

RAIL STRIKERS DEFEY PRESIDENT; WALKOUT BEGINS ON DEADLINE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
As nearly as can be determined just before this newspaper's pages close, the rail strike is on. (There has been no formal announcement, but trains are being cancelled and freight embargoes imposed in the East, whose time is three hours ahead of us.)

It seems a tragic pity. Inflation is creeping up on us, like a tiger in the jungle—and the only cure for inflation is more production. In an industry such as ours, heavily dependent on transportation, nothing could hamstring production more effectively than a rail strike.

About the only hopeful thought is that the shock of such an event may bring us to our senses—may cause us to realize that the inflationary forces with which we are dallying can be as destructive as an atomic bomb if they are permitted to get loose.

YESTERDAY the Russian newspaper Pravda (which is a part of the Soviet governmental system) asserted in a dispatch from its Vladivostok correspondent that American airmen flying American planes are fighting in Manchuria on the side of the Chungking Chinese government troops and against the Chinese communists. The dispatch added that seven of these planes have been shot down after bombing communist troops.

(Our army and marine authorities deny the report. They say we have no tactical air force in China, that our only planes there are unarmed transports used in supplying our headquarters and that NO U. S. planes have been reported missing, either in China or Manchuria.)

TODAY we learn from Washington dispatches that Moscow is still interested in a billion-dollar American loan, and has sent us a new note about it. (The contents of the note are undisclosed. Our officials in Washington let out only the fact that they and the Russians have not been able to agree "on topics to be included in the loan conversations.")

IT is obvious from our standpoint that these "topics" SHOULD be: If we lend Russia a billion dollars, does it seem probable that she can and will repay the loan? What does she want to do with the money? Will such a loan be likely to build up her economy so that she will become a good customer—selling to us what she produces and we want, and buying from us what we produce and she wants?

IF these questions can not be answered to our satisfaction, there should be no loan. We should never lend money to ANYBODY just because he may be sore if we don't. Any banker, any businessman, knows the folly of that.

THE big thing we'd like to know about Russia is this: Does she, or doesn't she, propose to include communism among her exports?

IF not, we shall have no trouble with Russia because of her communistic form of government. All sensible Americans will concede unreservedly that the kind of government Russia has is Russia's business, and not ours. If Russia DOES propose to export communism on a big scale, there can be little but trouble ahead.

AT this point, an extremely interesting and significant question arises: If Russia should undertake to export communism to the United States (smuggling it in over our borders, if need be), WHO among us would be her customers?

IN view of what has happened over much of Europe, the answer is fairly plain. In the face of the present, the customers of communism in America would be radical and discontented OUTS who would like to get IN in order to secure for themselves the perquisites and the privileges of rulership. The same answer goes for nazism, fascism or what have you in the form of one-party TOTALITARIAN government.

ALL these "isms," as they have worked out so far in practice, are RACKETS primarily designed to secure for the FEW the lion's share of the cream, leaving for the MANY the skim milk.

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KF Gets Airline

Pearl Harbor Quiz Ends As Stimson Avers F.D.R. Studied Attack On Japs

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The congressional Pearl Harbor investigation ended today with a statement by former Secretary of War Stimson that President Roosevelt "was undoubtedly considering" an attack on Japanese forces threatening South Asia late in 1941. But to his recollection, Stimson advised the senate-house inquiry committee in written responses to a series of questions submitted by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.), the late president never formally announced any decision of this kind to top military advisers. Nor would he have acted without the consent of congress, the former cabinet member added. Stimson's answers went into the committee's record along with replies by former Secretary of State Hull to 169 additional questions, mostly about reputed agreements with the British for parallel attack before the December 7, 1941 attack. Hull denied knowledge of any such agreements. Also included in the record, now closed to further evidence,

