

British Railway Walkout Settled By Negotiators

LONDON (UP) — The government and union negotiators settled the nation's costly 17-day-old railway strike Tuesday.

The agreement will start trains moving soon, but officials said it will require days to restore the normal, because of mountainous backlogs of freight.

Tuesday's settlement, ending the

disastrous transport chaos, was negotiated between the government's Transport Commission, which operates the nationalized railways, and union representatives.

Government and industrial leaders said it will be months before the full economic loss from the strike can be computed.

Many Out of Work

The strike forced many of Britain's key industrial plants to close, put nearly one million men onto the nation's unemployment rolls and seriously weakened the nation's drive to balance its imports with exports.

Losses to the nationalized railways alone approximate 42 million dollars.

With the announcement that the long dispute over wage differentials had been settled, there was tired jubilation in the ranks of the 70,000 striking members of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.

The strike left the new government of Prime Minister Anthony Eden a major political headache.

The opposition Labor Party is attempting to label Eden as the anti-union proponent of a "restrictive" "new doctrine" that strikes must end before negotiations can begin.

Wage Increases Studied

The settlement assures the striking engineers and firemen that their demands for wage increases will be considered.

The ASLEF demanded increases that would raise engineers' top wages to \$28.07 per week. They now average between \$24.50 to \$25.90 per week.

ASLEF strikers went home to their families and started living on weekly union fund grants of \$5.60 per week, plus 56 cents extra for each child, until settlement could be reached.

The way for the settlement was paved by a joint meeting of the ASLEF with the National Union of Railway Men, representing the less skilled rail employees. The NUR has demanded consideration of its demands for increases in line with those granted ASLEF when a final settlement is reached.

Official Backs Partnership Power Policy

LOS ANGELES (UP) — Kinsey Robinson, chairman of the board and president of the Washington Water Power Co., Spokane, lauded President Eisenhower's "partnership policy" for power development Tuesday.

Speaking before the 23rd annual convention of the Edison Electric Institute, the principal trade association of U.S. electric companies, Robinson said the partnership policy in the field of electric power actively encourages the development of the natural resources of the country.

Robinson cited the proposal now before Congress to authorize the John Day Dam on the Columbia River.

"Though the U.S. government would retain title to the development and Army Engineers do the actual construction," he said, "it is proposed that three private power companies and any others, if they care to participate, will advance 273 million dollars of the total estimated cost of 310 million.

We believe the bill offers a sensible, definite and practical way to get new projects under construction without loss of time."

Goodwill Drive Being Planned By Molotov

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (UP) — Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov is taking the largest delegation to the U. N. birthday party in San Francisco.

He apparently intends to spread goodwill as far as possible, say veteran U. N. diplomats who have been mulling over the roster of more than 80 Russians who will back up Molotov at the U. N.'s 10th anniversary celebrations.

The U. S. delegation of 71 persons will be second largest.

Molotov will arrive in New York aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth Wednesday, bringing a party of 46 from Moscow, including experts on practically all areas of the world. He will join other Russians here and leave Wednesday night with them in special cars of the New York Central Railroad. He is to reach San Francisco Saturday.

Prospects for Oregon Crops Said Better

PORTLAND (UP) — Crop prospects for Oregon have improved over the outlook earlier in the spring, but the season still is running behind schedule, the federal Crop Reporting Service said Tuesday.

An above average crop is expected in tree fruits. The best peach crop since 1949 is expected. The harvest prediction is for 676,000 boxes.

The Bartlett pear crop is expected to total 69,900 tons, nearly double last year's slim harvest. The winter pear harvest is expected to be 4,400,000 boxes, compared with 2,565,000 last year.

The sweet cherry crop is expected to be one of the largest on record, totaling 35,600 tons, an increase of 10,000 tons from last year.

The strawberry crop is forecast at 73,260,000 pounds, an all-time record, up about 12 million pounds from last year.

The wheat forecast is for 23,153,000 bushels, down about two million from last year because of reduced acreage. The hay crop was listed at 83 per cent of normal.

Wheat price support loan rates were announced for Oregon counties. The rates average about 20 cents a bushel under last year.

The rate will be \$2.06 a bushel in Linn County, \$2.10 in Marion, \$2.07 in Benton, \$2.11 in Clackamas and Yamhill.

Plane Search Unsuccessful

SEATTLE (UP) — Air searchers reported no results Tuesday night as the quest for a plane missing since Sunday with two Kirkland men aboard continued.

Bob Nuber, assistant director of the State Aeronautics Commission, reported 30 aircraft searched both the west and east sides of the Cascades Tuesday as far up as Lake Dorothy. Clouds limited operations at the tops of the mountains.

Nuber said the weather was not encouraging.

He said two Air Force jets Sunday recorded a plane violating the Hanford area that may have been the missing Cessna 170 with K.D. Simpson and Lawrence R. Nelson aboard.

The search started Monday when the plane failed to arrive at Bellevue, near Seattle, from Pasco.

East German Communists Acting More Polite to Adenauer Recently

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The East German Communists are being very polite to West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer these days.

Newspapers in East German cities refer to him as "Herr Konrad Adenauer, chancellor of the Federal Republic."

Until recently, in the same newspapers, Adenauer was called "puppet," "war monger" and "imperialist lackey."

In fact, the Reds referred to Adenauer by these epithets as late as last Tuesday — on their inside pages, that is. The first pages of the same editions — hastily revised — reported the fact that Adenauer had been invited to Moscow.

