

Atomic Plants Still Operating

Injunction Blocks
Threatened Strike

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP)—Officials reported "business as usual" Thursday at strike-threatened atomic plants here and at Paducah, Ky.

CIO production workers, who had threatened to strike Thursday at the key atomic plants to enforce their demands for pay raise, backed down in the face of a federal court injunction issued Wednesday night.

Spokesmen for both sides said there were no disturbances as the day shift reported for work.

The Taft-Hartley injunction was whipped out Wednesday night by U. S. District Judge J. L. Taylor at nearby Knoxville to block the strike of 4,500 workers ordered for 8 a.m. Thursday. The move came just hours after President Eisenhower said the government could not permit a work stoppage at the plants for reasons of national security.

COOLING OFF PERIOD

The injunction provides for an 80-day cooling off period in which the workers continue on the jobs and management is barred from holding a lockout while negotiations continue.

This was the second time the Taft-Hartley law has been invoked to stop a strike of the same workers. President Eisenhower ordered the injunction early last month, but the workers went back to their jobs voluntarily.

The Oak Ridge local of the CIO United Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers, had asked a raise of 21 cents an hour, then scaled demands down to 15 cents, from Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co., operator of both Paducah and Oak Ridge plants. Oak Ridge employs about 3,500 CIO production hands and Paducah about 1,000.

4-MONTH DISPUTE

The plants produce this country's entire supply of uranium-235, necessary to the manufacture of hydrogen and atomic weapons.

Contract talks first broke off last April 15. The Atomic Energy Labor Relations panel took over and recommended a raise of six cents. The raise was rejected and the CIO went on strike and set up picket lines. Supervisory employees kept plants running until a truce agreement was reached.



THIS LITTLE PIGGY—Cookie in one hand and toe in the other, Jane Bradley, 13 months, pays no attention to hustle and bustle around her as she arrives in New York on liner Queen Mary. Jane is the daughter of Richard A. Bradley, of Tonebridge, Eng., one of 96 British exchange teachers who arrived on the liner.

Senate Curtails Debate on A-Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—A surprise Senate agreement to curb debate on atomic energy legislation Thursday boosted chances for speedy congressional adjournment but left prospects for the disputed bill in doubt.

The agreement, reached late Wednesday night, brings the compromise measure to the Senate floor Friday under a talk limit of three hours.

169-HOUR DEBATE

When the bill went through the Senate last month it prompted 169 hours of argument, including four days of round-the-clock speechmaking, and majority leader Knowland of California said this week Congress' go-home date depends on whether there is "another filibuster" on the measure. He postponed the adjournment target date from this Saturday to sometime next week—or later.

There was no objection and no questioning from the floor when Knowland offered the unanimous-consent arrangement Wednesday

night, saying Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas had helped him frame it.

SWEEPING PROGRAM

This means the bill, a major feature of the Eisenhower legislative program already approved by the House, will go to the President for signing if the Senate concurs. If it doesn't, the measure may go back to Senate-House conference for another try at compromise.

The legislation provides for a sweeping new atomic program allowing private operation of civilian nuclear plants, a limited sharing of information with America's allies and other changes in the basic 1946 atomic energy law. But the debate-curbing agreement left uncertain the bill's prospects for final passage without further change.

Senate critics, who want to send the measure back to conference with instructions to take disputed patent provisions out of the compromise version, Thursday won a new recruit in Sen. Smathers (D-Fla.).

Smathers said he would support the effort to substitute compulsory patent-sharing for a provision in the revised bill that would permit regular, exclusive patents on civilian atomic developments.

The Florida senator told a newsman he thought the vote Friday would "be very close. It might be decided by not more than three votes."

Knowland and Sen. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa), Senate floor manager for the bill, have forecast Senate passage.

Smathers said he wants to retain the original Senate provision requiring 10 years of compulsory patent-sharing.

17-YEAR RIGHTS

The compromise measure, which left out the Senate provision, would permit normal 17-year patent rights on all civilian developments not made under government auspices. It would also require the Atomic Energy Commission to favor concerns agreeing to patent-sharing in granting licenses, during the first five years, for manufacturing commercial atomic equipment.

The revised bill also would allow the AEC to build full-scale experimental power plants but would bar it from commercial power. This subject was the target of much of the public vs. private power argument during the Senate's lengthy debate.

WASHINGTON'S HQ.

LOWELL, Mass. (AP)—They're thinking of hanging a sign reading "George Washington slept here" on the door of one of the cells at police headquarters. A soldier booked as George Washington Ducker spent the night there recently.

Brazilian Leader Survives Unrest

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)—Tough old Getulio Vargas—former dictator turned constitutional president—appeared Thursday to have surmounted one of the gravest crises of his long, turbulent career.

The 71-year-old leader apparently has weathered a wave of military and civil unrest that might have forced his resignation, but it may be one of the last major battles for the wily old politician. His term expires Jan. 31, 1956, and under Brazil's constitution he cannot run again until five years—one term—later. By then he would be 77.

ASSASSINATION TRY

The crisis was touched off by an assassination attempt last Thursday on anti-Vargas editor Carlos Lacerda in which a popular air force officer, Maj. Ruben Vaz, was killed. When employees at the presidential palace were linked to the crime, Vargas was accused of laxity. Two persons were injured in rioting Wednesday.

But an end to the threat to the president was indicated by these events:

1. Vargas was flying Thursday to Belo Horizonte to inaugurate a new German-built steel mill and to make a speech there Thursday night. Observers figured the president would hardly risk leaving the capital unless assured of the military's support.

UNITED ACTION

2. Military leaders were summoned to a meeting Thursday morning with War Minister Zenobio Da Costa. A military spokesman said the group, including all the generals in the Rio zone, would discuss united action in upholding the constitutional requirement that they back the presidency.

3. Three air force officers, including a major general, are

under disciplinary arrest for "voicing criticism injurious to the government and congress."

Decisive army and police action quelling Wednesday's rioting also indicated continued military support for Vargas. Police moved in quickly to break up the anti-Vargas mob with tear gas, noise bombs and fire hoses. Wednesday night Justice Minister Tancredo Neves said reports from all parts of the capital indicated calm had been restored.

WON'T RESIGN

Without the military, any move to replace Vargas would be doomed to failure. He has indicated through Tancredo Neves that he has no intention of resigning.

Vargas generally is not blamed personally for the assassination attempt. Climerio De Almeida, a secret service agent assigned to the palace, has been accused of engineering the murder plot.

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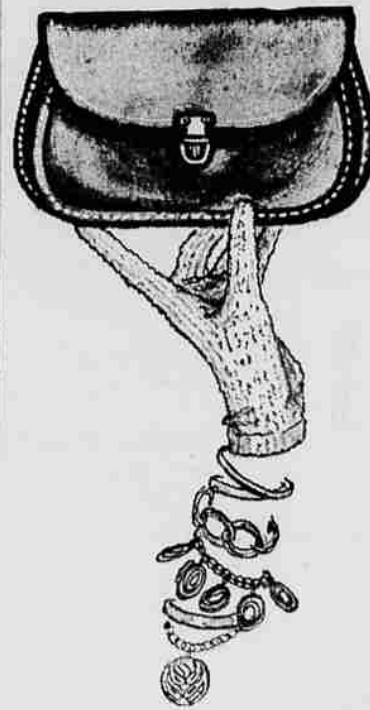
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