

STRIKE PARALYZES BAY AREA  
MOBS RAID GROCERY STOCKS

Troops Move To Keep Food Channel Open

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—(AP)—About 2700 men working on the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge were called out on strike today. The contractors notified Chief Engineer C. H. Purcell of the walkout. The men who went on strike included all pile drivers, carpenters, hoisting engineers, steel workers and other craft engaged in building the huge transbay span.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—(AP)—A paralyzing union labor strike went into effect here and east bay cities today and national guard troops, with tanks, machine guns and one pounders began to converge rapidly upon the striken area.

Regular army troops stood ready for call at the Presidio military headquarters here.

Under virtual war time siege, the entire bay district was crippled and roving bands of strike pickets attempted a complete stoppage of food supplies to the population of 1,300,000 persons.

Increasing outbreaks of violence were reported as thousands of workers were forced to walk to their jobs when all street car service was halted by the strike.

Tanks Sent to Scene  
Tanks were loaded on railroad flat cars at Salinas and sped on their way to the "battlegrounds."

Menacing 75 millimeter guns were dispatched to the danger zones.

More than 30 trucks, carrying guardmen and ammunition, moved toward the striken region. A high school bus was pressed into service to convoy troops.

Raiders by mobs on grocery stores increased. Rioters threatened the proprietors, smashed windows and stripped the places of food supplies.

Escort Food Trucks  
The fear of starvation caused state highway police to provide immediate escorts for the first food trucks which attempted to reach the area from Sacramento.

The state has 7000 troops at its command and a regular army officer here said he believed the soldiers would be able to take care of the situation.

Should the regular troops be called, however, the officer said 500 men of the 30th Infantry were ready and 300 more soldiers could be mustered almost immediately.

Youth Drowns, Diamond Lake

ELWOOD SCHAUER, RESORT BOATMAN, VICTIM OF UPSET  
Four Others in Late Night Cruise On Lake Rescued—Weeds Hamper Grappling

Elwood Schauer, 25, Walnut Grove, Minn., boatman at Diamond lake resort, was drowned in Diamond lake at 12:18 Sunday morning, when an overloaded boat capsized. His body has not yet been recovered and lies in from 30 to 40 feet of water.

Stating that he would remain in San Francisco as long as it is necessary, in regard to the strike, although he has an engagement to be in Los Angeles July 20, General Hugh S. Johnson, NRA administrator, stopped for a short time in Medford this afternoon.

General Johnson said he had no communication with Miss Frances Perkins, secretary of labor, regarding the strike, and when asked if he had any communication at all with President Roosevelt on strike matters, the administrator said: "You are not supposed to ask too many direct questions. It would be best to say nothing about that."

Acting Governor Frank F. Merriam of California: "I will not sit idly by and see farm products rot while hungry people need them in San Francisco." Addressing a veterans' organization, he said: "I know if the call to duty comes again you will stand by to serve your state as you served your nation."

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NEW YORK, July 16.—(AP)—Violet Hilton, 26-year-old Siamese twin, today was denied a court order which would have compelled the marriage license bureau to issue a license permitting her to wed Maurice Lambert, orchestra leader.

Supreme Court Justice Kenneth P. O'Brien refused to grant the twin's motion after her counsel had pleaded with the court that the action would be consistent with the accepted theory of public morals.

Miss Hilton was refused a license when she applied at the license bureau July 5, and went to Jersey City, N. J., where her application likewise was declined.

Returning to Medford by plane this morning, were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Reames, who have been spending the past week in Seattle and Tacoma, where Mr. Reames was attending to business matters.

Mrs. Reames reported the strike situation as serious there, especially in Seattle. In one manufacturing plant alone, in Tacoma, she said, 200 men were put out of employment today because of the strike, it being necessary for the concern to close down.

Spokesmen for gasoline distributing agencies here today were unanimous in the declaration that no shortage of motor fuel was in sight because of strike conditions, and that present supplies were adequate for some time to come, even should no more be received.

COMMUNIST HAND SEEN IN MOVE TO HALT HARVESTING

San Joaquin and Sacramento Valley Crops Periled—Union Demand 40 Cents Per Hour for Picking

PRESNO, Calif., July 16.—(UP)—Timing their action with a general strike in San Francisco, the cannery and agricultural workers' industrial union last night struck at San Joaquin and Sacramento valley fruit harvests.

