

Anti-British Riots Break Out in Madras As Bombay Mutiny Quelled

STRIKERS BATTLE CIVIL POLICE AT RAILWAY STATION

New Trouble Threatens to Disrupt Uneasy Truce—Gandhi In Effort to Pacify

Bombay, Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — Anti-British rioting broke out in the Indian east coast port of Madras today as authorities restored order in Bombay after four days of mutiny and mob violence in which 231 persons were killed and 1,066 injured.

Dispatches from Madras said striking transport and factory workers stoned British military trucks and battled civil police forces around the city railway station.

There was no immediate word on the casualties at Madras, where the workers declared a general strike in protest against the British suppression of the Indian navy mutiny and civilian rioting in Bombay.

The outbreak threatened to disrupt the uneasy truce prevailing in Bombay, where British headquarters ordered five courts of inquiry established to investigate last week's mutiny and the subsequent rioting.

Mahandas K. Gandhi was scheduled to meet this afternoon in Poona with the Aga Khan and the Nawab of Bhopal in an effort to work out a peaceful settlement of the disorders.

Cairo, Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — A high ranking senior said today that Premier Ismail Sidki Pasha has sent a note to the British government blaming British troops for causing the fatal rioting in Cairo last Thursday.

Sidki succeeded in getting student and labor leaders to call off a general strike scheduled for today, promising them that he would do his utmost to fulfill their demands for withdrawal of British troops from Egypt.

The Premier promised the youth leaders that political developments in the next few days probably would ease the present tension between Britain and Egypt.

CARSON FOREMAN NEW GRAND JURY

J. Frank Carson of Butte Falls was named foreman of the new grand jury drawn at the opening of the February term of circuit court today.

Other members are: Frank Carter, Gold Hill; Don H. Cruikshank and Orville A. Eden, both Medford; John P. Daugherty and Clinton H. Dunlap, both Ashland; and Arthur C. Davies, Jacksonville.

It was expected that the grand jury session would conclude its work late today.

The auto damage suit of Billie Skeeters and husband against Fred Svinth, all of Prospect, scheduled for jury trial today, was settled out of court.

The petit jurors called for service were excused by the court subject to call.

James H. Owen, 15 Keene Way drive, is in Sacred Heart hospital with injuries sustained when struck by a Rogue Valley bus driven by Joe E. Kingsley, on Central ave. near the Craterian theater at about 2:10 p. m. today.

Mr. Owen, former superintendent of the Medford corporation and widely known in the valley, was said to be unconscious and to have head lacerations.

Owen had just arrived in the business district, having been brought to town by his wife who returned home immediately.

Doctors were summoned from the Fluhrer building and the unconscious man was later taken to the hospital in the Conger-Morris ambulance.

There are about 96 million acres of sugarcane lands on the western ranges.

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PORTLAND DOCKERS STRIKE

Questioned



(Acme Telephoto) Alonzo Flores, 30, was arrested in Los Angeles, Calif., for questioning in connection with kidnapping of six-year-old Rochelle Gluskoter, missing since Friday. Flores served a five-month sentence in 1940 for a sex offense.

HAWAII CIVILIANS ILLEGALLY TRIED IN ARMY COURTS

Washington, Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — The supreme court today declared unlawful the wartime military trials of two civilians under martial law in the Hawaiian Islands.

Justice Hugo L. Black delivered the 6 to 2 opinion.

The two Hawaiian civilians were convicted to provost courts that were established by the U. S. army in the islands during the war.

Embezzlement Charged Harry E. White, a Honolulu stockbroker, was sentenced to a five-year prison term for embezzlement. He was tried before a military court on Aug. 25, 1942, but sought freedom on a writ of habeas corpus in 1944.

Lloyd C. Duncan, a naval worker, was tried by the military on March 2, 1944, and given a six-months prison sentence for assault and battery on two marine sentries at the Pearl Harbor navy yard.

