

Dock Strikers Begin Return to New York Jobs

13-Day Walkout Ended—No Agreement in Coal Strike Reached

(By the Associated Press)
Striking longshoremen began returning to their jobs in New York harbor today, ending a 13-day walkout and easing somewhat the nation's troubled labor situation.

Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Association of Longshoremen (AFL), said the men were working "all along the line," but it was not made clear whether the strike had ended generally. Insurgents in the union set up a rank-and-file committee which they claimed was a true representative group for the strikers. Of this group, Ryan said:

"I think by Monday, Warren (William E. Warren, chairman of the rank-and-file committee) and his cohorts can stay out and nobody will know the difference."

400 Ships Tied Up

Some 400 ships in New York harbor were tied up by the dispute which centered about the size of loads to be lifted in cargo nets. Should all of the longshoremen, variously estimated at from 35,000 to 60,000, return to work the nation's idle would drop to approximately 400,000.

In Washington there was little indication that an agreement was near between bituminous operators and John L. Lewis' united mine workers union, as they began their second week of conferences in an effort to settle a dispute involving some 200,000 miners. The only report Secretary of Labor Schwelbensch offered after yesterday's session was that the union leaders are "still in the process of arguing" with the operators on the issue of recognition of UMW's foremen's union.

Steel Mills Closing

Another member of President Truman's cabinet, Secretary of War Patterson, had stepped into the labor picture. With Vice Admiral Emory S. Land, war shipping administrator, as well as Mayor La Guardia of New York, they had urged the striking longshoremen in New York to return to their jobs. The mayor had pledged the completion of new contract negotiations.

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Pickets Close 2 More Studios

Hollywood, Oct. 13 (AP)—Pickets massed today to close two more movie studios—Columbia and RKO-Pathé—in the 30-week AFL jurisdictional strike of craftsmen in the movie industry, as a federal conciliator sought to bring peace.

A picket line of 150 strikers parted only enough at the Culver City studio of RKO-Pathé to permit executives to enter the plant.

Many of the pickets for the RKO-Pathé and Columbia activities today came from reduced lines at Warner Bros., under siege since October 5 by heavy picketing, and Universal, where mass picketing started Thursday.

Strike leader Herbert Sorrell warned against violence and the 150 pickets who made the surprise appearance at Columbia permitted a trickle of international alliance of theatrical stage employees members to enter the studio. The AFL Painters union called the strike when the IATSE claimed the right to represent 78 set decorators.

Police reinforcements were rushed to Columbia from Warner Bros. and Universal studios where large number of strikers have been blockading entrances. Smaller picket lines were at those studios today.

Stop Gap Proposal For Palestine Jews

London, Oct. 13 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee is expected to propose a stop-gap compromise within a fortnight to forestall the possibility of serious outbreaks in Palestine, official quarters said tonight.

An informed source predicted the prime minister would offer to allow 1,500 to 2,000 Jews to enter Palestine monthly, under an interim setup.

The cabinet was reported debating the question.

Zionists said that the admission of 2,000 a month would be little more than a drop in the bucket.

Reject Quisling's Appeal

London, Oct. 13 (AP)—The Norwegian supreme court unanimously rejected the appeal of former Puppet Premier Vidkun Quisling today from a death sentence for treason, Norwegian government authorities in London announced.

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Search for Oil Now Centers in Marion County

That the search for oil and natural gas in the Willamette valley is just now centering in Marion county is indicated by a large number of leases acquired by the Texas company and recorded at the office of County Recorder Herman Lanke. The leases, all in the Turner-Aumsville district, are 71 in number and cover to date a total of 8435.39 acres.

Clackamas county is the only other county contiguous to Marion where leases have been recorded recently. In that county the Richfield Oil company has recorded 42 leases in the last two months, aggregating 4250 acres.

Both the Texas company and Standard of California have crews at work in Marion and other valley counties exploring for oil and gas formations by the seismograph method. The leases filed in Marion county are good for 20 years, and give the Texas company exclusive right on the land to drill for and produce oil, gas and other hydrocarbons, and to set up equipment. It is provided that on or before five years from lease date the company shall either commence drilling operations on the land, and thereafter continue its operations until oil or gas in paying quantities is found, or a depth is reached at which further drilling would, in the judgment of the company, be unprofitable, or in lieu of those operations surrender the lease.

