

TUG STRIKE PARALYZES GOTHAM

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 IN New York, a city of eight million people, 3500 tugboat employees go on strike. Since most of the city's fuel moves by water to its final destination, a fuel shortage ensues.

Whereupon the mayor, in a drastic fuel-saving proclamation, closes ALL industrial, business and amusement activities. Left open and operating are ONLY the so-called essentials of modern urban life—hospitals, transportation, information and communication services (newspapers, radio, telephone, etc.) and food establishments.

The schools are closed.

THE stores that supply the people's daily needs are closed. NOT just the big ones. Many small shopkeepers failed to learn in time of the mayor's closing order, and opened their places as usual.

Policemen appeared and ordered them to shut their doors.

ALL the big department stores, of course, were closed. Hundreds of thousands of women, intent upon their daily task of buying supplies for the city's homes, jammed Herald Square, milling around in confusion when they were unable to get into Macy's, Saks, etc.

Police squads bore down on them, shouting: "GO HOME!"

THE subways, the buses, the taxis, private cars and other transportation facilities continued to operate (as ESSENTIALS), but this merely added to the confusion.

Hundreds of thousands of people, assuming quite naturally that they wouldn't be paid if they didn't show up for work, poured into the city's business districts as usual. They were met by policemen posted at the subway entrances, the railway terminals, the bus stops and other strategic points and told that all stores and offices were closed and they'd better get home as quickly as possible.

AMUSEMENT places, classed as non-essential, were closed, of course. So people couldn't while away the time by dropping in at a show. They couldn't even drop in at a bar for a beer—for that is non-essential also, and therefore was shut down.

All they could do was to MILL AROUND—which they seem to have done to the queen's taste.

SOMEWHAT similar conditions were created in Pittsburgh by a strike of only 3400 power service employees and ditto in Philadelphia by a strike of 9000 transit workers.

Both cities, like New York, were thrown into confusion by stoppage of KEY services, manned by a comparatively small number of KEY people.

AS the newspaper and the radio bring to us today the startling details of this practical PARALYSIS of three of our greatest cities by a comparative HANDFUL of persons, this thought must inevitably take shape in our minds:

TOO MUCH POWER IS BEING CONCENTRATED IN TOO FEW HANDS.

FOR the sake of argument, in order to bring the picture into sharper focus, concede that the grievances of the tugboat employees in New York, the transit workers in Philadelphia and the power service employees may have been unbearable.

The conclusion still stands: TOO MUCH POWER IS BEING CONCENTRATED IN TOO FEW HANDS.

When a quarrel between 3500 tugboat operators and their employers can utterly disrupt the normal life of a city of EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE, something is wrong.

You can't get away from that.

WE speak proudly of FREE ENTERPRISE as the foundation of the American way of life.

Is enterprise in America FREE when a comparatively small body of investors and managers in General Motors and U. S. Steel and a comparatively small body of workers organized into unions can DISRUPT PRODUCTION throughout the land at a time when expansion of production is vitally necessary to the welfare of the whole 140 millions of us?

WHEN we see these things happening, this question stares us in the face: IS modern business GETTING TOO BIG?

ANOTHER question: Are our big cities GETTING TOO BIG?

MOST of these sinister developments that are arising out of too much power in too few hands are occurring in our big cities.

Isn't it about time for industry to move out into the SMALLER cities, with their more WHOLE-SOME way of life?

WEATHER
 (February 12)
 Max. (Feb. 11).....35 Min. 2
 Precipitation last 24 hours..... 0
 Stream year to date..... 9.65
 Normal.....7.40 Last year.....6.10
 Forecast: Overcast.

Senate Appears In For Cooling Off Period On All Labor Legislation

Little Chance Seen For Action Unless Present Membership Of Group Changes

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—A "cooling off" period on any labor legislation—until present major disputes are settled—appeared today to be in store for the senate.

Senator Ellender (D-La.), one of the few labor committee members publicly anxious to speed action, said there is little chance for any legislation "unless the present membership of the senate committee is changed."

Chairman Murray (D-Mont.) will call the full committee together Thursday to decide on a schedule of public hearings on the broad labor disputes bill approved by the house. It was introduced by Rep. Case (R-S.D.).

UAW Rejects GM Offer Of 18.5 Increase

DETROIT, Feb. 12 (AP)—General Motors corporation late today offered the striking CIO-United Automobile Workers an 18 1/2 cents an hour wage increase and it was promptly rejected by UAW Vice President Walter P. Reuther.

