

500 to 800' Die in Chemical Blast

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Senate GOP Decides To 'Study' Truman List

Jap Professors Strike in Protest Of Mac's Policy

TOKYO — (AP) — Nearly 2500 professors at Japanese colleges and universities went on strike Wednesday despite a warning from a cabinet minister they were flouting Gen. Douglas MacArthur's order forbidding government employees to strike.

The walkouts came a few hours after James S. Killen, chief of MacArthur's labor section, said he would resign because he disagreed with the occupation's new labor policy for Japan.

The policy to which he referred came about when MacArthur last week strongly suggested to Premier Hitoshi Ashida that strikes by public employees be banned. The Japanese government decided MacArthur's letter to the premier constituted an order.

For 24 Hours

The first to walk out were 2000 faculty members and employees of the state-operated Kyushu University at Fukuoka. They planned to be away from their posts for 24 hours. Later, 300 teachers at four Gumma prefecture colleges went on strike.

Some 400 instructors at three Tochi prefecture colleges reportedly planned to take similar action.

Education Minister Tatsu Mori warned that MacArthur's no-strike warning applied to teachers as well as other government employees, who comprise one-fourth of Japan's unionized labor forces.

Held Not Legal

A committee of the federation of professors and employees unions at Kyushu University held MacArthur's order had no legal power to bind the actions of the unions.

The government's central labor relations board held an emergency meeting and decided to suspend mediation for disputes involving government workers. The action was taken after board members conferred with Allied officials.

Poll Tax Measure May Bring Filibuster

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senate Republicans decided Wednesday to have committees study President Truman's requests for housing and anti-inflation legislation and to make an effort to outlaw the poll tax.

Chairman Millikin (R-Colo.) of the Republican conference announced the decision after an almost three-hour closed session of the Republican Senators.

"It was decided to take up the anti-poll tax bill, and that we will press the matter to decision," Millikin told reporters. "We will make every effort to pass the bill."

Southern Democrats have promised to filibuster against it — a move that possibly would block indefinitely other action by the Senate.

"There is a general feeling around here that we will finish in about two or three weeks," Millikin told newsmen.

He said the Senate Republicans approved a general policy statement issued Tuesday night by top GOP leaders of House and Senate.

Millikin acknowledged that some Senators had protested the statement, but added "there was no dissent on policy."

Asked what "policy" means, Millikin replied:

"No appropriations, no confirmations, limiting the session to matters of an emergency character of national interest and getting through as soon as possible."

Millikin said the Republicans also agreed that the appropriate committees will consider the specific points in Mr. Truman's message to Congress Tuesday.

They agreed to act, he said, on anything "of an emergency character and of national importance."

One other qualification, Millikin added, is that legislation considered must be capable of being "properly processed within the time permitted to an emergency session."

"We were agreed that we should not stay here long enough to interfere with proper conduct of the campaign," Millikin said, but added that no adjournment time was set.

Republican leaders have laid plans for adjournment as "soon as possible" — probably next week.

Earlier, Senator Wherry (R-Neb.), acting majority leader, said the GOP senators agreed to a 24-hour delay in any attempt to bring up the anti-poll tax bill.

Planes to Fly In Mass Show For President

NEW YORK — (AP) — A thousand military planes will pass in review next Saturday before President Truman—the mightiest display of American air power since the war.

The giant air armada, gathered up from bases all over the U.S., will rendezvous over the Atlantic and then roar over Long Island in salute to the opening of New York's international airport at Idlewild, Queens.

President Truman, along with cabinet officers, heads of the armed forces, and foreign dignitaries, will watch the 35-minute demonstration from reviewing stands at the field.

In the stands near Mr. Truman will be Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Republican candidate for the presidency.

German Factory Goes in Flames; Thousands Hurt

'Worst Disaster Since the War'

LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany — (AP) — A great explosion and fire wrecked a large I. G. Farben chemical works here Wednesday leaving 500 to 800 persons missing and believed dead by police estimates.

