

NINE DEAD IN HIGHWAY WRECK

Nation Adjusts To Phone Lack; Talks Continue

The American public adjusted itself to sharply curtailed telephone service today as the coast to coast strike of nearly 300,000 employees of the Bell System entered its second day.

Calls between dial telephones continued without interruption, but calls over manual phones, or traveling the long distance lines of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, parent organization of the Bell System, generally were limited to emergency calls. Of the nation's 31,000,000 telephones, 18,700,000 are dial-operated.

Negotiations to end the coast-to-coast strike, called yesterday by the Independent National Federation of Telephone Workers, were resumed today in Washington and in many other cities over the nation, but Joseph A. Beirne, NITW president, said the unions were settling down for a long shutdown.

While a few areas, either because they are outside of the Bell System or for other reasons were unaffected by the curtailment of local telephone service, the pinch in long distance was felt everywhere.

Some Service By using the supervisory personnel to take over strikers' jobs, the A. T. and T. said it was able to handle 22 1/2 per cent of usual long distance traffic. The company spokesman said in New York that while the company had announced it would accept only emergency calls, it also was handling "necessary calls" which he described as of a serious rather than a social nature.

The A. T. and T. spokesman added that in 14 large cities, 23 per cent of the long distance positions were manned by supervisory personnel. He added that about 10 per cent of its non-supervisory personnel also showed up for work yesterday in New York City.

Union officials have predicted that the absence of maintenance men soon will result in a further curtailment of long distance service, as well as a reduction of the present emergency service provided for users of manually operated telephones. They also doubt that the dial system without its usual maintenance will continue to give untroubled service.

First lifting of the strike action was reported last night when Kenneth Abrahamson, president of the Jamestown (N. Y.) Federation of Telephone Workers, an NITW affiliate, announced a 9 per cent pay increase had been accepted and 66 operators and 49 plant employees would return to work for the Jamestown Telephone corporation.

Reds Give In On Treaty MOSCOW, April 8 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov agreed under western pressure tonight to halt the long discussions of Big Four disagreements on current German problems and to turn to other matters—the next being the question of German frontiers.

The ministers will take up the frontier question tomorrow. In a conciliatory move, Molotov agreed to demands by U. S. Secretary of State Marshall, British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault to drop from the plans for a German provisional government the Soviet proposal that security police powers be vested in a central government.

Basin Drenched By Spring Rain Raincoats, umbrellas and galoshes got a workout today as rain continued to sprinkle the basin area. The clear sunny skies of Easter Sunday were only a memory this week, with scarcely a ray of sunshine since then.

The weatherman indicated little hope for a let-up of cloudy, drizzly skies for Wednesday, with a forecast of more clouds and rain.

Precipitation in the last 24 hours reached a figure of .02, with a minimum temperature of 24 degrees at about 5 a.m. today. The mercury's high Monday afternoon was 47.

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Henry Ford Dies

DETROIT, April 8 (AP)—In the flickering light of kerosene lamps and candles Henry Ford, famed pioneer of the automobile industry, died at 11:40 o'clock last night in his home in nearby Dearborn.

He would have reached his 84th birthday next July 30. High flood waters of the River Rouge running through the Ford estate had cut power and heating services at the residence—and a wood-burning fireplace warmed the room.

Mr. Ford's death was due to a cerebral hemorrhage. It came after the noted industrialist had spent a vigorous day inspecting flood-water damage around the Ford plant and was making plans for another inspection this morning.

Friends said he had never appeared in better health. At his bedside were his wife, Mrs. Clara Bryant Ford, and a member of the household staff.

Funeral services will be held from St. Paul's Episcopal cathedral in Detroit on Thursday at an hour to be announced later.

The body was taken to a Detroit funeral home this morning and will be returned to the Ford Greenfield village to lie in state all day Wednesday.

All Ford operations throughout the world will be suspended on Thursday. Flags on all Ford property will be at half staff until after the funeral.

The surviving members of the family, in addition to the widow, and Mrs. Edsel B. (Eleanor) Ford, and her children, Henry II, Benson, William and Josephine Ford.

Edsel Ford, only son of the noted manufacturer, died in May, 1943.

Death came to the elder Ford a little more than a year and a half after he had relinquished all participation in the management of his great company.