To Drill Two Wells

If oil or gas is not found in paying quantities in the first well drilled, the company, within six months of its completion or abandonment, shall drill a second well.

Land shall be deemed to have been fully drilled when there shall have been drilled a number of wells equal to the number of acres divided by 40 plus one additional well for a fractional acre. If oil is found in paying quantities in any well the company, as far as legal, will continue to drill as rapidly as one string of tools can work, with not over six months between wells, until the land is "fully drilled." If the only production is gas, in paying quantities, the land shall be considered gas land and not oil land.

The company has paid the lessors rental in full for the first 12 months, and thereafter is required by terms of the lease to pay 50 cents an acre annually in advance until drilling is commenced or lease terminated. The company will pay the lessors as royalty on oil, if found, the value of the agreed share of oil produced and removed from the land at the posted available market price after certain adjustments at the well, or in lieu of that a share of the oil. On gas the royalty would be based on an agreed share and value to be determined by the terms of the lease.

Annamese Routed By French Troops

Saigon, Oct. 13 (AP)—Approximately 100 Annamese and two Japanese who were leading them were killed and 800 taken prisoner in difficult operations begun at dawn yesterday by French troops expanding their grip on Indochina westward from Saigon.

One of those killed was a Japanese air force captain.

Eight Frenchmen also were killed and 15 wounded in a skirmish in which British 25-pounders supported an attack against a nationalist stronghold. The French announced that the Annamese prisoners will be tried before a court martial.

Negro Congressman Calls Mrs. Truman 'The Last Lady'

Washington, Oct. 13 (AP)—Mrs. Harry S. Truman found herself in the middle of a hot controversy over racial discrimination today despite her wish, plain ever since her husband became president, for a background role in public affairs.

In the case of negro pianist Hazel Scott, denied use of Constitution hall because of her color, Mrs. Truman took this stand:

(1) "I deplore any action which denies artistic talent an opportunity to express itself because of prejudice against race or origin." She said this in a telegram made public by the White House.

Gun Fighting in Buenos Aires Opens Revolt

Buenos Aires, Oct. 13 (AP)—Argentina was virtually without a government today in a political crisis which had exploded into open civil strife in downtown Buenos Aires last night. Gun fighting involving police, nationalists and inter-nationalists killed one man and left 35 wounded, including six policemen.

After the entire cabinet with the exception of army and navy ministers resigned yesterday, the army announced it had the resignation of President Edelmiro Farrell for use at any moment.

Police in Control

Today the only authority remaining was that of the army, navy and the two holdovers from the fallen government, Minister of War Gen. Eduardo J. Avalos and Minister of the Marine Rear Admiral Hector Vernengo Lima.

The police, apparently acting autonomously for the time being, forbade newspapers to publish news of the street fighting. However, they were permitted to mention the 12-hour wait of thousands of persons in front of the Army club yesterday while generals, admirals, and civil leaders inside debated the future of the country.

Firing Begins at Night

It was after this debate broke up without results that the firing began. Who began it was uncertain, but at its height police fired on the crowd. Individuals in the crowd returned their fire, and a group of unidentified civilians—perhaps nationalists aided police by shooting into the massed thousands. The fighting spread to other parts of the city. Horses with empty saddles galloped through the streets and dead horses lay among the wounded on the plaza before the Army club.

Peron Aboard Ship

In the city of Santa Fe there was an openly nationalist outbreak when nationalists and labor ministry employees surrounded the newspaper Editorial and shouted "Viva Peron." Col. Juan Peron, vice president and strong man in the Farrell government, was overthrown by the military in an act which precipitated the present crisis. Police finally dislodged the demonstrators and permitted distribution of the newspaper. Peron himself was reliably reported at midnight to be aboard a navy ship in the harbor.

CIO Staging Lobby Drive

Washington, Oct. 13 (AP)—The Congress of Industrial Organizations is conducting one of the most intense lobbying drives ever directed at congress, with still undetermined results.