The union also planned a strike of peach pickers in Sutter, Yuba and Butte counties. Peach growers instigated formation of an American Federation of Labor Pickers union and believed this step had forestalled the strike.

The peach and pear crops, valued at \$13,000,000, will be at the peak of the harvest season this week.

Four hundred grape pickers in the Arvin area would be affected if all answer the union's call. It was not known if they would respond.

The union demands that pickers be paid 40 cents an hour, instead of 25 cents as at present, Henry Mitchell, union official, said.

The union intends today to issue a call to grape pickers at Sanger to strike, Mitchell revealed.

The Arvin area grape harvest virtually is complete. Spokesmen for large growers said they would not pay 40 cents, and if the strike is effective, they will abandon the remainder of their grapes.

Most Stockton area peach growers have signed contracts to pay pickers 30 cents an hour.

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SEATTLE, July 16.—(AP)—Labor leaders reiterated here today that Seattle is not facing a general strike.

"I know of no one in authority who has even contemplated the idea," said Davis Beck, northwest organizer for the International Teamsters union. "Two men were beaten last night in connection with the longshore strike. They were James Shields, non-union longshore worker, and Frank Tretzel, believed to have been a witness to the fatal shooting of Steve S. Watson, special deputy sheriff, in a clash with strike sympathizers."

Labor Heads Of Portland Plan Strike

MEDIATOR SENT IN ATTEMPT TO AVERT WALKOUT

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—While no requests for federal assistance have been received, official Washington scanned carefully all reports from the San Francisco strike area today and army, navy and relief agencies evidenced a readiness to act if the emergency demanded it.

In an effort to strike at the core of the dispute in another sector, the White House announced that Senator Wagner of New York was leaving New York city this afternoon for Portland, Ore., to act as a mediator in the longshoremen's strike in that area.

Senator Wagner, chairman of the old NRA labor board, was understood to be going to Portland at the request of the president's new labor board.

War and navy department officials and the White House said no requests for federal aid had arrived here, but they were watching every development.

The federal emergency relief administration indicated it was ready to cope with any situation demanding its attention.

"Our position is that we are not mediators in any labor dispute, but we do not intend to see women and children penalized," said one authority. "If they are hungry we will feed them."

No special plans have been made for carrying out an enlarged relief program in the bay area.

WALKOUT FAVORED  
Sixty locals were reported to have cast overwhelming secret votes to stage a general walk-out, despite the statement of union leaders that no union had yet voted.

One member of the strategy committee (Continued on Page Eight)

WHEAT BUYING PRICE ANNOUNCED, PORTLAND  
PORTLAND, July 16.—(AP)—The Federal Emergency Export Grain corporation today issued a buying price for the first time since longshoremen went on strike May 9. The corporation gave no reason for the action, but said dealers were today being allowed their full quotas at a price of 84 1/2 cents, country.

DEAD INDIAN HAS LURE ON SUNDAY  
Many enjoyed Sunday at Dead Indian Soda Springs, the newly constructed swimming pool there proving a popular spot. Visitors in large numbers bottled supplies of the sparkling mineral water to take home, some families filling several cases of bottles. The water retains its effervescent qualities if kept tightly capped.

Among the other sights at the resort is the fine garden raised by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkinson, long-time residents of the region. Despite the mountain location, they have succeeded in raising a wide variety of garden stuff as well as many different types of berries.

ROOSEVELT RESTS UP FOR ANGLING  
ABOARD THE U. S. S. NEW ORLEANS ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, July 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt rested today as the cruiser Houston carried him toward Hawaii and more fishing.

SAN FRANCISCO HOTELS ARE CLOSED TO PUBLIC

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—(AP)—The public was barred today from San Francisco's leading hotels because of strike conditions. The newly opened Cliff hotel on Geary street, which has 150 apartments, furnished tenants with food from its storerooms and permitted them to cook their own meals. Other hotels with apartments followed the same procedure.

Among the other better hotels to lock their doors or post staff men at the entrances to inform visitors the hostilities are shut are the St. Francis, Palace, Mark Hopkins, William Taylor, Fairmount, Alexander Hamilton and the Sir Francis Drake.

