

WLB Orders Strikers Back Immediately

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The war labor board Tuesday directed striking employees of the Brewster Aeronautical corporation, Johnsville, Pa., to return to work immediately and unconditionally, and notified union officials it would take all steps within its authority to obtain compliance. The vote was unanimous.

Public Member Wayne L. Morse, compliance officer of the board, told the union officials in a telegram: "You and the members of your union have no right to place your alleged labor grievances above the needs and welfare of our armed forces."

Thousands of Brewster workers left their jobs yesterday protesting the military arrest of four guards, members of the coast guard temporary reserve.

Today, at a stormy mass meeting, the workers voted formally to declare themselves on strike despite a WLB request last night that they return.

Later, after receiving WLB's "unconditional" order, an authorized union spokesman said the workers would meet again Thursday to "discuss the situation" but that it would be impossible to arrange a meeting earlier.

The strike resolution said in part that the workers would return "if the government takes over the factory."

The vote was taken despite a statement by Thomas Lorenzo, local president of the CIO Automobile Workers of America, that a strike ballot would be a technical violation of the Smith-Connally act which requires a 30-day notice before a walkout vote.

A resolution adopted at the meeting also demanded the immediate release of the arrested guards, who were charged by the fourth naval district with refusal to take their posts in violation of their oaths of allegiance.

The guards, members of the union and paid by Brewster, have been involved in a dispute over seniority rights, demanding that they be permitted to select their posts on the basis of length of employment.

Leaders of the union were not available immediately for comment on the WLB's back-to-work order.

Before the board acted the Philadelphia regional office of the war manpower commission directed that no statement of availability be given to any Brewster employe at Johnsville. Without such a statement a worker virtually is frozen in his job.

The commission also ordered the US employment service to send no new workers to the plant.

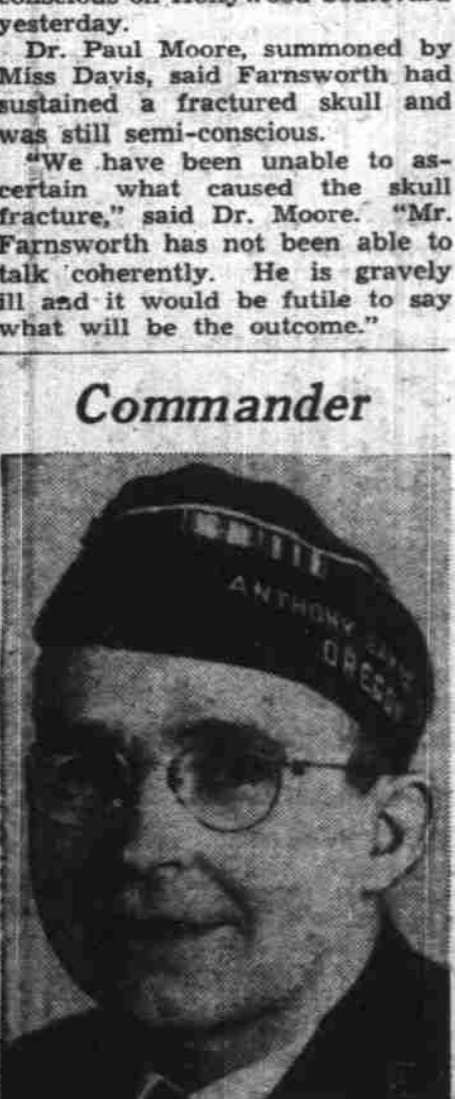
Bette Davis' Husband Critically Injured

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Arthur Farnsworth, aviation concern executive and husband of Screen Star Bette Davis, was still critically ill tonight in Hollywood hospital. He was found lying unconscious on Hollywood boulevard yesterday.

Dr. Paul Moore, summoned by Miss Davis, said Farnsworth had sustained a fractured skull and was still semi-conscious.

"We have been unable to ascertain what caused the skull fracture," said Dr. Moore. "Mr. Farnsworth has not been able to talk coherently. He is gravely ill and it would be futile to say what will be the outcome."

Commander



J. Hartwell York of Baker recently was elected district commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Allies Embark for Kiska Landings



Canadian and American troops crowd the beach of an Aleutian island as they are loaded on shallow-draft landing craft for the trip to Kiska which the Japs had evacuated. Large supply of fuel at left is for motorized units.