By train and car, CIO delegations have flocked to the capital for most of the states east of the Mississippi river to ask congressional support of the CIO legislative program. In all more than 2,000 representatives have made the trip.

Differing opinions may be heard among congressmen about the effectiveness of the campaign. Some obviously have been angered by threats of political reprisals. Some say CIO pressure has sometimes cost its support.

House Democratic Whip Robert Ramspeck of Georgia praised CIO delegations "from nine southern states yesterday for the manner in which they submitted their arguments. The delegations all have button-holed congressmen, confronting them in their offices or in the corridors around the house chamber."



Carrier Moves Through Panama Canal (AP)—A mighty aircraft carrier, one of the units of the First carrier task force en route to New York and other Atlantic coast ports for Navy day exercises, Oct. 27, inches its way through a Panama canal lock.

War Time Controls on Construction Lifted

Not only are federal priority restrictions lifted on house construction, effective Monday, but sale price and rent controls are removed on homes built in Salem in the last 10 months under a national housing agency order granting priorities for a limited number of housing units. The NHA last January, to help relieve the housing shortage here, granted a plea of the Salem Chamber of Commerce by opening priorities for 100 new housing units. Early last month restrictions were lifted permitting 50 more units. Under these orders quite a number of dwelling houses and apartments have been built, with a sale price limitation of \$7000 and rental maximum of \$55 a month. These controls will be removed Monday.

This, as understood by Salem builders, is the effect of the war production board's action in lifting the last of its controls on construction by removing order L-41, which placed sales price ceilings on homes built under war housing programs authorized by the national housing agency. It is a fulfillment of the government's promise on September 18 to remove all wartime controls on construction by October 15.

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Lumber Strike Parley to End

Portland, Ore., Oct. 13 (AP)—Possibility that negotiations between the CIO International Woodworkers of America and 209 northwest fir operators would end today was forecast by George Brewer, federal labor conciliator.

The negotiations have been on for five days before Brewer, and are based on a union demand for a 25 cents hourly wage increase "across the board." The AFL industry-wide strike, which has closed operations in five states since October 1 marked time with no new picketing operations reported before CIO mills in the strike area.

G. A. Metzger, secretary-manager of the Willamette Valley Lumber Operators' association, announced at Eugene, Ore., that a group will resume negotiations with AFL Northwest Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers in Portland next Tuesday.

The Willamette Valley District Council, AFL, has hit a snag in its attempt to implement its lumber boycott action. The council recommended that the Building Trades Council and Carpenters in Eugene consider all CIO and non-union lumber as "hot." Then it was determined that the carpenters' union is not affiliated with the council. The carpenters will consider the matter during their convention at Salem over the week-end.

Indonesians War on Dutch

San Francisco, Oct. 13 (AP)—The Indonesia "peoples army" today declared war on the Dutch. Aneta news service reported in a dispatch from Batavia, Java. The proclamation of war designated sunset tonight as the time for the beginning of hostilities.

Text of the proclamation: "When the sun sets we Indonesian people will be at war with the Dutch. With this declaration we order all Indonesians to find their own enemy—Dutch, Eurasian or Ambonese. Weapons of war, all kinds of firearms, also poison, poisoned darts, arrows, all methods of arson, any kind of wild animals, for instance snakes will be used. "Guerrilla warfare will be stepped up by economic warfare. No food may be sold to any enemy. Markets will be strictly guarded. Our enemies will be severely punished."

The Weather
Released by the United States Weather Bureau
Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight with lowest temperature 48° Fog and low clouds Sunday forenoon. Fair weather the rest of the day. Maximum yesterday, 63. Minimum today, 46. Mean temperature yesterday 55, which was just normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a. m. today, 0. Total precipitation for the month, 0.1, which is 39 inches below normal. Willamette river height, 3.4 ft.

Wife Pleads for Life of Laval

Paris, Oct. 13 (AP)—Gray-haired, motherly Mrs. Pierre Laval broke a lifelong political silence today to plead for the life of the man she loves.