Possibly 2000 others were injured in the greatest catastrophe in Europe since the war.

An unofficial estimate from U. S. Army headquarters in Heidelberg, placed the dead at "thousands." In all, 18 buildings of the sprawling works were destroyed or damaged severely. The plant employed 22,000 persons.

Near Mannheim

Ludwigshafen is in the French zone. It lies across the Rhine from the American zone city of Mannheim.

Police at the scene estimated 500 to 800 persons are missing. It was difficult to see how many could have survived who were caught in the center of the holocaust.

Flames still were devouring the huge plant five hours after the explosions. No one could get near enough the center of the destruction to make a count.

Police said 1000 persons were in hospitals in Ludwigshafen alone, 300 in Heidelberg and 300 in Mannheim. Others were taken to Karlsruhe and Speyer.

As night fell, ambulances continued to carry burned and injured away.

Flames Shoot High

Immediately after the explosion, flames shot two miles into the air and thick clouds of smoke blanketed the area. Many persons were injured in Mannheim from the blast.

U. S. Army officials said they understood the explosion started in a lacquer plant. It destroyed a nearby six-story building and numerous other structures as fire spread unchecked like a blast of wind.

Marshall Sure Allies Agreed On Berlin Move

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary Marshall said Wednesday the United States has agreed with the British and French on next moves in dealing with the crisis of Soviet-blockaded Berlin.

Marshall declined at a news conference to disclose any point of the agreement.

He said, however, that some reports from abroad purporting to set forth details are incorrect.

One question on which he was specific is that the western powers intend to go forward on schedule with their plan for setting up a separate government in western Germany.

Marshall said that there was a report from London quoting a British official as saying that the western German government plan would be put in cold storage if Russia and the western powers agree to meet on the future of Germany.

Marshall said that was not his understanding and he agreed with a statement by Gen. Lucius D. Clay here last Friday that the United States, British and France are going ahead with their plans.

The western powers hope to find out soon whether Russia really wants to negotiate an acceptable settlement of main German issues.

This is understood to be the main purpose behind the idea of having the American, British and French envoys in Moscow call on foreign Minister Molotov — probably next weekend — for a direct discussion of the Berlin crisis.

Shattered Mine Yields 13 Bodies

PRINCETON, Ind. — (AP) — Grim inspectors probed the depths of King's coal mine Wednesday seeking to learn the cause of an explosion which killed 13 miners Tuesday afternoon.

It was the second serious explosion in eight months at King's. The previous blast, last November, caused no deaths but was followed by extensive fires which closed the mine for more than two months.

The mine had been closed again last week because of water seepage. It had been inspected Sunday by state mine inspectors and had been reopened only Tuesday.

Two Injured

Two men were also injured critically in Tuesday's blast, and a rescue worker also was in a hospital after being overcome by gas.

The dead and injured were members of a single loading unit which was on the lowest level of Indiana's deepest shaft mine, 433 feet underground, and three miles east of the tipple.

Coroner C. C. Cooper said all the bodies were badly mutilated and burned. All were brought out within three hours after the explosion.

Armory Is Morgue

The National Guard armory here was converted into a morgue. There were 176 men in the mine at the time, but other crews were not endangered. The blast caused only a small fire which was soon put out. King's employs 525 men on three shifts.

One of those killed, Pit Boss Ray Williams, was one of two men cited for bravery by Gov. Ralph F. Gates last November. Williams and Everett Jordan fought the fire at that time and helped other miners escape.

Bethlehem's Offer Rejected by Union

CAMDEN, N. J. — (AP) — The CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America Wednesday rejected Bethlehem Steel Company's package wage increase offer of 9 1/2 cents.

The package offer included a 7-cent, across-the-board increase from the company's production workers in nine yards in the Boston, Baltimore, New York and Hoboken, N. J., areas.

Union Publicity Director Milton Murray said the Bethlehem Atlantic Coast Committee, comprised of union representatives, will meet Thursday in New York and will request another meeting with management.

