

Labor Heads Renew Pledge Of No-Strikes

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Interest must be decided, for instance, whether this means an AFL member may not consider any AFL case or may consider an AFL case if it does not affect his particular union.

Wayne L. Morse, acting chairman of the WLB, made this statement:

"The war labor board is proceeding to carry out its duties and obligations in accordance with existing congressional acts and executive orders pertaining to the board. The board has not had time as yet to examine its policies and procedures in light of the new law, but it is my judgment that the existing major policies and procedures of the board will be found entirely consistent with the act of congress.

"It is gratifying to note that many outstanding leaders of labor have reaffirmed their no strike pledge. I am satisfied that the board will continue to have the cooperation of responsible leaders of labor and industry in carrying out its labor relations stabilization program."

Harvest Work Crisis Here

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long until they come upon a cherry orchard where pickers are needed.

For those who do not have their own transportation, trucks will be at the US employment service headquarters, Ferry and Cottage streets, at 7 a.m. The number of trucks going out this morning was a bit uncertain but a spokesman for the emergency farm labor committee said 12 or 15 trucks would be awaiting there for loads of pickers Monday morning at that hour.

Eight platoons with total enrollment of 312 were at work on the cherry harvest Saturday and it was indicated that the demand would increase rapidly and continue for two or three weeks. Additional platoons are being organized and will be ready to go into the orchards Monday.

Statesman carriers have been organized into a platoon, to meet at the Statesman office after completing delivery of papers. Transportation to and from a cherry orchard has been arranged and the boys will pick for several hours daily while the need continues.

Though saving the cherry crop as a "good neighbor" gesture and a contribution toward victory is one incentive, pickers in the field are finding that the material reward is substantial. At the prevailing price of 3 cents a pound, expert pickers have earned more than \$15 in a single day and experienced pickers have made excellent wages. John M. Scott, aged 73, picked 467 pounds in one day; at the other end of the scale Jack Cobb, aged 9 and described as "big as a bar of soap" earned \$2.13. Boys and girls two or three years old have collected tickets worth from \$6 upward in one day. Canneries have been advertising for part-time workers to supplement their regular crews, starting Monday, and there are indications that the emergency labor need will be acute for some time to come.

Sporadic Air Raids Dealt

WASHINGTON, June 26—(AP) Sporadic air raids by American and Japanese forces in the South Pacific were reported by the navy Saturday, while in the North Pacific bombers of the Aleutians command delivered three new attacks on Japanese installations at Kiska.

Due to poor visibility results of the Kiska raids, which were made Thursday, could not be observed, a navy communique said. The raiding forces consisted of Liberator heavy bombers and Mitchell and Ventura medium bombers.

The action was made possible by modification of the fog and storm characteristic of the western Aleutians at this season was generally accepted as a fact here since Secretary Knox had said only a few days ago that weather alone was responsible for a let-up in the aerial campaign against the lone remaining position of the enemy in the American island chain.

Mopping up of Japanese stragglers on reconquered Attu island continued, the navy communique saying that army patrols had killed 15 more Japanese soldiers. The enemy known dead on Attu now totals more than 1800 with only about two dozen reported captured.

Nearly Normal Production Expected Soon From Miners

PITTSBURGH, June 26—(AP)—Mounting signs came from the Appalachian coal fields Saturday night that nearly normal production might be resumed next week although the situation in Pennsylvania remained uncertain after a day which saw the closing of more mines, even though anti-strike legislation has become law.



ON the HOMEFRONT
By ISABEL CHILDS

"... like me, he's educated," the bronze-skinned young man completed his description of a buddy he admires.

He had already told me how he had left the Pennsylvania farm for a job driving truck and that he now realized there might be more genuine living following the pursuit chosen by his line of Dutch ancestors.

There was added warmth in his blue eyes as he spoke of the five brothers and three sisters whose letters keep him so supplied with mail that he is never able to catch up with his correspondence or to get away from the mailtime jibes of the other men.