The U. S. district court for Hawaii granted writs of habeas corpus to both White and Duncan ruling provost trials in both instances invalid. The ninth circuit court of appeals reversed their judgments, remanding the men to the custody of the army.

No Military Offense In appealing to the supreme court, White contended that he was tried by a military tribunal for an offense in no way related to military operations and that the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus in the territory was illegal in 1944.

Duncan claimed that the ruling against him would create a precedent which would permit "the complete suppression of civil government in time of war after a declaration of martial law."

Stalin Supreme Over Red Forces London, Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — The Moscow radio announced tonight that Premier Stalin had been appointed commissar for armed forces and supreme commander in chief of all Soviet forces by a decree of the Supreme Soviet.

BEBE HAS BABE Chicago, Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — Bebe and her offspring were doing nicely today, but the stork was exhausted from his swim.

Bebe, the 3,500 pound hippopotamus at the Brookfield Zoo, gave birth to her sixth calf yesterday in the tepid water of the hippopotamus pool.

COST OF LIVING MAY BE HOISTED BY NEW POLICY

Eccles Sees Possibility Ten Per Cent Rise — Now 30 Per Cent Above Pre-War

Washington, Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — Federal Reserve Board Chairman Marriner S. Eccles said today there was a possibility the cost of living may increase by another 10 per cent under President Truman's new wage-price policy.

Eccles told the house banking committee that the cost of living now is 30 per cent higher than during the period immediately preceding the war.

May Reach 40 Pct. "I should think that with the increased wages and prices under the new wage-policy," he said, "there is a possibility, according to some estimates, of an increase to a maximum of 40 per cent."

"I think that if the cost of living can be held to 40 per cent over the pre-war cost then we will have done a good job in view of the large public financing."

Eccles testified in support of a bill to continue the price control law for another year after the June 30 expiration date. He told the committee that "wage increases can only be justified when they can be met out of increased productivity and profits without increasing prices."

Control Needed He said it would be highly dangerous to remove price controls in an effort to increase production, as some groups, including the national association of manufacturers, have proposed.

"To argue against all price controls," Eccles said, "is like arguing against all vaccination; that it is better to contract smallpox and take a chance on recovering from it rather than to take preventative measures."

Eccles testified at committee hearings on extending price and rent controls beyond the present June 30 expiration date.

Eccles said the supply of money in the hands of those who want to spend is greater today than ever before.

Russian Freezeout Fostered By Big-4 Fascists Is Claim

Washington, Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — Elements within the American, British and French governments were accused today of deliberately fostering Big Four disunity in an apparent effort to create a three-power western bloc against Russia.

Russell A. Nixon, former official of the American Military government in Germany, told a senate subcommittee that this trend was evident in the fact that the United States, Britain and France had squeezed Russia out of the Allied hunt for German assets in neutral countries.

If Russia were allowed to join in, Nixon said, it would "lay bare the fascist or reactionary regimes in countries such as Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Sweden and Argentina and would reveal all the elements of collaboration of certain interests in the Allied countries with these regimes."

CENTRAL POINT TO OPEN WATER BIDS

Central Point, Feb. 25 — Bids for the work of installing new water mains and the main connecting the city with the Medford water system will be opened at 7:30 p. m. today when the council meets here.

Submission of nine or ten bids is expected according to City Recorder Guy Tex who states the exact number can not be predicted since a majority of the bidders may apply in person. Tex has received 17 requests for plans on the project.

Survivors Taken From Russian Ship

Kodiak, Alaska, Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — Three Russian rescue ships have removed survivors and stores from the wallowing bow of the storm-harried tanker Donbass, wrecked by north Pacific storms, and have refused offered American aid, navy headquarters here said today.

The American tanker Puente Hills Friday had removed 23 Russian crewmen and women from the stern half of the Donbass, and after making two lines fast has started to haul the aft-section to Seattle, or Portland.