Two Badly Hurt In Fight Here

A knifing and shooting scrape at the Avalon Rooms, 9th and Walnut, at 2:15 this afternoon, sent two Klamath men to Klamath Valley hospital, both in a critical condition. City police, called to the rooms to investigate "a drunk," found John "Tex" Ainsworth, 45, lying on the sidewalk at the side of the rooming house, a bullet wound through his abdomen. In the rooming house, on a bed, was Glenn Harris, 38, an 11-inch cut in his abdomen. Both were rushed to the hospital in an unconscious condition. Police reconstructed the knifing-shooting fray after they questioned Rose Lapham, a waitress, who occupied a cabin in the rear of the Avalon Rooms where the fight started. She said the two were quarreling in a little lean-to adjoining the cabin but did not know the cause of the fight. Harris is said to have had a 22 calibre pistol in his hands, and Ainsworth a long-bladed knife. After the knife was wielded and the shot fired, Harris is said to have gone into the rooming house after Ainsworth had taken the gun from him. Harris reached the bedroom, collapsing on the bed, leaving a trail of blood into the building. Ainsworth appar-

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CAB O.K.'s Local Stop For United

The civil aeronautics board authorized three new feeder airlines to provide improved local air service in California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. West Coast Airlines was authorized to operate between Medford and Portland, Ore., via Grants Pass, Roseburg, North Bend-Marshfield, Eugene, Albany-Corvallis and McMinnville, Ore.; between Portland and Seattle, via Kelso, Chehalis, Olympia and Tacoma; between Portland and Seattle via Kelso, Wash., Astoria, Ore., Aberdeen-Whitman, Olympia and Tacoma; between Seattle and Port Angeles, via Port Townsend and between Seattle and Bellingham via Everett, Mt. Vernon and Anacortes.

The board also authorized American Airlines, Western Air Lines, and United Air Lines to inaugurate additional air service in the same area. The board granted temporary three-year certificates to Southwest Airways company of Beverly Hills, Calif.; West Coast Airlines of Seattle, and Empire Air Lines of Lewiston, Idaho. The board granted Empire Air Lines authority to operate between Boise, Idaho and Spokane, via Ontario, Baker, La Grande and Pendleton, Ore., Walla Walla, Lewiston-Clarkston, Pullman-Moscow and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

The certificate of United Air Lines for route No. 1 was amended to include The Dalles, Ore., and Twin Falls, Idaho, as intermediate points, to permit direct service between Pendleton and Seattle. The board granted temporary three-year certificates to Southwest Airways company of Beverly Hills, Calif.; West Coast Airlines of Seattle, and Empire Air Lines of Lewiston, Idaho. The board granted Empire Air Lines authority to operate between Boise, Idaho and Spokane, via Ontario, Baker, La Grande and Pendleton, Ore., Walla Walla, Lewiston-Clarkston, Pullman-Moscow and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Tojo Slapper Too Ill To Try

TOKYO, May 23 (AP)—Shumei Okawa, war crimes defendant who was rushed out of the courtroom because he gleefully slapped ex-Premier Tojo's bald head, is too ill to be tried. A medical board reported today that both Okawa and Yosuke Matsuoka, former foreign minister, are sick and unable to stand trial. Okawa was reported suffering from a brain disease. The tribunal ordered continued treatment for both men at an army hospital "until further ruling."

House Approves Navy Fund Bill

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The house by voice vote today passed and sent to the senate a \$4,639,718,000 appropriation bill for the navy for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Refugees Show Concentration Camp Brands



Mrs. Elsie Springout (left), her daughter, Rita, and Moses Fish (right) display tattooed serial numbers they received in Auschwitz concentration camp while in German custody. They were among the 867 refugees that arrived in New York on the SS Marine Flasher from Bremerhaven. —AP wirephoto.

Strike Strands Trains In K.F.

