATTLE, May 28-(AP)—A midnight strike by drivers of the Washington Motor Coach system, which operates the main cross-state bus routes, appeared imminent Wednesday night after a breakdown in negotiations over wage increase demands.

F. A. Hoover, international representative of the Motor Coach Drivers' union (AFL), and President C. B. Fitzgerald of the company agreed that the strike appeared inevitable.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 28-(AP)—Grant Dixon, president of the Western Pine Manufacturing company, said Wednesday a walkout at 2 p. m. by the company's 400

Move up in Army Promotions



Moved up in the new army promotions are Maj. Gen. George Howard Brett (left), designated chief of the air corps, and Brig. Gen. Courtney Hicks Hodges (right), designated chief of infantry. Gen. Brett succeeds Gen. H. H. Arnold, present deputy chief of staff for air.

High Students Get Annuals

Clarion annuals for 1941 are to be distributed this afternoon to Salem high school students, May 9, editor, said Wednesday.

Miss Oye was assisted by Pat Chapman and John Carlson. The manager and his assistants were Gordon Murdock and Audrey Holt, Clyde Christian, Roger Wagner, Dick Gahlsdorf and Leslie Klampe.

Helping in editing the various sections of the book were:

Administration—Janice Patterson, Lucy Carver.

Seniors—Romagne Beilke, Jerry Wolfe, Frances Kelly, Vicki Smothers, Mabel Fox.

Juniors—Donna Upjohn, Veda Smith.

Sophomores—Phyllis Ryan, Norma Wootton.

Activities—Marion Horn, John Brown, Pat Chapman.

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Sports—Otis Wilson, Bill Upjohn.

Girls' sports—Anne Huston.

Features—Vicki Smothers, Frances Kelly.

Snapshots—Aileen Hutchinson, Bud Wolfe.

Humor—Allen Voigt, John Carlson.

Art—Lucy Carver.

Typist—Lorene Cross.

Diet Experts Really EAT

WASHINGTON, May 29-(AP)—Delegates to a conference on improving the nation's diet sat down to lunch Wednesday and here is what some of them ate:

John St. John Perrott, secretary of the conference—nothing.

Paul V. McNutt, federal security administrator—Vegetable soup, crabmeat salad, a pint of buttermilk and what looked like a quart of strawberries.

Paul Cornell, New York expert—Three glasses of beer.

Vice President Wallace—Cheese sandwich, glass of milk and ice cream.

Parley Slated For Employers

Approximately 900 employers whose payroll records indicate seasonal letdowns are being called to conferences throughout the state during June by the state unemployment compensation commission.

Weekly wage reports for the four-year period, 1937-40, will be requested of these employers in an effort to determine whether they are "seasonal" within the meaning of the law as amended by the 1941 legislature. Seasonal firms must have been shut down during the same consecutive 12-week period for each of the four years. This shutdown is defined as less than 45 per cent of the three highest four-week payrolls during that year.

Determinations made by unem-

Employment Commission Representatives

will be in force for two benefit years, 1942 and 1943.

Meetings tentatively arranged by the state employment offices within the area served are included.

Portland, June 30, Clackamas, Washington, Columbia, Yamhill and Multnomah.

World, Outside of British, See Little New in Position Taken By President in Address

(By The Associated Press)

President Roosevelt's speech was hailed in London Wednesday night as "an iron pact between allies" and evidence that the United States means war if need be; but in the axis capitals unofficial commentators professed to see nothing particularly new in it.

Italian newspapers published only a 75-word summary of the speech, and the newspaper Tribuna summed up fascist reaction with:

"We know what we knew before; namely, where Roosevelt wants to go. But the position of the United States remains internationally turgid and perhaps even more equivocal than before."

In Japan the influential newspaper Nichi Nichi termed it "one step nearer to participation in the war"; but most issues on the Tokyo stock market moved upward, apparently due to a belief in financial quarters that the speech contained little to upset Japanese-American trade relations.

In Buenos Aires, acting president Ramon Castillo inaugurated Argentina's 1941 congress by pledging his country to strict neutrality in the war. Castillo, who had listened to president Roosevelt's speech, reaffirmed the Argentine doctrine of self-determin-

ation of peoples, non-intervention and reciprocal respect for sovereignties involved in any international system, such as that envisaged by proposed hemisphere defense talks.

In Germany the press late Wednesday had not yet published any report of the speech, but the authoritative commentary news service Dienst Aus Deutschland said the president's arguments "apparently do not differ from numerous earlier American declarations."

The German radio, in a broadcast for foreign consumption, accused the president of aiming at "nothing short of unlimited control by Washington of the world's sea lanes," and argued that it was not Germany but "certain circles in the United States" which constitute an imperialistic threat to the world.

In Vichy, the semi-official reaction to the president's mention of French North Africa and Dakar was that it failed to

change the situation between France and the United States; as for the rest of the speech, it was regarded as an affair strictly between the United States and Germany.

In Mexico the comment was generally favorable. In Brazil the Rio de Janeiro newspaper Correio da Manhã, pro-ally, said the speech showed "the cause of the United States was identified with humanity itself."

In German-dominated Bulgaria the official radio spokesman saw "no dangerous surprises" in the speech, and interpreted it to mean there would be no war unless Germany undertakes an attack against the United States.

Australia approved the speech in official and unofficial comments. The labor leader John Curtin said: "Every Britisher and Australian who is a democrat and lover of freedom must offer a prayer of gratitude for all the speech says and involves."

The London Times, which printed the full text, said "expectations with which the address was awaited have been amply fulfilled. President Roosevelt has not declared war on axis powers; but by his proclamation he is mobilizing the whole resources of the American nation to resist all their attempts to frustrate the policy which he has laid down."

"Short of an actual declaration of war," the Telegraph said, "the president went to the farthest limit of pledging increasing and utmost assistance to Britain."

Lumber Boss Is Expert at Crocheting

FREDONIA, N.Y., May 28-(AP)—Lumber mill Foreman Randall F. Geiger claimed the world's championship in crocheting dainty handkerchiefs.

The 57-year-old needle artist, who specializes in colored designs, announced he has completed 380 hand-edged hankies—no two alike in design and made in 127 different hues.

"Mother taught me when I was 18 while recovering from typhoid," he explained. "Crocheting has been my hobby ever since."

"Lots of people can hardly believe it—until I show 'em." During his daytime hours, Geiger, 5 feet 10 inches tall and well-built, supervises rough lumber work. At night he goes to work with "tattoo thread No. 17—which is very fine."

Until around Christmas, 1938, Geiger concentrated on making intricate centerpiece patterns and working out stitch sequences. Then, seeking something new, he tried crocheting edging to handkerchiefs.

Winner of so many chautauqua county fair prizes that he no longer exhibits, Geiger meets every two or three weeks with women's sewing circles to give them pointers.

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