The buddy, who "... like me," is "educated" made good money before the war, is now apparently a general favorite. He was a jockey.

The lad who brushed by us at the counter was a boxer, but now he's on active duty in this theatre of war and so cannot participate in the matches sponsored by the army from Adair.

Quick to note the varying geographical, professional and family backgrounds of those with whom he lives, and interested in watching them, and the girls with whom they choose to eat late Saturday night suppers (they must be very important girls, for this is the Saturday before payday and the brokenness of the army is reflected in less crowded streets and dance halls—even the USO's are lightly patronized, the Pennsylvania Dutchman is quick with his apologies, too.

What would his family think to hear him use the strong words? And, although I try to make him feel easier by telling about the profane foreman we used to have in our backshop, I am pleased that he takes it for granted that I, like his sisters, must be unused to such language.

He seemed a truthful sort, but I wonder—"uneducated?" An easy conversationalist, a young man with a philosophy of life—I should like to place him at a dinner table with the better PhDs I have known. The results would be mutually stimulating.

High Prices Seen From Subsidy Ban

WASHINGTON, June 26—(AP)—Housewives may expect higher butter and meat prices under the congressional decision to forbid further use of subsidies by the office of price administration.

The prices of these products presumably will return to their former levels, the ceilings posted before the rollbacks went into effect. Thus a pound of butter now selling for 49 cents would go back to 54 cents, its price before the rollback of about 5 cents a pound went into effect. Meat prices would go up about 10 per cent.

All this of course, is predicated upon the anti-subsidy action's becoming law.

Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich) author of the house version, said Saturday "In substance it prevents the government from paying your grocery bill." Wolcott said he presumed prices will have to go up to absorb the differentials now covered by rollback subsidies.

Flying Forts Shatter Isle City of Messina During Day

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, June 26—(AP)—Massed squadrons of Flying Fortresses shattered strategic sections of the "earthquake-proof" city Messina Friday with their biggest attack yet staged in the Mediterranean, it was disclosed Saturday.

The record raid marked another powerful blow in the continuing effort to isolate Sicily, Mussolini's island bastion off southern Italy.

The Forts, roaring off more than 100 strong, showered the Messina port and rail areas so heavily that "when the last raider attacked there was so much smoke and dust that further observation of damage was impossible," allied headquarters said.

Clouds of fighter planes and intense anti-aircraft fire put up a stubborn defense of the city, the terminus of train ferry links with the Italian mainland.

This assault followed an attack Thursday night by Wellingtons of the RAF upon Olbia, in northern Sardinia, where they set off a huge explosion in the Fortmarea, near the railway station and military objectives, and started at least seven fires. All the Wellingtons returned safely, but three allied planes were lost in Friday's operations.

The allied communique declared that bombs were rained upon

clothing of more mines, even though anti-strike legislation has become law.

Foremost in the back-to-work movement were reports that more thousands of miners returned to their jobs in West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia.

Coupled with this development were the almost general predictions by United Mine Workers (UMW) district leaders that most of the men would be back in the mines Monday, even in Pennsylvania.

As against this, a large proportion of the men continued to remain away from work today in large producing states like Pennsylvania, Alabama and Ohio.

Although absenteeism at many working mines prevented an accurate estimate of how many men were back on the job, information from union and operator sources indicated that a larger number worked today than yesterday, despite the additional walkouts in Pennsylvania. Roughly, the number of idle appeared to be around 210,000, most of them in Pennsylvania. This would mean that a majority of the men—over 300,000—were back in the mines.

A late development in Kentucky sent 45,000 UMW members in district 23 on "strike." District President Ed Morgan announced they left their jobs and will be off 10 days because they received only \$20 instead of \$50 vacation pay as stipulated in their contract. Morgan emphasized the action did not constitute a strike. It affected mines in five counties.