What happened, it developed, was that the Kremlin had failed to notify the East German government and East German Communist party in advance that their arch-enemy's favor was to be courted.

Leaders Worried
This means that the East German leaders have good reason to be worried.

They undoubtedly have, as companions in misery, the Polish Communists.

It was suggested three weeks before the Kremlin invitation to Moscow that the Polish Reds were a worried bunch of people.

They must be more worried today.

There can be no doubt that the Soviet government would betray both the East German Communist and the Polish Communists if necessary to make a deal with Adenauer.

That betrayal would involve the unification of Germany and the restoration to Germany of the more than 40,000 square miles of its eastern territory which Red Poland now occupies.

Russia has almost got to make some kind of agreement with Adenauer, if only a face-saving one, for its own good.

It is inconceivable that Adenauer would agree to make Germany a neutral nation, as the Kremlin desires.

Even if Adenauer did agree to such an incredible concept, the facts of life would prove too strong to permit its consummation.

Germany is World Power
Germany is a world power, as much of a world power as Russia is. It can not be relegated to the status of a minor nation.

As long as Adenauer is chancellor, its alignment with the West seems certain.

Wilhelm Pieck, Otto Grotewohl

Chancellor Welcomed to U.S.



WASHINGTON—U. S. Undersecretary of State Herbert Hoover Jr. greets West Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer upon his arrival in the United States to confer with Secretary of State Dulles and President Eisenhower. (AP Wirephoto) (Story on page one.)

and Walter Ulbricht, the East German big three, must be thinking of these things with some bitterness today, while Adenauer is in Washington.

They are puppets and lackeys of the Kremlin while Adenauer is the head of a sovereign nation and the honored guest of President Eisenhower.

Pieck is the president of the so-called German Democratic Republic. He is a figurehead, Grotewohl, as premier, heads the government. Ulbricht, the most hated

man in Germany, is the head of the Communist party and the real boss.

Berlin advices suggest that all three Red leaders may go to Moscow soon to find just what the outlook is. It seems hardly likely that any news they get will be good.

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Court Rules For Newsboy

JACKSON, Miss. (UP) — Mississippi's supreme court upheld a circuit judge's opinion that tossed out the "little merchant" theory that a newspaper delivery boy is an independent contractor.

The unprecedented decision included newspaper delivery boys under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Circuit Judge Burkitt Collins held that 15-year-old Barney Leon James was an employee of the Laurel Leader-Call when he was injured and therefore eligible for workmen's compensation.

The supreme court, upholding the decision 5-4, stated:

"... For the greater portion of its income, the paper depends upon advertising, and the rates for advertising are governed by the paper's circulation. Circulation is necessary for success."

"The delivery boys are just as much an integral part of the newspaper industry as are the type-setters and pressmen or the editorial staff."

Tax Inequities Under Fire From Official

LOS ANGELES (UP) — "Tax inequities" between government-owned and investor-owned power companies were attacked Monday by the president of the Edison Electric Institute.

"The average utility company is now paying 2.8 per cent of its gross revenue in federal, state and local taxes and has been doing so for the past several years," Harold Quinton told men charged with supplying the nation's electricity.

He said the government's Tennessee Valley Authority, on the other hand, "is paying 2.7 per cent of its gross revenue in lieu of local taxes. Consider the cumulative effect of such a differential."

Quinton, who is also president of the Southern California Edison Co., addressed the annual convention of the institute.

2,000 Attend
An estimated 2,000 representatives of utilities and manufacturers are attending the convention.

Quinton said tax inequities and exemption of government businesses from taxation have led to informed people to assume — because governmental businesses sell their products at lower prices — that a government-operated system is better than an investor-owned system.

Cost of Living
Therefore, he said, they think the government should go further into business as a means of holding down the cost of living. Taxation drives the average family to demand that the government do more and more things for it, Quinton asserted.

Thus taxation, he said, creates a pressure to push the government deeper into all business, including electric power, though the cost of electricity represents but one per cent of the cost of living.

Too few persons realize, he asserted, that a 4 per cent tax cut would save the average family more than the cost of its entire electric bill.

U.S. Steel to Meet Monday With Union

PITTSBURGH (UP) — U.S. Steel Corp. and the CIO United Steelworkers Tuesday scheduled a new round of wage negotiations for next Monday. The union indirectly has warned it is not interested in a "nickels and dimes" settlement.

The wage talks between big steel and the union were recessed last Thursday after the union privately spelled out its demands for a substantial pay increase.

Union president David J. McDonald is reported to have told union negotiators in a closed meeting that he expected the company to submit a wage increase offer of 7½ cents an hour.

He was quoted as telling the negotiators:

"We are not interested in a nickels and dimes settlement. We want a substantial wage increase."

McDonald has never said publicly what he would consider as a substantial wage hike. Many steel observers predict he will settle for an hourly wage hike of between 12 and 15 cents.

The union has — or is in the process of — presenting its demands for a pay increase to 95 other basic steel companies. Contracts with most of the firms expire at midnight June 30 — the strike deadline.

Opposition to Dog Racing Mounts In Ashland Area

ASHLAND (UP) — The Retail Trade Committee of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce has joined the town's ministerial association in opposing a proposed dog racing track near here.

The Jackson County Court is expected to announce this week whether it will recommend licensing the track.

A firm made up of two men from Medford and three from Ashland has applied for a license.

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