

Chicago Railroad Strike Results in Court Injunction

Army Promised Quick Action to Halt Fast-Spreading Wildcat Walkout

CHICAGO, Dec. 13—(AP)—A federal judge called a halt tonight to a budding Chicago rail strike which the army said "directly hurts our war effort."

But it was not immediately certain if the striking switchmen would heed the judge's order.

U. S. District Judge William J. Campbell issued a temporary restraining order directing the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen to end a walkout which has crippled rail freight movement at Chicago.

It also has caused some passenger train cancellations out of this big rail center. The army seized the nation's railroads during a previous strike crisis August 27. Since then a token group of army officers have been in technical control though regular railroad men have been doing the work.

The strike today tied up military shipments, Christmas parcels and other freight. The post-office department said it would mean a major delay in Christmas mails through Chicago.

Move Unauthorized
The trainmen's union called the walkout unauthorized. Union officials indicated they were powerless to stop it. But U. S. District Attorney Otto Kerner, jr., said the strike was a result of a "concerted action by the union."

Kerner appeared before Judge Campbell at an unusual night session which followed the arrival by plane from Washington of army and justice department representatives. Kerner told the judge the strike obstructed interstate commerce and was "seriously interfering with the war effort."

Judge Campbell then issued his temporary order which will be in effect until December 23. He set December 21 for a hearing on a preliminary injunction sought by the government.

Not Available
Union sources were not immediately available for comment on the action. The strike developed out of the Brotherhood's demand for a 40-hour week at 48 hours pay for its yard workers.

With hundreds of loaded freight cars piling up in unmanned railroad yards and the strike spreading, the New York Central and two Belt lines declared freight embargoes. The New York Central also said four passenger trains to the eastward points would be cancelled tomorrow.

The strike was called suddenly at 1:30 a. m. today in key railroad yards. Yard workers represented by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen either failed to appear or reported sick and left their jobs.

The army, which seized the nation's railroads August 27 to prevent a strike, reacted swiftly. Assistant Secretary of the Army, Bendetsen said the army will "take all steps necessary" to get the men back to work.

A railroad spokesman said the walkout appeared to be an attempt to force settlement of the union's wage-hour dispute before any wage freeze or presidential declaration of a war emergency.

McNary Dock Inaugural to Draw Race
UMATILLA, Dec. 13—(AP)—Tug boat captains of the Columbia river hustled to the busy clang of bells and tooting whistles today so they can race Saturday for McNary dam lock inaugural honors.

The dam, the highest single lift of its type in the world, is scheduled to start operating at 1 p. m. Saturday.

On the Washington state side of the river at the site of the third huge hydro-power project on the Columbia, the lock is 675 feet long, 86 feet wide and will have a maximum lift of 92 feet. The first tug and barges to go through will be lifted about 15 feet. The dam is two years away from completion. Its reservoir level is now only 15 feet above the downstream level.

Operation of the lock ends almost a century of risky river movement through the Umatilla rapids, across which the dam is flung to shoulder back the great western-river hydro-power, flood control and navigation purposes.

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10 Red Divisions Press on Escape Port

Blackout of Beachhead News Lowered

TOKYO, Thursday, Dec. 14—(AP)—At least 10 Chinese communist divisions — perhaps as many as 100,000 men — today pressed in on some 60,000 United Nations troops holding the last allied beachhead in northeast Korea.

A security blackout was pulled down over operations within the U. N. beachhead at Hamhung-Hungnam. The allied defense area extended out in a 14-mile radius from the port of Hungnam.

The new estimate of the strength of Chinese forces came from U. S. Tenth corps staff officers. The Chinese force earlier had been estimated at probably 80,000 men.

A "feeler" attack by 300 reds was repulsed today.

Inside the defense line were some 60,000 U. N. troops — the remainder of the entire allied force which had been committed to the northeast Korean front.

Among them were marines and infantrymen who last week fought their bloody, costly way out of a Chinese encirclement all the way from the Changan reservoir area to the coastal plains.

"The enemy buildup is increasing," outside the beachhead, a U. S. Tenth corps briefing officer told correspondents.

Elements of the U. S. Third division this morning drove off a probing attack near Chubongnyon, only seven miles north of Hamhung.

It was the second feeler by the communists in two days. A similar attack, by Chinese reds in captured American uniforms, was repulsed yesterday.

Red planes, a minor factor for the most part in the Korea war, scouted the Hungnam port area

last night. The beachhead was placed under an alert.

On the western side of Korea some 14 to 16 Russian-made MIG-15 jets made the biggest appearance of the war by enemy jets today. They briefly attacked American jets, then fled back to Manchuria.

The 10th corps briefing officer said the main communist force in the northeast apparently was moving toward Hamhung through the Songchon river valley.

Airmen said Chinese troops on railroad handcars were seen moving south from the Pukon reservoir area through the Songchon valley toward a point 25 miles north of Hamhung. The valley leads into the coastal flatland about six miles north of Hamhung.

Within the defense line, U. S. infantrymen manned entrenched positions in depth. Behind them artillery was massed.

Men and guns awaited a red assault.

