Deadlock Ends Berlin Train Strike Parley

By Richard K. O'Malley

BERLIN, June 4-(AP)-A conference of Big Four military commandants to settle the Berlin railway strike failed Friday.

The 3½-hour meeting, called at the request of the Russians, ended in a deadlock. It was the first such session of the commandants here in 50 weeks. A British spokesman said no plans were made for another.

British Maj. Gen. G. K. Bourne said the proposals for settling the 14-day walkout of 14,000 anti-communist west Berlin workers were made by the western officers, but "it was a most unprofitable discussion."

Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov, the Soviet commandant, turned down all of them. He reiterated a Russian request that western Berlin police be withdrawn from western sector stations, where they were sent to replace Soviet sector railway police after rioting early in the strike.

Brig. Gen. Jean Ganeval, the French commandant, presided at the meeting, held in the French military government headquarters.

The Russians control the Berlin railway system, under a Four-power agreement of 1945. The west Berlin railway men struck with a demand for full payment of wages in west marks, recognition of their independent union UGO as their bargaining agent, and job security. They voted 13,477 to 398 yesterday against accepting a communist - sponsored compromise which would have provided for payment of 60 per cent of their wages in west marks.

The walkout has tied up the west Berlin elevated system and freight yards and the Berlin-Helmstedt rail line and cost both east and west Berlin heavily.

Liberty Girl Scouts Hold Hike, Picnic

LIBERTY—Girl Scout troop 51 went on a hike and picnic Thursday to the Wilbert Kurth woods. The scouts prepared their meal and were taught how to handle knives and fire safety.

Scouts present were Lucy Stout, Patricia and Phyllis Emery, Janice Wirth, Lindell Beck, Bonnie Mae Hudson, Bernice Beals, Lorraine Peterson, Yvonne Poole, Jacqueline Welch and Mrs. Harold Rosebraugh, leader, and Mrs. Don Griffith, committee chairman.

Stalin Declares 'I Seek Peace' —At a Price

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June 4-(AP)-Bedell Smith, former U.S. ambassador to Moscow, quotes Prime Minister Stalin as saying that "we do not want war any more than the west does, but we are less interested in peace than the west and therein lies the strength of our position."

The timing of Stalin's statement is not given. He may have learned since then that the west, too, has limits beyond which it may prefer war to peace. Patrick Henry expressed it by asking:

Patrick Henry Quoted

"Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?"

But Stalin's commentary is an interesting sidelight on Russia's "peace offensive."

Not that it represents a new expression of communist attitude. From its very beginnings it has accepted civil war as the natural climax of its efforts to extend its sway over the world.

Writings Preach War

The writings of Lenin and Stalin and the comintern's textbooks for revolution all preach it. The steps to be followed are well defined. First comes propaganda, beginning with simple, transitional slogans. When progress has been made, the slogans become more concrete, and the actual attempt is made to organize the masses for attack on the bourgeois state.

Worker control of industry, seizure of landed estates, etc., are played up. This is accompanied by strikes and demonstrations; then armed demonstrations, and finally the general strike and armed insurrection. Those are the words of the comintern.

Reds Vary Formula

Since the war this formula has been varied to take advantage of new circumstances. Under the protection of the Red army in eastern Europe the communists have been willing to work through coalitions in which other parties proved indigestible. But the coups have not turned into civil war only because the armed action committees, with red backing, have been bowed to by governments which were unwilling to order out their small postwar armies in a losing and bloody fight.

The world wants peace now, so communism becomes its advocate.

But a Russia "less interested in peace than the west" has given promise through all the writings of her leaders that when the time is more favorable—in depression, periods of disputes between other nations, in any situation of chaos or unrest—the banner of aggressive revolution will be unfurled again.

Polk County Students To Receive OSC Degrees

DALLAS — Seven Polk county students will receive degrees in graduation exercises at Oregon State college June 5 and 6.

They are Donald Rowland, Rickreall, agriculture; Frank Butler, Valsetz, Jack Boydston and Marvin Janzen, Dallas, business and technology; Marilyn Parrish, Dallas, education; and Joseph Eastman and Jim Boydston, Dallas, engineering.

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Siamese Girls Gaining Weight

LOS ANGELES, June 4 - (AP) The Siamese twin girls born here May 14 are gaining weight and developing normaly, Dr. Phoebus Berman, medical director of Los Angeles General hospital, reported Friday.

The little girls, joined at the tops of their heads, are kept in an oversize crib. Dr. Berman said preliminary examinations indicate the twins two complete sets of organs, including brains.

He said it would be several months before it can be determined whether the babies can be separated surgically. The twins are daughters of Mrs. John Jones, mother of seven other children.

Flow of Groceries Across Roseburg Counters Slows

ROSEBURG, June 4-(AP)-Roseburg could still buy groceries Friday, although the supply of meat was dwindling a bit.

The strike of AFL meatcutters for higher wages and the refusal of grocery clerks to cross the meatcutters' picket lines left one large store closed for a second straight day. Seven other large markets were open, but operating with difficulty on supervisor help.

A truckload of meat from Portland was turned back last night by picket lines. Bread deliveries were also halted by the picket lines.

A number of small groceries and meat markets, operated by the owners, are not affected.

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