When he resigned as president, a post he took over upon the death of his son, Edsel, he said he wanted to devote more time to "personal affairs."

From other quarters, however, it was said that dissatisfaction on the part of the younger Ford generation, particularly Mrs. Edsel Ford, had led to the reorganization of administrative personnel.

Phone Manager Gets Sympathy From Subscriber Chuck Seavey, manager of the Klamath Falls branch of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, was somewhat taken aback Monday, first day of the nationwide telephone strike, while manning the operator's station, a job done by women these many years.

The operator's signal came in over the dial and Seavey responded with "Operator." A woman's voice apologized and said, "Sorry, wrong number." She dialed again. Seavey was right in then punching and again said, "Operator." There was a moment's pause.

"Dearie," sympathized the woman. "Do you have a cold?" Seavey refused to provide The Herald and News with his response.

Price Rise Parley Subject WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the president's economic advisory council, said today that the price situation is serious at this time.

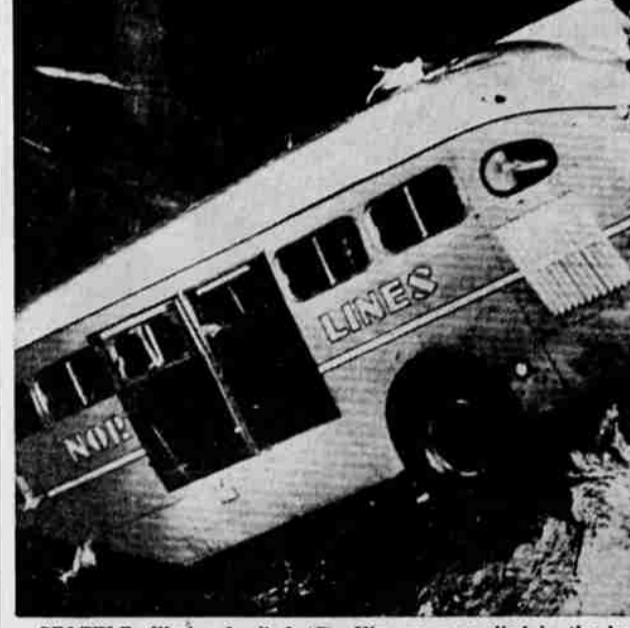
Leaving the White House after a conference with President Truman, Nourse told reporters he was "frankly worried" over the inability to bring prices down generally and the resulting pressures culminating in increased wage demands.

Mr. Truman, after receiving the report from his advisory council called a special meeting of the cabinet for tomorrow to discuss the price situation in detail. The cabinet ordinarily meets on Friday.

Mr. Truman, who has repeatedly expressed concern over rising costs, declared in a speech Saturday night that he hoped industry would not go "whole hog for profits."

Other members of the council accompanied Nourse to see Mr. Truman today. Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the council would submit a report to the cabinet meeting.

Bus Plunges Into River



SEATTLE, Wash., April 8 (AP)—Nine persons died in the bus after it had plunged into the Duwamish river following a wild skid. The bus, according to the driver, collided with an oil truck, skidded over the bank, and sank in the water of the river. The bus is shown here as a wrecking crew drags it out over the river bank.

Phone Tie-Up End Seen

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—Federal Conciliator Peter G. Manno reported the government is "hopeful" of a settlement today in the long distance part of the nationwide telephone strike.

As negotiations resumed between the union and the American Telephone and Telegraph company's long lines division Manno told reporters:

"We are hopeful that a settlement will be effectuated in the long lines today."

Long distance service has been hit hardest by the two-day-old cross-country work stoppage—the first in the industry.

Manno emphasized that a settlement of the long lines phase would not end the entire walk-out of 294,000 telephone workers.

John J. Moran, president of the American Union of Telephone Workers which represents long distance employees, was less optimistic.

Moran, when asked whether a settlement could be expected soon replied, "that's up to the company."

Local Phone Service Good

Klamath dial telephone system continued today to carry local traffic without interruption as the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's 100 Klamath employees remained off the job in a nationwide strike.

Managerial and supervisory employees did emergency duty at the big switchboard in the telephone office, handling long distance calls on a restricted basis.