US Fliers Scorn Nazi Airmen On First Shuttle Bombing Trip

By JOHN F. CHESTER

A US BOMBER BASE IN ENGLAND, August 24.—(AP)—Haggard but happy and with great scorn for Nazi fighter opposition, American crews set their Flying Fortresses down Tuesday night completing their first England-North African round-trip shuttle bombing in which they blasted aviation targets around Bordeaux on the return trip.

The trip home was quiet, with a minimum of flak, the men said, and they termed what little fighter opposition they met "the Germans' second team." They had bombed Regensburg, Germany, on the way out, meeting heavy opposition on that part of the mission.

One bombardier after another reported that his bombs hit dead center on the targets around the Bordeaux airport.

There was little doubt that the men had been in North Africa. They climbed out of their battle-scarred planes wearing fezoes and carrying Arab daggers and other souvenirs.

One crew brought back a small Arabian donkey. They had improvised an oxygen sack for it for the high altitude flight.

Lieut. Bernard Otto of Pueblo, Colo., navigator on the "Rikiki Tikiki Tavi," who completed 25 missions and thus became "high man" at this base, said that "just about the only real trouble we had going down or coming back was poor visibility after we dropped our bombs today."

"We dropped down to 500 feet but it was so thick at times we couldn't even see the next ship."

Lieut. John S. Jamison of 3273 Dunckley street, Portland, Ore., who was on the same Fortress, said the Bordeaux airfield was in a heavily wooded area and that the Germans kept their planes hidden in the woods.

"Those were what we wait after," Jamison said. "And believe me, those woods and installations around the field were smoking plenty when we left."

Col. Archie Old Jr., of Atlanta, Tex., commander of a bombardment group, reported that both his own group and another made the long shuttle flight without losing a plane or a man.

Miracle's crew provided a big laugh when they led their tiny, coal-black donkey—"Moe for Mohamet"—into the briefing room where Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, commander of the US eighth bombing command, and other officers were interrogating the men who had just landed.

The entire crew had chipped in 400 francs—\$8 to them—and bought the animal from an old Arab who had demanded 500 francs, refusing their initial offer of 300 francs and two packages of cigarettes.

Moe for Mohamet already has found American cigarettes extremely palatable.

One daring young Flying Fortress pilot returning to another bomber base in England after the raid over Villacoublay airfield near Paris Tuesday flew himself into the hall of aerial fame by doing what they said could not be done—landing one of the lumbering forts safely on only one engine.

Insofar as is known at this field, it was the first time the feat had been accomplished in the European theater of operations of the US army.

The flier was First Lt. Immanuel Flette, 25, of Rockeville, Conn., who really came home on a wing and a prayer.

Leading one element of the lead squadron which bombed Villacoublay airfield near Paris, Klette's

"I was just lucky," said Klette.

18,000 Drown In Elbe Tunnel When Bombed

LONDON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Zurich Tuesday said that 18,000 persons drowned when the Elbe tunnel, under the sands of the Elbe river, was hit during one of the recent "saturation" allied air raids on Hamburg.

While the dispatch did not give any details, the tunnel, which was large enough to hold thousands of persons, presumably was being used for an air raid shelter. A hit, breaking the bank near the entrance to the tunnel, would let the river pour into the structure.

The Elbe tunnel was started in 1907 and finished in 1914. Entrance to the tunnel was gained through elevators having a lift of 78 feet. The huge shafts contained separate elevators for motor vehicles and pedestrians.

The cast iron tubes under the river provided a roadway six feet wide and two footwalks each four feet wide.

Divisional Commander



Maj. Gen. William G. Livesay has assumed command of the 51st Division at Camp White. He succeeded Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt, given a foreign assignment.

Bailey Leads In Mississippi Governor Vote

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 24.—(AP)—Thomas M. Bailey, veteran Meridian legislator, took an early lead Tuesday night over former Governor Martin Sennett (Mike) Conner in the unofficial count of votes from today's democratic runoff gubernatorial primary.

Democratic nomination is tantamount to election in Mississippi. Returns from 1484 of 1691 precincts gave Bailey 117,922 and Conner 106,712.

Conner served as Mississippi's 44th governor during the 1932-36 term. He promised, if elected, a business administration.

Bailey, speaker of the house of representatives for 16 years, espoused the cause of the "little man" in his campaign.