BOWLES ACCUSED OF PLEDGING CIO FAVOR OVER AFL

Stabilization Director Asked By Sen. Bridges To Comment On Letter Sent CIO

Washington, Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — President Truman today formally ordered the re-establishment of the Office of Economic Stabilization.

Chester Bowles, former price administrator, will be stabilization director. He will take office facing a demand to confirm or deny that he committed himself in advance to a wage increase policy favorable to the CIO and unfavorable to the AFL or unaffiliated workers.

Board Re-Established

The executive order also re-established the Economic Stabilization board. It will consist of Bowles, the secretaries of Treasury, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, the Federal Loan administrator, the chairman of the Federal Reserve board, the Budget director, the chairman of the Securities and Exchange commission, the Price administrator, the National Housing administrator and the chairman of the National Wage Stabilization board.

The board also will include two representatives each of labor, management and agriculture to be appointed by the president.

The request for a statement by Bowles on his wage-price policy was made by Sen. Styles Bridges, R., N. H., on the basis of a letter he said Bowles sent to CIO President Philip Murray.

Bridges charged that the "outstanding feature" on the letter was a "definite promise that, upon becoming stabilization director, you would issue a wage order of great advantage to all steel workers belonging to the CIO and to the distinct disadvantage of all steel workers belonging to the AFL or other unions, or none."

If that promise were intended, Bridges wrote Bowles, "do you now consider that you had any right to make such a pledge of favoritism to Mr. Murray before assuming the high office to which you have been named?"

Sister Kills Brother's Sweetheart



(Acme Telephoto) Mrs. Amella Muriel Zambik, 37 (right), who told Los Angeles police she shot and killed her 25-year-old brother's sweetheart, Mrs. Lucille Logan, 26, mother of five, because she thought the girl was ruining his life. The brother, Robert Hathecock (left), said that he "didn't understand it at all."

Commies Look to Unions and Farms For More Members During Turmoil

Washington, Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — American communist leaders are calling today for a left wing recruiting drive looking to a third party movement in the 1948 presidential elections.

Party Secretary William Z. Foster has passed the word that "the difficult political and economic problems in the United States" provide an opportunity for recruiting drive which will greatly increase the number of his followers. The communists are looking to labor unions and the farms for their recruits.

They are depending on the

ARGENTINA WAITS BALLOT COUNT IN PRESIDENT VOTING

Buenos Aires, Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — Argentina, once again under a state of siege, today began checking the estimated 3,100,000 ballots cast Sunday to determine whether Col. Juan D. Peron will be its next president.

First returns in Peron's contest with Dr. Jose Tamborini, candidate of the four-party democratic union coalition, are not expected for two or three days.

A complicated procedure of assembling and checking ballot boxes comes first.

Both Peron and Tamborini headquarters claimed victory. Dr. Enrique M. Mosca, Tamborini's running mate, said, "We have won everywhere." Rear Admiral Alberto Tesaire, one of Peron's managers, said his reports showed that Peron had swept the country.

Washington, Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — State department officials today adopted a strictly wait-and-see attitude toward the Argentine elections pending announcement of the results.

Despite high interest in the balloting, officials declined to speculate on possible future developments in keeping with the policy of non-interference in domestic affairs of other American republics.

It is no state secret that if Peron becomes president, relations between Argentina and the United States are likely to continue strained. The United States "Blue Book" issued on Feb. 11 condemned Peron as a Nazi-fascist collaborator, whose followers sought creation of a totalitarian state in this hemisphere.

political action committee machinery set up by the Congress of Industrial Organizations to give their third party plans a big boost toward reality.

The plans were revealed publicly yesterday in "The Worker," the Sunday edition of the communist newspaper organ which is published in New York.

The program means a gradual break with the Truman administration which inherited the support of American communists from the late President Roosevelt.

As of now the communist domestic program is substantially parallel with Mr. Truman's policies although he often is bitterly denounced for failure to go as far as Foster and his advisers desire. But the break is wide open on foreign policy.

