

# General Strike Paralyzing Singapore Results From Long Political Struggle

Editor's Note: A general strike began paralyzing the important Southeast Asia port of Singapore Monday. In the following dispatch a United Press correspondent describes how the strike resulted from a struggle for political control of unions representing 400,000 workers.

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Singapore—(U.P.)—The general strike that has almost paralyzed Singapore is the result of a long struggle between two political groups trying to gain control of 120 trade unions and 400,000

workers.  
For the past five or six years Singapore's trade unions lacked efficient leadership. Strikes often fizzled out through lack of organization and support.  
Four years ago the trade unions formed a united front, hoping to strengthen their position. But the leaders fought over petty problems and the movement stalled.  
Several big unions broke away from the organization, called the

Trade Union Congress, and carried on independently.  
When the British government decided last year to give the people of Singapore a bigger hand in government, a new political organization called the Peoples Action Party was formed. It was headed by Lee Kuan Yew, a fiery Chinese lawyer returned from England.  
Others who formed the nucleus of the party were powerful trade union leaders. Some had well known leftist leanings.

**Picked Up Strength**  
In a matter of months the Peoples Action Party picked up considerable strength. More and more unions joined the P.A.P. camp.  
The Trade Union Congress, under the leadership of Lim Yew Hock, tried desperately to prevent the wholesale swing of the

colony's unions to the left. The surprise victory of the labor front in the April elections raised some hope that a balance of power could be achieved.  
Chief Minister David Marshall and his Labor colleagues, including Lim Yew Hock who became minister of labor in the new administration, had hardly taken office when they were overwhelmed by several big strikes.  
The government's headache was made severe by the participation of thousands of Chinese students in the industrial unrest.

**Men Accused**  
At a legislative Assembly session three days after the riot, Chief Minister Marshall did not mince words as he pointed an accusing finger at two Assemblymen from the Peoples Action Party. He laid the blame for the riot at their doorstep.  
Marshall, without mentioning names, told PAP Secretary Lee Kuan Yew that he was being used "as a catspaw by forces of evil."  
Lee retaliated with a warning that the government should pay more attention to labor's complaints. He denounced colonialism, and said the only way to solve Singapore's problem was to grant immediate independence to her people.  
At the same session Marshall gave some assurance to the jittery people of Singapore. He said the government would see that Chinese students involved in the May 12 riot would be expelled from their schools, and the schools would be asked to show cause why they should not be struck off the register.

## Recent Timber Sales \$400,000 in Douglas

Roseburg—(U.P.)—Recent sales of timber in Douglas county brought more than \$400,000, the Bureau of Land Management said today.  
Largest single sale of Umpqua National Forest timber was a tract containing 2,874,000 board feet of salvage on Hubbard Creek. It was purchased by Martin Bros. Box Company of Oakland, Ore., for \$54,230.

## Court Records

**DISTRICT COURT**  
Richard L. Zimmerlee, overload, \$285.  
Edward W. Brand, drunk on public highway, \$30 and 3 days in jail.  
Delores E. Dement, no operator's license, \$7.50.  
Thomas D. Chenoweth, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
James O. Weenie, no operator's license, \$5.  
Nolen F. Montgomery, no operator's license, \$5.  
Donnell E. Koedig, inadequate muffler, \$15.  
Rudolph W. Berwick, no operator's license, \$10.  
Frank R. Powell, no operator's license, \$10.  
Barbara A. Fogel, no operator's license, \$10.  
**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Mary Ann Grace Gann vs. James M. Gann, divorce complaint.  
**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Gerald Dornan McCurdy, 23, Prospect, and Peggy Ann Wilson, 19, Prospect.  
Daniel John Wunderlich, 40, of 603 Dakota ave., Medford, and Wanda Mary Rawson, 34, of 813 Grant st., Medford.  
Dead line Sunday. Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

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## Manslaughter Charge Against Pair Dropped

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — District Attorney Frank Alderson said today he has filed for dismissal of the manslaughter indictment against Leon Gale Pearson and Melvin Chiloquin. Pearson and Chiloquin had been scheduled for trial next Monday in connection with the death of John Madrueno, 25-year-old railroad worker who was found dead in a snowbank at a Chiloquin ranch last February.  
Alderson said there was not enough evidence to prove all the material allegations of the indictment. He asked for resubmission of the case to the grand jury for investigation on another indictment charging a lesser crime.

## Homesick Patient

Indianapolis — (U.P.) — Worried officials at James Whitcomb Riley Hospital here put police on the trail of an 11-year-old patient who disappeared from his bed. But David Mobley, who was being treated for an intestinal disorder was marched back to the hospital by his parents. He said he got homesick and caught a bus home.

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## Nude Photo of Brando's Fiancee Offered for Sale

Paris — (U.P.) — A full-length nude portrait of Marlon Brando's fiancee looked out today on the busy Place de L'Opera, mecca for foreign tourists.  
The painting was put up for sale in a department store window, and French newspapers were wondering:  
"Will Marlon buy it?"  
The picture shows the American film star's 20-year-old girl friend, Josiane Mariani Berenger, reclining languidly on a red divan. She is wearing only a red scarf tied around her head.  
**Curious Gazer**  
Once the undraped subject of the painting became known, large groups of curious onlookers formed in front of the store window in the bustling Boulevard des Italiens. In the crowds were many American tourists en route to the American Express a block away, or drifting over from the Cafe de la Paix, famed gathering place of travelers.  
The price of the portrait seemed adjusted to a movie star's wallet at 3,000,000 francs, or \$8,571. Sale of the painting is part of a charity campaign to

## Dr. Erickson Asks More Polio Vaccine

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said today he has asked for enough Salk polio vaccine to complete second shots for some 46,820 first and second graders.  
Dr. Erickson said he asked the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to waive certain rules and ship an additional 2,568 vials of vaccine to Oregon. This, he said, would make supplies sufficient to complete the second shots.  
He said the delay would not make the shots any less effective.

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