Quartermaster troops worked frantically today, emptying Hamhung's crammed warehouses. Great stockpiles of goods and equipment were moved to Hungnam, deeper inside the perimeter.

Action on the northwest front was confined to small engagements.

Hundreds of thousands of reds were reported moving into mountainous central Korean positions for a possible attack on the Eighth army's flank.

South of Dividing Line
The Eighth army last was reported maintaining a few positions north of the 38th parallel, but its main force was south of that arbitrary dividing line set up between north and south Korea in 1945.

Huge columns of Korean civilians were reported moving south toward the U. N. forces on both sides of the peninsula. These columns complicated supply and transportation problems. There always was the danger that they were infested with red fifth columnists.

One of these columns, headed for Seoul, numbered possibly up to half a million persons. The cold weather and hunger were exacting a heavy toll among these refugees.

PFC Lewis Flown to U.S.
PFC Harold A. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lewis of 890 Lancaster dr., has been flown from Korea and now is in the marine hospital at San Jose, Calif., his parents learned Wednesday.

Lewis suffered severely from hands and feet in the Yalu dam engagement in which encircled marines broke from an enemy trap.

The parents said it was hoped the youth could be home for Christmas.

'If U.N. Units Quit Korea, So Will Chinese,' --Malik

Death Threat Aimed at Germans Favoring Defense

Football Captain Put Out of Action By Toss of the Coin

TOULOUSE, France, Dec. 13—(AP)—At a recent football game between Pavia and Bretagne-Armagnac, the referee called the two captains to the center of the field.

Up spun the franc to see which team would kick.

The captain of the Bretagne-Armagnac team watched the spinning coin with his mouth open.

In fell the coin, and the surprised captain swallowed it. He is recovering after an operation.

Oceanside Eyes Plan to Purify Drinking Water

OCEANSIDE, Calif., Dec. 13—(AP)—A proposal to pour the sea into the earth and have it come out as fresh drinking water was put before this city's council today.

Councilmen took under advisement a request for an initial \$39,000 to finance a full study and report on the project.

The novel plan, listened to eagerly because of dire need for additional water in this and other communities of the southwest, was presented by Russell J. Le Vesque of Los Angeles.

Sea water would be poured into a shaft 15,000 feet deep, where the earth's heat would send it back in vapor form. The vapor would be condensed into water in a "cracking" tower, under a process somewhat similar to gasoline refining.

La Vesque estimated the plant would provide 8,000,000 gallons of fresh water a day, the approximate domestic and irrigation requirement of this city of 13,000. He estimated the cost of the plant at \$20,000,000 and suggested a federal loan or grant be sought.

Mice Attack U.N. Office of Human Rights

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—(AP)—The United Nations had a new problem today—field mice climbing as high as the 30th floor of its new 39-story headquarters building in Manhattan.

What's worse, they seemed to center their attack on the part of the 30th floor where the human rights division has its offices.

Showing no concern for anybody's rights, they reportedly frightened some girls in the division to seek refuge on desk tops.

A security veil blocked a reporter from confirming a report the mice chewed on the human rights file.

Wildor Foote, a press officer, vetoed the idea of interviewing secretariat members reputed to have captured a mouse.

He escorted the reporter to the door with the remark that "we've got more serious things to worry about" than mice.

Soviet Zone Acts as West Agrees on Plan

By Thomas A. Reedy
BERLIN, Dec. 13—(AP)—The Soviet zone dangled a threat of the headman's axe tonight over all Germans who back western defense.

The east German parliament voted death for any German who believes in and works for the western concept that a shield must be erected against Communist aggression.

The action came as experts of the 12-nation North Atlantic alliance announced in London they had reached "complete agreement on political and military recommendations" for the use of west Germans in western defenses.

Without Dissent
The law was passed on first reading today without dissent and will be acted on finally Friday.

It is called a law against war propaganda and those who make it. Actually it can strike terror into the hearts of the west Germans at a time when they are divided over the issue of joining forces with the Atlantic pact countries for defense of Europe.

The Soviet zone authorities intend the law to apply to west Germany, over which they hold no sovereignty. The implication is that the Communists expect to gain that power some day and then the axe will fall.

Scuttling Unity
The first reaction of west Germans to east Germany's move was guarded. In Bonn, seat of the West German republic, a government spokesman observed that the Communists apparently are scuttling their own attempt to meet with the west in an effort to achieve German unity. Peace talk on one hand and threats of death penalties on the other are at least contradictory, he said.

In west Berlin, the belligerent anti-communist city officials scoffed at the east's law. They called it old stuff, a repetition of tactics that never have bent the Berliner an inch backward.

Nevertheless there was a genuine concern in German circles over how far the east would go with its new propaganda weapon.

Many Germans who support allied military policies or have a part in the west German republic travel frequently across the Soviet zone to Berlin by train and car and thus are subject to Soviet zone controls. The law makes it clear that the east zone will consider German "war propagandists" to be guilty, regardless of what part of the divided nation they hail from. In such an interpretation, these traveling west Germans would be subject to arrest.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	41	39	.01
Portland	46	42	Trace
San Francisco	46	49	27
Chicago	27	23	.02
New York	38	29	.00

Williamette River 7.6 feet.