Reuther and other union negotiators walked out of the negotiating session, with Reuther telling the corporation officials that "We will not be back until you are ready to offer 19 1/2 cents."

General Motors' highest previous offer was 13 1/2 cents. The union had steadfastly demanded 19 1/2 cents, the figure recommended by President Truman's fact-finding board.

The union delegation immediately moved on to its offices directly across the street from GM and announced a statement was being prepared. No comment was forthcoming immediately from the corporation, but a spokesman indicated a statement might come later.

General Motors proposed that its 18 1/2 cents an hour wage increase be effective as of the date the strike would be terminated and should run for a period of a year from that date.

A corporation spokesman estimated the offer would amount to \$64,750,000 a year to the 175,000 production workers who have been on strike since November 21.

The corporation suggested that an "interim agreement" be set up in the latter part of the contract which it had terminated and that this agreement be enforced until "completion of negotiations of all other issues in dispute."

Among these issues are maintenance of membership and ramifications in seniority and job transfer problems.

Two weeks ago the Ford Motor company and Chrysler corporation agreed with the union on respective wage increases of 18 cents and 18 1/2 cents an hour.

2 Die, 20 Hurt In Alexandria

CAIRO, Feb. 12 (AP)—Two students were killed and 20 injured in Alexandria in new anti-British riots today. Police in Cairo fought a pitched battle with a crowd of 8000 demonstrators.

In Alexandria police charged a procession of from 1000 to 2000 students after the demonstrators had smashed shop windows and attempted to overturn two trolley cars.

The Alexandria outbreak followed a student meeting which demanded withdrawal of Egyptian support for Britain in its dispute with the Soviet Ukraine before the United Nations security council over British troops in Indonesia.

Battling broke out in Cairo when police halted students, armed with sticks and stones, at a Nile river bridge. The rioters fled to the city zoo and later barricaded themselves on the grounds of Fuad university. Approximately 100 persons were injured in clashes over the weekend.

Barkley Leads Loan Fight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Democrat Leader Barkley (Ky) will take personal command of the administration's drive to win senate approval of the proposed \$3,750,000,000 loan to Britain.

With opponents already lining up against the proposal, Barkley told a reporter hearing probably will begin before the senate banking committee next week. Ordinarily, Barkley permits committee chairman to head the battle for specific measures.

However, because of the illness of Senator Wagner (D-N.Y.), chairman of the banking group, the Kentuckian said he will take over in this case.

Todd Hearing Set Wednesday

Preliminary hearing for Clyde Edward Todd, SP railway detective held in the county jail since January 25 on a second degree murder charge, will be held in justice court Wednesday morning at 10:30.

Ross Simmers was killed after a friendly scuffle in a Pacific Fruit express ice dock office by a shot from Todd's pistol.

J. C. O'Neill, attorney for the railroad patrolman, said that Todd will maintain the shooting was accidental.

Hannegan Says Report That Harry Will Not Run Untrue

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan said today there is "no truth" in a report that President Truman told a group of advisers he will not be a candidate for the presidency in 1948.

Hannegan issued a formal statement from the democratic national committee headquarters.

"There is no truth in the report that President Truman told a group of White House advisers that he would not be a candidate for the presidency in 1948. It is a lie," he said.

"The president has been so busy with foreign and domestic problems of overshadowing importance that he has had no time to consider the 1948 election. I do not know the origin of the story appearing in the newspapers today. To my knowledge no such meeting as was described was ever held."

Charles G. Ross, White House press secretary, replied "no comment" when asked about the report.

The story to which Hannegan referred was a Washington dispatch to the Chicago Sun. It told of a reported incident at the White House several weeks ago in which the president is reputed to have told intimates he did not want to run in 1948.

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11 DEAD IN CALCUTTA RIOT

City Under Martial Law; Scores Hurt

5 American Officers; 13 Enlisted Men Said Injured

CALCUTTA, Feb. 12 (AP)—Calcutta was placed under martial law tonight and British troops and light tanks moved into the streets to quell Hindu and Moslem rioting.

Unofficially, it is said that 11 persons were killed and 1000 injured in the rioting between Hindus and Moslems.

Seventeen American enlisted men and five officers were injured in incidents.

In a broadcast announcing martial law, Governor R. G. Casey said: "The situation is such that I have asked the army to come to the assistance of the civil power in order that order may be restored in Calcutta as quickly as possible."