Distraught with fears for her condemned husband, she bared intimate memories of married life in an effort to show that Laval had sought to temper collaborationist extremism and would have remained behind to turn power over to the allies if the Germans had not carried him off forcibly.

Mrs. Laval repeatedly indicated that her husband turned to paths of opportunism only after the Munich pact shattered his dream of maintaining a chain of steel around Adolf Hitler's Germany.

Earnestly, the 61-year-old wife of the former Vichy chief of state told how she had spirited Jewish friends from the Nazi occupation zone and smuggled out money for them by concealing it in her girdle.

Under tremendous personal tension, she traced her life with Laval from the days when he was his childhood sweetheart in an Auvergne village.

"All Europe was with him (in 1935) when he wanted to encircle Germany. He made one front from Moscow to Paris, Bucharest, Budapest, Belgrade and Rome," she said. "But they destroyed it all in less than three years—the same people who got France into war so unprepared."

Laval considered himself "a receiver of a bankruptcy" at Vichy and tried to oppose the Germans while protecting France as much as he could, she said.

Canada Slashes Income Taxes

Ottawa, Oct. 13 (AP)—The government today announced a 16 percent reduction in income tax for Canadians and a lowering of the excess profits tax on corporations.

The announcement of the reductions was made in common by Finance Minister J. L. Halsey who submitted a budget calling for expenditures of \$5,400,000,000 during the current fiscal year, an increase of some \$155,000,000 over the past year's figure of \$5,245,000,000.

The present year's total, however, included an item of some \$800,000,000 earmarked largely for export credits to other countries and presumably recoverable in time.

Jap Army OK'd Cannibalism On Flesh of Allied Soldiers

Tokyo, Oct. 13 (AP)—Japanese army officers approved cannibalism among Nipponese troops, if they ate the flesh of allied dead—but they were put to death if they feasted on their fallen comrades. This was announced, with documentary evidence, today by the same hitherto secret allied headquarters section which yesterday disclosed the story of an American flier's beheading by a Japanese naval interpreter and announced the identity of the Japanese soldier who chopped off the head of a shackled Australian aviator.

Captured papers of the Japanese army showed some of its troops were convicted of eating their own dead and were executed. The papers called this "the worst visible crime against humanity."

This was the first official confirmation of the general sanction of cannibalism among Japanese troops, which had been

Jap Cabinet Approves Women's Suffrage and Lowers Voting Age To 20 on MacArthur's Demands

Action Triples Electorate and Gives Females Majority—Nipponese Silk Trust Ordered Dissolved—Fact-finding Inquiry on Fishing Opened

Tokyo, Oct. 13 (AP)—The Japanese cabinet on demand of Gen. Douglas MacArthur today approved women's suffrage, which will give feminine voters a heavy margin over men at the forthcoming general elections.

Other electoral changes—coming only 48 hours after MacArthur ordered Premier Kijuro Shidehara to enact universal suffrage and make other democratic reforms—lowered the voting age from 25 to 20 and the minimum age for holding office from 30 to 20.

This will nearly triple Japan's electorate with some 21,880,000 women eligible against a potential 21,200,000 males, of whom 6,330,000 army and navy men still are overseas. It was assumed that many of the latter would be unable to vote at the coming elections. A total of only 15,000,000 men cast ballots at the general elections of 1942.

MacArthur tonight ordered the Japanese government to dissolve three semi-official organizations controlling the silk industry and to revoke previous orders which would have reduced production of silk. The order also prohibited conversion of acreage "except in such areas as will clearly be more valuable for growing food."

Dissolved were the Japan Silk Controlling company, the Japan Raw Silk Manufacturing company, and the Mutually Prosperous Silk Reeling company.

The Japanese also were ordered to report on present stocks of silk and present and future production of what remained of the country's great pre-war silk industry.

It was estimated that present stocks of low quality silks are worth some \$18,500,000. Production next year was expected to total between 13,000,000 and 18,500,000 pounds, which had a pre-war value of \$3.10 per pound.

Fishing in Philippines

MacArthur's natural resources section opened a fact-finding inquiry into Japanese fishing activities in the Philippines.