The hotels are accepting a few transient guests, however, most of whom are businessmen unable to travel to and from their homes. But they are informed the dining rooms are closed and they must eat elsewhere.

They Say —  
By the Associated Press.  
Mayor Angelo J. Rossi of San Francisco: "We are confronted by the most serious situation which has beset us since the disaster of 1906."

Hugh S. Johnson, NRA chief: "Why this situation should last 24 hours longer is beyond my comprehension."

Statement of "strategy committee" of Central Labor council, Portland, Ore.: "... This committee is proceeding with all possible haste to prepare plans for a general strike."

Robert H. Hincley, representative of the federal emergency relief administration: "Nobody is going to suffer from lack of food in San Francisco. The federal government will see to that."

A San Francisco hotel manager: "We've been stocking up for weeks. Our regular guests will not go hungry."

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RAIN CAUSES FOUR FATAL ACCIDENTS

SEATTLE, July 16.—(AP)—Slippery highways, made dangerous by the first heavy rain in this area for weeks, were blamed today for four fatal automobile accidents in the past 24 hours, in which three men and a 12-year-old boy were killed.

The dead: J. V. Sater, 50, Seattle and Portland business executive, killed when a car driven by his secretary, Miss Mabel Anderson, 24, Portland, left the highway between here and Tacoma.

Albert Pearson, 27, struck down beside his young wife, who was carrying their baby, while they were boarding a street car. The driver of the car was Fred Picht.

Emerson Sarder, 26, whose car crashed into a telephone pole near midnight last night.

Chester Smart, 14, fatally injured when a car driven by his father, Charles R. Smart, ran into a ditch. Chief Deputy Coroner W. H. Corson quoted the father as saying later he "would never take another drink."

PORTLAND, Ore., July 16.—(AP)—Continuing his nation-wide tour in the big army bombing plane that has chafed him from coast to coast, General Hugh S. Johnson, NRA administrator, departed from Swan Island airport at 1 p. m. today for San Francisco. He was accompanied by members of his party.

Johnson reached Portland early Sunday and delivered an address that afternoon in Multnomah Civic Stadium. He urged peaceful settlement of the coast waterfront controversy and full support of the NRA program.

Effective Wednesday.  
The walkout, if ordered, probably will be effective Wednesday and 24 hours' notice will be given, labor leaders said.

The only possible move to avert a general strike here would be a declaration by employers that would arbitrate differences with all marine workers, union officials said.

In a public address here yesterday the NRA chief said it is "beyond comprehension" that the strike could "last 24 hours longer" if workers and employers would join in sincere and unreserved arbitration.

He expressed the opinion that the difficulty centered in the circumstance that the shipping industry has no code and hence labor does not have the benefit of the "section 7-A" of the general NRA code.

Sixty Union Favor.  
It was understood more than 60 local unions have voted overwhelmingly.

Fuel oil was declared adequate for some months. (Continued on Page Seven)

BASEBALL  
American  
Boston 8 13 1  
Chicago 4 8 3  
H. Johnson and R. Ferrell, Jones and Shea.  
(Second game)  
Boston 2 7 0  
Chicago 4 8 3  
Welch, Rhodes and R. Ferrell; Ernshaw and Madjeski.  
Washington 10 13 0  
Detroit 8 13 3  
Crowder, Burke, McCall and Sewell; Hamlin, Atker, Marberry, Sorrell and Goehane, Hayworth.  
New York 7 10 0  
Cleveland 4 9 0  
Allen, Ruffing and Dickey; Lee, Winegardner, L. Brown, Welland and Myatt.

WILL ROGERS says:  
LAKEWOOD, Sawhegan, Me., July 14.—Did you ever see a place that looks like it was built just to enjoy? Well this whole state of Maine looks that way. If it's not a beautiful lake, it's a beautiful tree, or a pretty green hay meadow and beautiful old-time houses, with barns built right in with the kitchens.  
Vacationers and everything have improved 30 per cent. over last year. Roads have been fixed up with federal money. Newspaper advertising has increased over 50 per cent. All these things have been done, yet the editorials say that the New Deal is a failure!  
It's a funny world. You feed a dog and he bites you.  
Will Rogers  
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