"Both the army and police will use the greatest possible restraint provided they are not interfered with."

The rioting was touched off when Hindus and Moslems demonstrated against the conviction of an officer in the Japanese-sponsored "Indian national army."



One policeman is down and other bluecoats go into action to stop a disturbance in Chicago at the site of a rally at which Gerald L. K. Smith, head of the America First party, was scheduled to speak. (AP wirephoto).

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Winnie Mum On Conference

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill left by air at 8:50 a. m. (PST) today for Miami after a 41-hour stay in the nation's capital during which he conferred with President Truman.

Churchill's plane took off from the army's Bolling field airport. In high spirits and good humor, Churchill remained silent to the last on the nature of his sudden trip to Washington and the topic of his discussion with Mr. Truman.

Asked about that talk at the White House Sunday night, he said: "I wish I could tell you. I wish I had an hour or two to do it."

"Did you discuss Russian relations?" a reporter pressed.

Churchill grinned broadly and replied: "No comment."

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Quartz Mountain Reports 6 Below

Quartz mountain on the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway reported a minimum of 6 degrees below zero, coldest in this part of the state.

Klamath shivered in a 2 degrees above this morning and the icicles which hung from the caves hadn't melted a single drop by noon. It was zero on Sun Mountain, the state highway department advised.

There was no new snow in the basin area, the Green Springs was partially cleared but there was packed snow on higher elevations. The roads were sanded.

REDS BAN PLAY
BERLIN, Feb. 12 (AP)—The Russians have banned Thornton Wilder's 1938 Pulitzer prize winning play "Our Town" in their section of Berlin on the grounds that the drama is too depressing and could inspire a German suicide wave. The play now is being produced in the American sector.

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Interim Site Not Yet Voted

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The permanent headquarters committee adjourned today without taking a vote on an interim site for the United Nations after last ditch campaigns were launched for San Francisco and Atlantic City, N. J.

When it reconvenes at 11:30 a. m. (3:30 a. m. PST) tomorrow the committee will consider a motion proposing San Francisco, a French recommendation by Vincent Broustra that the decision be left to the secretary-general and the site inspecting group's nomination of New York City.

The committee voted last night 22-17 that the permanent home of the United Nations should be located in the region of Westchester County, N. Y., and Fairfield County, Conn., proposed by the site inspecting group.

Ross Silent On Ickes Ouster

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The White House declined comment today on a published report that Secretary of Interior Ickes might be removed from office soon.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross was asked about a story in the Detroit News that such action would be taken as a result of Ickes' testimony concerning Edwin W. Pauley, President Truman's nominee for navy undersecretary. The News attributed its information to sources close to Mr. Truman.

"It's possible to write that sort of speculative story about anybody," Ross replied.

Ickes, asked about the report, told a newsmen he had no comment.

Rankin Flays Winchell As "Slime Mongering Kike"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Strong words passed in the house today, as an aftermath of Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.) calling Speaker Winchell a "slime mongering kike," and the fracas ended only when Rankin and Rep. Delacy (D-Wash.) were silenced by a ruling of Speaker Rayburn.

The exchange interrupted a series of eulogies to Abraham Lincoln on his birthday anniversary.

Rep. Sabath (D-Ill.) recalled that Rankin, in a house speech yesterday, referred to Winchell, the radio commentator, as a "slime mongering kike." Sabath told the house "the fact he (Winchell) was born of Jewish parentage does not detract from his achievements."

Rankin jumped to his feet and objected to what he termed Sabath's "mouthy attack" in defense of "some slime monger."

Sabath demanded that Rankin's words be taken down, a parliamentary procedure to determine if they violated the rules of the house. Rep. Sparkman (D-Ala.), presiding, ruled that the words did not attack a member of the house and were not out of order.

Then Rep. Delacy described Rankin's attack on Winchell as "disgraceful" and declared "we do not intend to let such go unchallenged on this floor."

Rankin shouted "I don't intend to stand here and listen to these communistic attacks on me," and demanded that Delacy's words be taken down. Another member shouted a demand that Rankin's words be taken down.

Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) returned to the chair to preside, had the words read, and ruled that both Rankin and Delacy had violated the rule against personal attack on other members. Under the ruling neither member could speak during the remainder of the house session today.

Theatre OK's Teen-Age Rate

VERNONIA, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—Vernonia's theatre, closed by picketing high school students who demanded lower prices, is running again with a special 40-cent rate for youngsters.