Baseball

AMERICAN

Washington	000 000 010—1 5 2
Chicago	100 000 102—2 7 0
Hudson, Wetherolt (8) and Early; Pieretti and Robinson.	

Boston 000 000 000—0 0 1

Detroit 350 003 20x—13 18 0

Cleveland, Ferris (3), Stobbs (16) and Tophets, Blatts (7); Trout and Swift.

Philadelphia 000 020 020—4 8 1

Cleveland 002 001 000—3 10 1

Fowler and Roar; Lemon, Christopher (8) and Hegon.

NATIONAL

Cincinnati	000 000 000—0 3 0
New York	000 201 200—5 8 0
Wehmer and Lamanno; Hartung and Cooper.	

St. Louis 000 000 040—4 7 2

Brooklyn 200 180 012—12 17 0

Chicago, Wilks (2), Munger (5), Hearn (8) and Rice; Roe, Behrman and Campese.

Chicago 100 101 100—4 9 1

Philadelphia 100 200 00x—9 14 2

Meyer, Kuhl (7), Chambers (18) and McCullough; Donnelly, Dubiel (8) and

Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, mostly cloudy Wednesday night and Thursday; western Oregon, increasing cloudiness Wednesday night with some light rain in the northern portion; Thursday partly cloudy with high temperatures 70 to 80; low tonight 48 to 58; increasing moderate to fresh westerly winds Wednesday night.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Tuesday, 73 degrees; low Wednesday, 51 degrees; a trace of rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a. m.; total for month, 49 inch; normal for month, 37 inch; stage of river at 7:30 a. m., minus 2.07 feet; wind at 11:30 a. m., South 7; prevailing Tuesday, West 8.

Sunrise and Sunset (PDT): Friday, 5:56 a. m. and 8:40 p. m.; Saturday, 5:58 a. m. and 8:39 p. m.

Starline Tides

Thursday, July 29	
High	8:02 a. m. 4:45 p. m. 12:18 a. m.
Low	1:19 a. m. 1:18 p. m. 1:18 a. m.

Three Lowell Buildings Hit By 2-Hour Blaze

LOWELL — Three buildings — garage, a warehouse and an unoccupied dwelling — were destroyed Tuesday afternoon by a blaze that threatened the entire business district.

Five fire crews worked for more than two hours before it was controlled.

The dwelling and part of the garage were owned by Frank Failor, who had planned to move into the home this fall. Al Wetleau also had an interest in the garage which was partly covered by insurance.

Fire Dampers

The warehouse was owned by the Woolsey who estimated damage at \$1000. The building was partly insured.

Fire Dampers

The fire next to the fire searched and furnishings were removed into the street. But firemen were able to keep the flames from consuming the cafe and four men east of it which were burned earlier in the afternoon.

Fire Dampers

A school bus, in the garage, was damaged but other vehicles in the building were saved.

The fire was first discovered at 8:45 p. m. by Mrs. Failor, who with the help of a neighbor got out with a fire extinguisher. When the fire was found again, beneath the floor of the garage.

The time it took five crews 1 1/2 hours to bring it under control.

The crews were from West Valley Ranger Station, the city of Engineers at Lowell, Lane Forest Protective Assn., and Dexter. The Southern fire sent down a crew from a light engine and water truck equipped for fire fighting.

Crews Mopping Up At Row River Blaze

Crews were mopping up a 100-foot fire near the head of Smith Creek Wednesday, bringing the blaze under control Tuesday.

Eastern Lane Fire Patrol Assn., which has the area under its protective custody, sent one crew at 8 a. m. and another at 8:15 a. m. to muck out the fire. The crews used stump pullers, cool weather and a light rain helped firefighting the blaze under control.

Warden Jake Smith estimated that the fire burned approximately six acres, board feet of logs and four acres of standing old growth owned by the Row River Lumber Co. More than 100 men are still on duty.