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with rain this morning becoming showery with occasional squalls during afternoon and tonight. High today 58-60 and low tonight 46-48.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since start of weather year, Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
24.50 10.92 13.40

Lonesome Dog Awaits Master U.N. Political Group Backs 'Cease Fire'



William Wilson, Salem poundmaster, consoles one of his charges, an Orang terrier who is one of 24 dogs currently housed at the city pound on Turner road awaiting either claiming by their masters or new owners. Unclaimed dogs are available after one week at \$2 a piece. (Statesman photo). (Story on page 35).

U.N. Political Group Backs 'Cease Fire'

By Francis W. Carpenter
LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 13—(AP)—In an unexpected move, Russia's Jacob A. Malik said today the Chinese communist forces will go home if all "foreign troops" (United Nations forces) are withdrawn from Korea.

This surprise statement came just before the U. N. political committee beat down Malik's stubborn opposition and approved a plan of 13 Asian and Middle East countries for seeking a cease fire in Korea.

The vote was 51 to 5 (Soviet bloc) with nationalistic China abstaining.

Malik's statement to the political committee was the first time any Soviet delegate has even hinted that the communist Chinese would leave Korea. He told the delegates that several committee members had stated that the Soviet demand for the withdrawal of foreign troops meant only U. N. forces and did not refer to Chinese communists. He said he wanted it stated for the record that Chinese "volunteers" also would leave Korea.

No Need for 'Volunteers'
Asked after the meeting just what he meant, Malik told a reporter that if the foreign forces (meaning the U. N. troops) are withdrawn, there no longer will be any need for the volunteers in Korea and they would be allowed to return to China.

There was no immediate reaction from the United States or other western powers.

Russian opposition to the cease fire proposal made it doubtful that a truce could be arranged. Malik's explanation indicated that he expected the U. N. forces to withdraw first and this is a condition which western delegates indicated they could not accept.

To Take Up 'Cease Fire'
The general assembly is expected to take up this cease-fire idea tomorrow, with approval anticipated. It calls on President Nasser, Nasser, of the assembly, and two persons to be named by Entente to see if there is a basis on which a cease-fire can be arranged.

The vote was taken after Canada and the Philippines warned the Russians and the Chinese communists that the free nations would fight together if the communists start a war to gain their demands.

In some unusually plain talking, Lester B. Pearson, Canadian foreign minister, and Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine foreign minister, promptly served notice on Moscow and Peking that the free nations will fight together against the communists if the reds force a world war.

No Quick Solution
Malik sarcastically said it was "naive" to assume that this group could settle the problem overnight. He said it was "dangerous" to keep on excluding communist China from discussions on the far east problems.

Malik said the "fundamental, overriding objective" is the evacuation from Korea of all foreign troops.

"Without the withdrawal of foreign troops, which is the first condition for the settlement of the Korean question, there can be no such thing as a peaceful settlement," Malik said. "Where foreign troops are present, no just settlement of the destiny of any people which finds itself under occupation can even be thought of."

The White house statement said there appeared to be strong sentiment in favor of declaring a national emergency, a step which many of the conferees expect Mr. Truman to announce in a world-wide radio broadcast at 10:30 p. m. (7:30 p. m. PST) Friday night.

(President Truman's speech will be heard in Salem over station KSLM.)

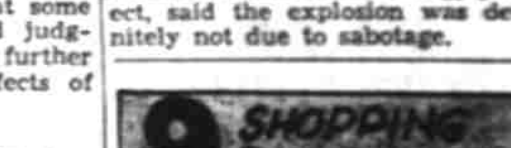
But it acknowledged that some of those present withheld judgment on this idea pending further study as to the legal effects of such a proclamation.

EARTHQUAKE DOWN DEEP
PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 13—(AP)—A "very strong" earthquake distant about 5,500 miles from here was recorded tonight on the California institute of technology seismograph. Dr. Charles Richter said it was perhaps 150 miles deep within the earth.

U. S. STEAMER AFIRE
AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands, Dec. 14—(AP)—The Valencia radio in a broadcast heard here today reported the 8,200-ton U. S. steamer "American Banker" is afire and asking for aid.

EXPLOSION IN ATOM PLANT

CHALK RIVER, Ont., Dec. 13 (AP)—One man was killed and four others were injured today in an explosion at the Canadian government atomic energy establishment in this town about 120 miles northwest of Ottawa. Dr. D. A. Keys, director of the atomic energy project, said the explosion was definitely not due to sabotage.



Animal Crackers
By WARREN GOODRICH

FBI Captures Glen Roy Wright, Karpis Associate
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(AP)—The FBI announced tonight the capture of Glen Roy Wright, 30-year-old desperado, as he entered a drug store in Salina, Kas.

Wright, once an associate of Alvin Karpis, Pretty Boy Floyd and Fred Barker, escaped from the Oklahoma state penitentiary on September 14, 1948. He had been serving a life term for armed robbery.

He was lodged in the Salina jail charged with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

The FBI said Wright carried an automatic revolver but FBI agents took him into custody before he could draw his gun.



"His new teeth change his whole appearance!"