Both candidates were outspoken against the "trend toward bureaucracy" in national government.

Rubinoff Sued For Alienation

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—(AP)—A \$50,000 damage suit charging alienation of affections was filed in federal court Tuesday against David Rubinoff of New York who was identified by James F. Bynes, attorney for the plaintiff, as the noted orchestra and concert violinist.

The suit, which challenges the constitutionality of a seven year old Illinois law outlawing such cases, was filed on behalf of John Ganek of Chicago. It charged Rubinoff "wittingly and maliciously" alienated the affections of Ganek's 28 year old wife, Margaret, on Oct. 1, 1938. Mrs. Ganek died July 1, 1939, and her death was attributed to pneumonia.

Because the Illinois law provides for criminal proceedings against either the litigant or lawyer in an alienation of affections case the suit seeks an order restraining both state and county officials from such action.

Hampson to Write Pacific War News

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Fred E. Hampson, an editor in the Portland bureau of the Associated Press for five years, has been given a war assignment in the Pacific theater. Harold Turnblad, western division editor, said Tuesday.

Hampson, state editor and author of the column, "Oregon Sports Notes," will leave Portland Wednesday for San Francisco to await transportation to Honolulu, his base of operations. He has been accredited to Admiral Chester Nimitz.

who was drafted into the army out of Columbia university early in 1941.

Air Traffic Cop Guides Berlin Raid

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 25.—(AP)—An aerial traffic cop directed the RAF mass assault on Berlin Monday night. He gave instructions to the raiders as they came over the target in waves from the west.

Men who participated in the bombing of Germany's No. 1 city said today the raid director maintained a running pep talk throughout the raid, his tone clear, calm and tough.

As one of the first waves reached Berlin, the men heard: "There is absolutely nothing here to stop you chaps. The searchlights look pretty thick, but they have not got glue."

Another wave was told: "There's a bit of flak among the searchlights, but none of it is as bad as it looks. Now, boys, a nice, steady run in."

Berlin Phone Service Disrupted

STOCKHOLM, Wednesday, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The RAF bombing of Berlin Monday night apparently has severely disrupted telephone service in the German capital.

A Swedish correspondent telephoning from Berlin was limited to six minutes on the line. All service was delayed and some urgent calls could not be put through from Stockholm to Berlin.

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got home today for 29 days of rest, and agreed that this was no time for train travel.

"Man, I really took a beating on that train coming down from New York," he said. "I'd much rather be in a plane."

The 22-year-old Richmonder wears 18 oak leaf clusters and the distinguished flying cross.

PUEBLO, Colo.—(AP)—Western friendliness can be overdone, admits B. A. Ryan, Falcon, Colo., rancher.

He greeted a friend with a "Howdy, partner," and a resounding slap on the back.

The friend reeled through a plate glass window. Ryan paid \$129 covering damage to the window and merchandise.

ST. LOUIS—(AP)—New and improved pipe cleaners, the sample package was marked, and A. F. Frank, cigar store owner, had visions of at last satisfying discontented pipe smokers who have been successfully seeking the old wire-and-cotton type, now a war casualty.

He opened the package—in it were nine chicken feathers!

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—(AP)—Eighty three year old Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson found she couldn't wear a set of false teeth after she got them.

"Finally she discovered what was wrong—a wisdom tooth was coming in."

DAYTON, Ore.—(AP)—John Wilson, grain warehouse employe, was curious about a can just delivered.

He removed the lid and sniffed. The contents—he learned the hard way—was a type of tear gas used to exterminate rats. Wilson was back to normal in a couple of hours.

DETROIT—(AP)—Something may come of that illegal dip which war worker Betty Rae McNeill, 18, took at 1 a. m. after climbing the fence at Belle Isle beach.

She got a suspended sentence today after testifying that it was "a shame" that she and five other girls who went to the beach after working hours couldn't be allowed a swim. Referee Courtney Fitzsimmons of traffic court agreed, then remarked:

"It would be a good idea to keep the beach open for afternoon shift workers. After all, they need healthful recreation, too."

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va.—(AP)—The strains of "Home, Sweet Home" were in the air today as workmen, renovating the old Goetz harness factory for modern industrial use, placed the factory's large steam whistle and siren in shape for operation.

Joseph E. McCauley, a veteran employe of the harness factory, played the tune on the four pipes that make up the long-silent whistle.

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