The national railroad strike spread through the Klamath railroad yards and extended paralyzing effects through the Midland empire this afternoon. Train service suspension was scheduled at 4 p. m. today, and was expected to leave at least one passenger train and several freight trains tied up in the Southern Pacific and Great Northern yards here. Beyond the immediate effect upon train operations, the strike seemed certain to hit all phases of business and industrial activity throughout the area, its seriousness depending upon the length of its continuance. First passenger train due here after the strike goes into effect (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Ship Baby Toll Mounts To Six

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP)—The death toll of babies stricken ill aboard GI brideships mounted to six today when a five-month-old girl, in this country only four days, died in Pittsburgh. The child, Vivian Smith, arrived here with her mother, Mrs. Howard Smith whose husband lives in Burbank, Calif., on the SS Brazil last Sunday. The death, which physicians diagnosed temporarily as acute diarrhea and malnutrition, was the first reported among the Brazil's passengers. Five infants who traveled on the brideship Zebulon Vance have died from a mysterious ailment which struck them as they crossed the Atlantic. The ship docked here Monday after a 13-day voyage from Le Havre. Four deaths occurred at the Fort Hamilton hospital—where 15 other babies originally were taken—and one at Paris, Ill. Robert Ball, nine-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ball, died Tuesday night at Paris of what the attending physician diagnosed as "malnutrition developing into pneumonia."

Slight Injuries In Car Accident

Mrs. Naomi Miller, 47, passenger in a car driven by Mrs. Rose Gray, 1021 Main, received a shakeup and slight injuries late yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Gray's 1936 Chevrolet sedan was struck by a car driven by Lyle Ellsworth Petty. Mrs. Gray reported to police that she was going south on Main and had stopped for a traffic light at 9th. While her car was standing still, she said, Petty's vehicle crashed into the rear. Approximately \$150 damage resulted to Mrs. Gray's vehicle.

WEATHER NEWS	
May 23	49 Min. — 56
Max. (May 23)	49 Min. — 56
Precipitation last 24 hours	— .00
Stream year to date	12.03
Normal	18.86 Last year 18.50
Forecast	Cloudy with showers.

Trains Stop When Crews Quit Posts

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP)—All railroad train service out of New York was cancelled this afternoon when the 5 p. m. (4 p. m. EST) deadline for a nationwide strike of trainmen and conductors passed by without any notice of a postponement from Washington. Simultaneously about 100 trainmen and conductors left their trains in Pennsylvania station and headed for a union meeting in a nearby hotel. The Pennsylvania already had cancelled seven of its cracker, through passenger trains. The Long Island railroad, daily carrying some 150,000 commuters in and out of New York, had suspended all service, a half hour before the 5 p. m. deadline. Loudspeakers in Grand Central terminal blared with an announcement—scarcely heard above the din of a roaring, shoving throng—that the New York Central had halted all service at 5:10 p. m. (EST). Earlier train crews had left passengers sitting in their seats at the Penn station at exactly 5 p. m.—while the same thing was happening on a half dozen other roads which serve the New York City area. Nearly a million out-of-town commuters were left without means of traveling between their homes and work. Fifty extra policemen were called out to corral a shoving, sweating crowd estimated at 6000 straining at the gates in Grand Central terminal. Announcements over the loudspeaker system were drowned out by the shouting tumultuous throng. Many climbed through open windows, fighting to board trains.

Talks Seek Mine Peace

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—With more than a third of the soft coal miners idle despite government seizure of the mines, a White House conference sought today to work out a wage contract acceptable to both John L. Lewis and coal operators. Among the conferees at the early morning meeting were Secretary of Interior Krug, federal mine boss; Secretary of Labor Schwelb; Dr. John R. Steelman, president Truman's labor adviser, and Reconstruction Director John W. Snyder. Vice Admiral Ben Moreell, Krug's lieutenant as government operator of the pits, also joined the talks. Krug later arranged to meet Lewis and John J. O'Leary, United Mine Workers vice president later, presumably to get their views on contract proposals and to enlist Lewis' aid in keeping miners on the job. The picture was not rosy. The best that Krug could offer as government mine boss was a guarded "hope" that the end of the current two-week truce Saturday would not plunge all the pits back into idleness. The first 24 hours of government seizure produced discouraging results from the administration point of view. Thousands of miners, who had gone back to work under the truce, quit their pits. This mass return to idleness closed down an additional 243 mines, increasing the number immobilized by the bituminous dispute to more than 2100 out of 4500 total. The latest federal estimates are that more than a third of the 400,000 soft coal miners are now staying away from work.