Jack Riley, spokesman for the teen-agers who locked arms around the box office of the Joy theatre Jan. 24 and closed the show house, said the 40-cent price—10 cents below the adult rate—had been agreed to by Mrs. Zelma Dow, theatre manager.

The two week long shut-down also drew a promise of "better shows," Riley reported.

World Warned On Argentina

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The United States warned the world today that nazis have built in Argentina a complete copy of the economic war machine they had in Germany and possess all the essentials for reorganizing their aggressive power while the allies occupy their homeland.

The warning was set forth in a 40,000 word "blue book" on Argentina distributed to the other American governments as part of the current-inter-American consultations on the Buenos Aires regime. The document was made public less than two weeks before the Argentine presidential elections.

99,076,353 Trek To Russian Polls

MOSCOW, Feb. 12 (AP)—A total of 99,076,353 voters—the largest number in history—participated in Sunday's elections for deputies to the supreme Soviet, according to an official Russian announcement today which said 99,550,225 persons were entitled to vote.

There was but one political party and one candidate for each position.

BISHOP CALLS YANKS LORDLY, ARROGANT, SMUG AND SMIRK

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12 (AP)—The Episcopal bishop of Colorado declared today that Americans are "arrogant, lordly, smug and smirk" and must learn humility in order to bring about world peace.

Speaking before a church filled with Episcopal dignitaries, including seven western bishops, the Rt. Rev. Fred Ingley said that "the world is suffering today from an overdose of individualism," which—unless counteracted—will prevent peace.

In a thanksgiving Eucharist service at which the Rt. Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell renewed his consecration vows, taken 10 years ago, as bishop of the Epis-

NYC Stores Close; Fuel Lack Grave

Mayor O'Dwyer Tells All Business Firms To Shut Down

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (AP)—New York City was paralyzed today as a fuel emergency induced by the nine-day strike of 3500 tugboat men caused an unprecedented business and amusement shutdown.

Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallender said a disaster control board of 22 city department heads now was "the governing body of the city as much as if we were in military circumstances and we were being governed by martial law."

In a drastic proclamation, Mayor William O'Dwyer ordered:

All industrial, business and amusement activities closed.

Essential Services

Operation of only essential services such as hospitals, transit, newspaper, news services, radio stations, communication services and restaurants—deemed vital to the city's health and general welfare.

Explaining the board's operations, Wallender said, "we make recommendations to the mayor and he issues the edicts either by himself or through commissioner (Ernest L. Stebbins) of the health department."

The restrictions gave hundreds of thousands of residents a forced holiday.

Persons entering the city were told by police that all stores and offices were closed.

3000 'Repats' Before Board

TULELAKE, Feb. 12 (AP)—More than 3000 Japanese residents of the Tulelake WRA center, have availed themselves of the privilege of appearing before the special department of justice hearing in charge of immigration and naturalization service detailed here. Every person who applied for a hearing was granted an interview, according to Joseph Shevlin, chairman of the hearing board.

Hearing officers called upon persons unable to appear before the board, even visiting patients in the center hospital. Those released from detention have been advised to move at once to complete resettlement plans and to check departure dates if they are to assure themselves full benefits of the relocation and transportation aid that WRA is temporarily continuing in cooperation with the department of justice.

L. Black, acting project director, this week sent notices to all Japanese remaining in the center that personal belongings must be removed in the immediate future in preparation for the early closing of the project. WRA officials in the northern California area will be closed by May 15, it was announced here Tuesday. First closings are scheduled at Santa Rosa, Watsonville, Stockton and Oakland, on April 19. Area offices at San Francisco will be closed May 15.

'Beegie' Ball Bound To Jury

Osborn "Beegie" Ball, Klamath Indian, was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon in connection with the stabbing of Lola Gallagher at Chiloquin last Saturday and was bound over to federal grand jury when he appeared Monday before U. S. Commissioner B. C. Thomas. Ball will be moved to Medford from the Klamath county jail.

Special Indian Officer John Arkell filed the charge and said that Ball admitted to Thomas that he stabbed Lola and did not want an attorney or a hearing in the case. Ball was set at \$3000.

Arriving In United States

Eiwyn D. Hall, T/S, Sprague River, arrived on Sea Flasher due in San Francisco February 12.

Robert O. Ekwall, PFC, Wood, arrived on Sea Flasher due in San Francisco February 12.

Hugh L. Schultz, Cpl., Klamath Falls, arrived on General Brooke due in New York February 11.