Cooler weather and higher humidity throughout the county Tuesday and Wednesday lightened the forest fire danger somewhat.

Eastern Lane Closures Set

Forest closures will go into effect in the Eastern Lane Forest Protective Association's area Wednesday.

The closures are made effective by proclamation of the governor by Oregon law, and make it unlawful for exclusion of the public from high hazard areas. Enforcement is by special permit only in the affected regions.

Eastern Lane Assn. said it would advise the legal descriptions of the closed areas, probably the classified advertising section of Thursday's Register-Guard. Roughly, the affected areas will include the Wendling area, the area south of the McMenamin River, and the Dexter and Fork areas.

Influence in Strike

BATON, O. — (AP) — Five persons were injured Wednesday as a strike for the third day in the Unilever Lens factory as its strike-bound plant

Westfir Company Still Not Working

A three-weeks-old labor dispute continued at the idle Edward Hines Lumber Company in Westfir Wednesday, although members of local union 5-245 planned a meeting at 7 p. m.

The huge plant, with an annual payroll of two and a half million, was closed when the company discharged 30-year-old waitress Audrie Freeny.

Clair W. Eastman, business agent for the local union of the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, reported the union would meet Wednesday night at Westfir Community Hall. Asked if he thought the men would vote to go back to work, Eastman said "I assume so; that depends on what motions are made."

Between 100 and 200 men voted to walk off the job, and a total of 525 mill employees were forced to "go fishing" because there was no place for them to eat.

A U. S. conciliatory meeting in Eugene July 20 ended in deadlock, and Eastman said there are no further conciliation meetings scheduled at the present time.

Company Manager Tells Policy Stand

Following is a letter from the Hines company to its employees: July 28, 1948.

TO: LUMBER AND LOGGING EMPLOYEES OF EDWARD HINES LUMBER CO. WESTFIR DIVISION:

Knowing the great importance of your security in your jobs, and our security in satisfactory employee relations, I wish to state our Company policy in respect to employee relationship.

We are making our logging and lumbering operations at Westfir permanent. We must depend upon Forest Service timber so we have enormously increased our road developments to add timber resources for the future. The most modern logging machinery, refinement facilities at Westfir, and the finest housing accommodations in Oregon are all constructive steps in our program to provide a permanent logging and lumbering operation at Westfir.

I am responsible for the management at Westfir and administration of this operation. Your cooperation in this operation. Your cooperation in this operation.

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Superfort Falls Near Arabia

ADEN — (AP) — One of three American Superfortresses flying around the world was believed Wednesday to have made a forced landing at sea soon after taking off from Aden Tuesday night.

First reports said one survivor had been picked up. (When they left the United States, two of the Forts were reported carrying 18 men each and the other 17).

(The British air ministry in London said it had received inquiries about a report that a Superfort had gone down at sea off Aden, but it had no information from Aden).

Left Tuesday

The schedule for the leisurely flight by the Superforts called for their departure Tuesday night from the tip of the Arabian peninsula for the long flight across the Indian Ocean to Colombo, Ceylon.

The big bombers arrived Monday morning from Tripoli. They left the air force base at Tucson, Ariz., early last Thursday and flew eastward by way of Macdill air force base in Florida and thence the Azores.

They took off for Colombo at 7 p. m. local time. A minor sandstorm cut visibility to less than two miles.

No Contact

One failed to make contact with the base after taking off in a swirl of dust. It was believed to have made a forced landing in the sea not far beyond the runway from which it rose.

An extensive search was organized immediately. The weather started clearing soon after the planes took off. The other two Superforts were reported returning.

SWISS KILLED

LUGANA, Switzerland — (AP) — Five persons were killed and 11 injured Wednesday when a bus plunged 140 feet down a mountain side.

As Nation Goes — So Goes Army

Army Stands Firm On 'No-Mix' Rule

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Army stood firm Wednesday behind its established policy of segregation of Negroes and white troops into separate units.