Nearly 10,000 more miners left the Pennsylvania pits and, although four days have passed since the policy committee of the United Mine Workers (UMW) issued its back-to-work order, estimates from coal producing states indicated production still far below normal.

By contrast, the back-to-work movement gained big headway in West Virginia and prospects appeared bright there for a general resumption among the 130,000 miners in the biggest bituminous coal producing state. Similar hopeful signs come from other producing states.

CIO Council Sets Inquiry

NEW YORK, June 26—(AP)—The Greater New York CIO council announced Saturday it would send a 500-man delegation to Washington next Tuesday to demand "full explanations" from 13 New York City congressmen who were sent from the house when the anti-strike bill veto was overridden.

Farmers Need Cherry Pickers

McMINNVILLE, June 26—(AP)—A minimum of 500 cherry pickers will be needed in the Newberg and McMinnville areas starting Monday, William J. Maxwell, Yamhill county assistant farm-labor supervisor, said Saturday.

He asked pickers to report immediately to federal employment service offices in the two cities.

Father Is Famed

Camp Abbot reported that its assistant adjutant, 12th group headquarters, is Lt. H. Chester Koehnmaier, son of the former Finnish Olympic games track star.

Gunner Gets Award

Staff Sgt. Drakeford L. York of Pondosa, turret gunner who had been decorated with the double oak leaf cluster for bravery, was reported missing since a June 13 raid on Bremen, Germany.

'Black Pneumonia,' Strange New Mystery Disease Beaten By Intrepid Medical Experts

By ELLIOTT CHAZE

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Now it can be told how health authorities here, surrounded and apparently stamped out a mysterious disease which, in rate of progress and deadliness, threatened to outstrip the deadly wartime "flu" epidemic of 1918.

Civilians Share Mock Air Attack

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., June 26—(AP)—Motorists on US highway 66—East Central avenue in Albuquerque—got an unscheduled taste of aerial warfare during an army maneuvers, and Capt. Arland L. James said Saturday the civilians did rather well.

During the maneuvers with the 43rd air depot group, Capt. James was in command of a convoy section which was peppered with flour bombs by a flight of attack training planes from Kirtland Field, Albuquerque.

Four or five civilian cars came up just as the planes swooped down on the convoy in the eastern edge of the city. The soldiers jumped from the trucks as soon as the alarm was given, and, related Capt. James, the civilians followed suit.

Likewise when the soldiers sprinted to the edge of the highway and ducked behind any available cover, so did the civilians.

It was not a bad idea at that, he said, because one of the "baker's bombs" landed on a small sedan.

Yanks Bomb Nazi Bases

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tacked the off-blasted airfield at Abbeville.

The Ruhr was described as a bomb-pitted valley of spreading ruin after this week of assault—the mightiest ever loosed against a similar area.

After Friday night's blow at Bochum and Gelsenkirchen by a great force of RAF heavyweights, one military observer estimated that 30,000 tons of explosives had ripped into the compact German industrial valley since the allies opened their intensive aerial bombardment three and one-half months ago, and declared that the task of neutralizing the Ruhr was nearing completion.

The observer, who could not be identified by name, said that even the most concentrated anti-aircraft and fighter defenses the nazis were able to muster had failed to check the onslaught, capped by the destruction of nearly 100 German fighters in the last two daylight raids by American Flying Fortresses and last night's telling punch by the RAF.

The customary haze of smoke from the Ruhr's armament factories was reported to have thinned out appreciably in recent weeks and in some points to have disappeared entirely.

FR Weakening, Leaders Say

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job," Butler observed. "I look upon the vote as an indication that congress has reclaimed some of its powers and intends to reclaim more."

Senator Guffey (D-Pa.), fourth term advocate, came back with the statement that the votes knocking down food price subsidies and overriding the strike bill veto do not reflect any great change in political opinions.

"President Roosevelt," he said, "is stronger today than he was yesterday and some other people will find out when they go home and talk to their constituents."