Presume Strike On

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—Presidential Secretary Charles Ross said today "I assume the (rail) strike is on." In commenting to reporters on the railroad 4 p. m. walkout deadline set by 250,000 trainmen and engineers. The government quickly clamped controls over non-rail transportation to carry essential food and mail.

Airmen Refute Pravda Charge

PEIPING, May 23 (AP)—United States army and marine corps leaders today firmly denied a Moscow report that seven American planes piloted by Americans had been shot down in Manchuria while bombing Chinese communist forces. "The United States army had no tactical air force in China," Brig. Gen. Henry A. Byroade, director of the army executive headquarters here, asserted. "The only planes the United States army has here are unarmed transports which are used for logistic support of executive headquarters. No American planes have been reported missing, either in China or Manchuria." Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, commander of U. S. marines in China, declared in a telephone interview "the marines have no planes in Manchuria."

'Canyon Passage' In Portland Premiere

LOS ANGELES, May 23 (AP)—The world premiere of the film "Canyon Passage," based on the story by Portland Author Ernest Haycox, will be held in Portland July 10, the Walter Wanger studio said today.

Exiled Premier Declares Spain Arms Against USSR

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP)—Jose Giral, premier of the exiled Spanish republican government, told a United Nations sub-committee investigating Franco Spain today that the Franco regime has told every Spaniard he could arm himself to defend Spain "against an attack by Russia." Giral, appearing before the United Nations security council sub-committee in its first public hearing in the month-long inquiry said that: "Two months ago the Franco regime decreed that every citizen could arm himself to defend the fatherland against an attack by Russia." Answering committee questions concerning the armed forces of Spain, Giral said "it is difficult to set the armed strength since the whole population is entitled under law to be armed." Paul Hasluck, chairman of the sub-committee, had called attention to a voluminous report on Franco Spain submitted by Giral in which the armed forces of Franco were set at 840,000. Giral said the 840,000 figure included colonial troops. The five committee members and Giral sat at the translator's table in the security council conference room instead of at the horseshoe-shaped council table. Giral spoke in Spanish, one of the five official languages of the United Nations. English and French are the working languages. The sub-committee is inquiring into Poland's charges against Franco's regime which included the contention that refugee Nazi scientists are conducting atomic research inside Spain. Giral said Spain was importing arms from other countries but he did not name them. He declared that Franco had 250,000 troops along the French border. However, he said, a cable today from unimpeachable sources said Franco now is putting many of them in civilian clothes and is camouflaging gun emplacements in anticipation of visits by United Nations observers.

Vote Today

Polls were opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon, Thursday, at Fremont and Klamath Union high school, when budgets of School Districts 1 and 2, and an improvement levy for District No. 1, were presented to the voting public. The polls will remain open until both schools until 7 p. m. Any legal voter who is also a taxpayer in the district, may vote and the public is urged to participate.

Klamath's Trees Break Into Leaf



This picture, taken across Klamath rooftops from Seventh and Lincoln streets, shows the city's residential district shade trees as they approach full leaf in the spring of 1946. Incidentally, it demonstrates that Klamath people have made a lot of headway in recent years in their new tree-planting program, even while many of the fine old poplars were being sacrificed to the march of progress.

Arriving In U. S.
By The Associated Press
Richard A. Byland, 23, Eskewville, arriving on Henry Felling due in Seattle May 24.