Army general staff officers said no non-segregation action is necessary now to put into effect a presidential order against racial and other "discrimination." The President did not specifically forbid segregation.

Action Must Wait

These officers said any Army action must await the recommendations of a presidential committee. Defense Secretary James Forrestal will act on these recommendations to establish uniform policies for all three services, they added.

Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royall issued a crisp "no comment." But Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Army chief of staff, was more communicative at a Fort Knox, Ky., army conference.

"The Army," he said, "is not out to make any social reforms. The Army will put men of different races in different companies. It will change that policy when the nation as a whole changes it."

President Truman issued an executive order Monday, calling

Cotton Picker Loses to Polio

SAN BENITO, Tex. — (AP) — Another little mound appeared in the Mt. Meta cemetery Tuesday as Guadalupe Anavias, a Mexican cotton picker, buried his third child in four days, all victims of polio.

The latest to die was three-year-old Maria Eva who slept away Monday night as her tired father dozed in an automobile outside the window of her room in the Edinburg polio clinic.

On Thursday the youngest of Anavias' family, a dark-haired, 23-month-old boy, died and was buried in the cemetery Friday. Five-year-old Lidia died en route to a Harlingen hospital Thursday. Her funeral was Saturday.

That same day Maria Eva was stricken and rushed to the Edinburg Clinic where the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis went all out, including flying a specially designed respirator from San Antonio, to save her.

"It's the first time I ever heard of one family losing so many in one, two, three order," said Dr. William Kitto, head of the clinic and a veteran of the Colorado epidemic.

USO To Relieve For New Draftees

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Defense Secretary James Forrestal announced Wednesday that the United Service Organizations — the familiar "USO" of World War II — will be revived by the end of the year.

He said Lindsley F. Kimball of New York, wartime president of the USO, has agreed to reactivate his organization "in the light of the expansion of the peacetime armed forces."

Wallace Chides Executive Orders

NEW YORK — (AP) — Henry A. Wallace says President Truman's executive orders aimed at eliminating discrimination in the armed forces and calling for a fair employment practices system for federal employees are only "gestures."

The anti-discrimination order is "an empty gesture" and the employment order "another obvious political gesture," the new party presidential candidate said in a statement Tuesday.

KERR VICTOR

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — (AP) — Former Gov. Robert S. Kerr, a staunch supporter of President Truman, defeated states' rights advocate Gomer Smith in Oklahoma's race for the Democratic senatorial nomination, returns from the state's primary showed Wednesday.

Group Named To Screen UN

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A citizens committee was appointed Wednesday by Secretary of State Marshall to determine if any foreigners coming here under United Nations auspices have jeopardized American security.

The committee of three citizens also was asked to make recommendations for government action if they find security has been endangered.

Marshall named Benjamin M. McKelway, editor of the Washington, D. C., Evening Star; James H. Rowe, Jr., former assistant attorney general and Marcellus C. Shield, former clerk of the House Appropriations Committee, now retired, as committee members.

Currency Chaos

BERLIN — (AP) — Disorders broke out in the Russian sector of blockaded Berlin Wednesday when thousands of Germans jammed streets before banks in an effort to exchange their money for new Russian-sponsored currency.

Newspapers in western Berlin said the Russians and their Communist-controlled economic commission are trying "to cheat the people out of their money." The deadline for the even exchange is Wednesday night.

The Russians through their newspapers admitted "chaos" existed, but blamed the non-Communist city government for not providing enough exchange places.



CARS AND TRUCKS will travel above this part of the millrace when the Highway 99 relocation project is completed by the Del R. Beebe Construction Co. This photo shows the pipeline laying operation which will transform the millrace into an underground stream from East Broadway north to Sixth Ave. East of this section of the new four-lane highway, the millrace will again flow in an open channel as it did before its intake canal was ruined in a 1945 Willamette River flood. The culvert being laid here will carry the water on toward the point where it will once again empty back into the river. (Staff photo, Wiltshire engraving).