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Compensation Bill Has Amendment to Aid Servicemen

WASHINGTON, DC, June 26—(AP)—In supporting the house passage of a bill to provide better compensation, pension and retirement pay for war veterans, Representative Angell (R-Ore) pointed to an amendment which he said would please service men.

It provides that after a man has been in service 90 days he shall be considered to have been in sound condition at the time of his entrance except as to defects noted in his physical examination.

Angell recalled that he recently put into the record a protest from the Oregon department of disabled American veterans charging that many service men were asked to sign waivers admitting they were suffering from disabilities incurred before they were inducted.

Woman Hurt In Collision Saturday

Isabella Chard, route four, box 465B, sustained skull fracture possible knee fracture and cuts and bruises when the car in which she was riding, driven by C. E. Clark, route one, box 65, collided head on with one driven by Paul Marnach, Salem, at 6:15 Saturday night on the highway a mile west of Salem.

At Salem Deaconess hospital, Miss Chard's condition was termed "serious" late Saturday night. Marnach, driving west, said the Clark car swung around a curve close to the edge of the paving on his side of the highway. Both automobiles were badly damaged.

Earlier Saturday night, city first aid men took St. Clare Kelly, Cherry avenue resident, to the Deaconess hospital to have a two-inch scalp wound, received in an auto accident at Leslie and South Commercial streets, dressed and sewed.

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Dies Slates Race Rioting Investigation

WASHINGTON, June 26—(AP) Plans for an exhaustive, nationwide investigation of "the growing racial antagonisms in this country" were disclosed Saturday night by Chairman Dies of the house un-American activities committee.

"It's a grave error for the government to ignore this dangerous situation," he said.

Dies (D-Tex) ascribed the "racial hatred" to "a combination of un-American propaganda activities and the codding of races by politically minded people in this country who ignore the vast differences between the protection and the codding of a race."

The Texan said representatives of various race groups will be invited to present their problems and their suggestions for curing them, and persons responsible for spreading race trouble will be subpoenaed to public hearings.

Dies declared he will recommend his committee call on "government officials charged with the enforcement of our laws to show cause why prompt and vigorous action has not been taken against all people engaged in un-American propaganda activities to stop the dissemination of racial and class hatreds in this country."

"Unless prompt and effective measures are taken" the race problem is "likely to increase until it becomes a serious impediment to our war effort," he asserted.

"It is furnishing the enemy with effective propaganda that may alienate many people whose friendship we greatly need."

"It is disuniting our country and preparing the way for serious post-war problems."

"It is a form of sabotage far more deadly and effective than the destruction of plants by the bombs or fires of saboteurs."

Navy to Wear Grey Shirts

WASHINGTON, June 26—(AP) Secretary Knox Saturday directed naval officers to wear grey shirts with blue service uniforms when they go into winter clothing next October 1. White shirts will continue to be worn with dress blues.

Blood Class Discoverer Succumbs

NEW YORK, June 26—(AP)—Dr. Karl Landsteiner, 75, Vienna-born scientist who discovered the four main classifications of human blood and thereby made possible the wholesale saving of life through blood transfusion, died of a heart ailment Saturday.

His death was announced by the Rockefeller institute for medical research. The institute said Dr. Landsteiner was stricken while at work in his laboratory Thursday, and died in the institute's hospital this morning.

Dr. Landsteiner served actively with the institute from 1922 to 1939, and since then had been a member-emeritus.

His blood classifications were the result of 30 years' laboratory work and the research won him the Nobel prize, with \$48,000 cash.

Albany Lab Staff Uncut

ALBANY, June 26—(AP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore) informed Albany city officials Saturday that the staff at the electro-metallurgical laboratory here will not be reduced by establishment of a consulting staff of bureau of mines technicians at Pullman, Wash.

McNary's telegram said the Pullman staff, announced by the bureau of mines in Washington Friday, would be only for consultation on problems in that locality.

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