The supreme commander demanded that the Japanese furnish oceanographic surveys, charts, maps and other statistics for waters in this area collected between 1939 and the present. The government also will be asked to furnish details of the location of fishing grounds, species of fish and amounts caught together with techniques, numbers and types of boats and the number of personnel engaged.

Information also was demanded on techniques of drying and salting the fish.

Home Minister Kenzo Matsura reported to the cabinet that 4,800 police chiefs had been discharged throughout Japan in compliance with another of MacArthur's directives.

Police Chiefs Fired

Many of the chiefs had been active agents of the militarists in their "thought control" subjugation of the Japanese people. The cabinet also discussed other democratic reforms demanded by MacArthur, including guarantees of free speech and free assembly.

Informed sources said Dr. Yasaka Takagi, an authority on the United States constitution, probably would be appointed an adviser to Marquis Koichi Kido, lord keeper of the privy seal, to discuss possible revision of the Japanese constitution.

Former Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye conferred with Shidehara this afternoon on the question of liberalizing the constitution. Shidehara was understood to believe that the reforms demanded by MacArthur could be accomplished without revision of the constitution, while Konoye argued that some changes were necessary.

The American Eighth army, meantime, reported the arrest of nine high-ranking Tokyo embassy officials of the Nanking and Manchurian puppet governments. They presumably will be turned over to the Chinese for disposition.

Ike To Return to U. S.

Frankfurt, Oct. 13 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was expected today to return to Washington perhaps within a week and almost certainly by November 1 to become U. S. army chief of staff.

Offer Complete Data On Pearl Harbor

Washington, Oct. 13 (AP)—War, state and navy departments pledged a senate-house committee today full access to all information they have about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Chairman Barkley (D., Ky.) said the committee had received letters from the two service departments and oral assurance from Secretary of State Byrnes that no information will be withheld from the inquiry group.

Because of the mass of evidence to be studied in previous army-navy investigations, Barkley said the committee decided it cannot begin public hearings until early in November.

He added that the question of when the group will visit Pearl Harbor will be decided after counsel completes laying out the inquiry case.

Okinawa Food Crisis Serious

Pearl Harbor, Oct. 13 (AP)—The navy said today that the food situation of the 150,000 American service personnel still remains serious as a result of the typhoon which smashed Okinawa earlier this week but ample supplies, some aboard ships offshore, will be made available soon.

The army previously had announced that Superfortresses from Guam, their bombays loaded with food, were delivering emergency supplies.

The navy, still hampered by smashed communications on Okinawa, made no revision in admittedly tentative figures of three navy personnel dead and 10 missing but raised the number of beached vessels by three to 130.

The army's fragmentary reports had listed 100 Americans of its personnel injured and four Japanese prisoners of war killed.

What was rated as the worst typhoon in 20 years scattered their personal belongings all over Okinawa, but miraculously did not severely injure any of the personnel of the U.S. Eighth air force, Maj. Gen. Earle S. Partridge, commander of the air force, reported tonight.

Partridge reported his men were "digging out" of the wreckage which was scattered by winds which at times reached a velocity of 130 miles an hour.

Seventy percent of all their tents will have to be replaced and the remainder will be of use only in makeshift service.

Fifty percent of the Eighth's planes will need major replacements before they are able to fly safely and communications and power lines were so hard hit that it will take at least two weeks to restore normal conditions.

Yanks Reopen German Schools

Berlin, Oct. 13 (AP)—"Hitler's children" are being wooed to the ways of democracy in denazified schools which have enrolled more than 70 percent of elementary school age Germans in the U.S. occupation zone, the U.S. military government announced today.

The problem of juvenile delinquency, most acute among boys of 14 to 20, also is being faced by U.S. authorities. Youth leaders from the Boy Scouts of America are due in Germany to set up youth councils and vocational courses.

Maj. Gen. M. C. Stayer, director of the military government's public health and welfare division, said every effort would be made to speed reopening of secondary schools. The Boy Scout-organized groups will take care of the surplus.

The Universities of Marburg, Heidelberg and Erlangen are in partial operation in the U.S. zone. They teach only medical and theological courses. Plans call for the reopening of 20 theological seminaries in the near future.