American communists take their basic party line from Generalissimo Josef V. Stalin who earlier this month laid the blame for World War II on "monopoly capitalism," which is the Russian name for private enterprise.

With that in mind, the Communist National committee voted for a mass party organization for the mass struggle, the ultimate objective of which is stated to be the nationalization of all United States industry. The recruiting campaign is the first step in this program, "The Worker" explains.

Final date for candidates to file for nomination in the May 17 primary election is Friday, March 8, under changes passed by the last session of the legislature. To date in this county, the following filings have been made:

For county judge: J. B. (Blin) Coleman, incumbent, Ralph Billings, and George R. Carter, county clerk, all on the Republican ticket.

For sheriff: Howard Gault, incumbent, and Vern Smith, Ashland, Republican, and Dick Baize, Medford, Democratic. Baize is the only Democrat filing to date.

Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna has announced he will seek renomination for the judicial district embracing Jackson and Josephine counties. Circuit judges in this state run on a non-partisan ticket.

HEDRICK TO SPEAK AT JUNIOR CHAMBER MEET

E. H. Hedrick, city superintendent of schools, will explain the city school expansion program at a meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

The meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce office on West Main street and all men between 21 and 35 years of age are invited, it was stated.

Weather
FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight, becoming cloudy Tuesday. Showers in mountains. Little change in temperature.
Temp.
Highest Yesterday 50
Lowest this Morning 32
Prec. To 4:30 A. M. Today .09

PORT PARALYSIS IS EXPECTATION IN CONTROVERSY

Break Comes When CIO Supercargoes and Checkers Union Contract Cancelled

Portland, Ore., Feb. 25 — (U.P.) — A strike expected to paralyze the Portland waterfront began at 10 a. m. today when members of the CIO Supercargoes and Checkers union walked out after cancellation of their contract by the waterfront employers of Portland.

Contract cancellation by the Employers' association followed failure to reach an agreement with the union over arbitration of the union's demands as to number of checkers to be employed.

Formerly AFL union 38-78, the unit transferred as 1-40 International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union (CIO) but failed to obtain labor board certification. The employers Sunday night agreed to recognize the CIO affiliate as bargaining agent as soon as labor relations board certification is forthcoming.

POWER PLANTS IN PITTSBURGH FACE MIDNIGHT STRIKE

By United Press Two great American cities were threatened today with paralyzing strikes.

At Pittsburgh a power strike was scheduled for midnight tonight. The government made an eleventh-hour effort to avert the walkout.

At Houston the AFL Building Trades council ordered 40,000 AFL workers not to report for their jobs tomorrow in a one-day sympathy demonstration supporting 700 striking municipal employees.

886,000 Idle Across the nation, 886,000 workers were kept idle by strikes.

At Washington, Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach asked Duquesne Light Co. and union spokesmen to submit a wage dispute to arbitration if it were not settled before the strike deadline.

Detroit was faced by a new food shortage when 15 bakeries shut down following the strike of AFL teamsters against one company to support wage demands. Detroiters continued to line up to buy milk in the wake of a dairy workers' walkout.

In the major developments: 1. Acting City Manager J. M. Nagle ordered final pay checks made out for striking city employees of Houston, whom he said were "considered as having quit" because they did not report for work this morning.

2. Federal Labor Conciliator Walter Green reported both parties were making "an honest effort" toward settlement of the Detroit milk strike which has halted deliveries to nearly two million persons since last Thursday.

3. Call Off Bus Strike AFL bus drivers for the Chicago and Calumet District Transit company called off a strike, set for 3:30 a. m. today, and agreed to submit their wage dispute to arbitration.

4. General Motors and CIO United Auto Workers officials resumed negotiations with at least three major issues barring immediate settlement of their lengthy dispute, now in its 97th day.

The same man, A. J. Musselman, who invented balloon tires for airplanes also invented the zipper golf-bag.

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