A small phonograph record device was in use, informing persons who dialed for operator that "due to the strike, we are accepting only emergency calls. If you have an emergency call, slowly dial your number." This routine announcement was delivered in measured style in a woman's voice.

Yesterday, about 1000 long distance calls were attempted, but not all were completed. Manager Charles Seavey said emergency calls generally apply to matters of sickness or death, shipment of perishable food products and situations in which failure to complete the call might result in serious loss or damage to life or property.



Time to head south. It's 9 o'clock and our early morning photog caught Richard Robustelli getting his order book from Gale Duncan preparatory to leaving for the Merrill, Malin, Tulelake country with his daily truck load for J. Marvin Hilton.

WEATHER Max. (April 7) — 47 Min. — 34 Precipitation last 24 hours — .05 Stream year to date — 7.16 Last year's Normal — 7.16 Forecast: Cloudy, occasional rain.

Bus Plunges Into River After Crash

SEATTLE, April 8 (AP)—Eight bus passengers and an oil truck driver lost their lives last night when a heavy Seattle-bound North Coast Lines bus collided with the tanker at the south city limits and then plunged into the Duwamish river alongside the Pacific highway.

Eleven other passengers and the bus driver, Melvin D. Long, 22, of Olympia, survived. Some had severe injuries but none was critical.

Two of the dead, both women passengers, remained unidentified this morning.

Identified dead were: Telford F. Smith, Seattle, the truck driver. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Burian, Tacoma.

James Mark Sullivan, Seattle, First Lt. Lydia M. Cressman, 40, an army nurse of Seattle. Darlene Wick, 6, Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Heiga Wick, Seattle, grandmother of Darlene. Mrs. Mildred Morse, 63, Seattle, post office employee (1203 James street). She was a sister of Dr. Fred Webster, Portland.

Heroic rescue work by eyewitnesses and passing motorists, who waded into the river and climbed atop the two-thirds submerged bus, prevented a heavier death toll.

The first rescuers at the scene hacked holes into the roof to pull to safety frightened passengers who were fighting for air inside the wreckage.

The bus driver escaped by kicking out the windshield while a number of men got out without assistance and clung to driftwood in the river until rescued. Thirty minutes afterward the scene was one of confusion as deputy sheriffs, police officers and state patrolmen worked in a heavy rain with artificial respiration and pulmotors to revive passengers as they were removed from the river.

Possibility that locked steering gear resulted from the collision may have sent the bus careening into the river, was being investigated today by the state patrol, according to Capt. O. C. Furseth, district supervisor.

The bus was impounded by the patrol for examination. Full scale investigations to determine responsibility were (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

Water Okay This Year

Irrigation areas of the Klamath country will "ride through" this season on available storage water, but another winter of low precipitation will create a serious moisture situation in this section, it was brought out at a water survey conference held here yesterday.

All of the irrigation areas served by the irrigation systems will probably have ample water this year. Dry land farming faces a season of "fair" precipitation. Good summer range is going to be short, and this prospect has resulted in the market disposal of a considerable number of cattle for this period of the year.

Sprague river estimate for the next six months is a flow of 125,000 acre feet, or 84 per cent of a 10-year average; Williamson river, 240,000 acre feet or 84 per cent; Gerber reservoir storage, 375,000 acre feet or 78 per cent; Clear lake reservoir, 12,000 acre feet or 25 per cent. Fort Klamath area prospect is fair; Lentz area, fair; north fork Sprague, fair; south fork, fair; Indian reservation, poor.

Mill Power House Burned To Ground

A short in the generator in the power house at the Lodgepole Pine Products company at Mowich caused the fire which destroyed the building early Monday morning, it was learned here today.

H. C. Chase, SP trainmaster, went north Monday to investigate possible damages done SP facilities there but on his return said only the power house was lost. The plant is some 200 feet away from the main line and did not reach SP holdings, Chase said.

Story Of Marine Battle With Communists Related

By JOHN RODERICK HSHINGO, China, April 8 (AP) The story of how a small band of U. S. marines foiled a well-planned attempt by Chinese communists to destroy a big ammunition dump last Saturday was unfolded here today.

Only a small section of the depot was fired by the communists. Witnesses said it exploded with a great burst of orange light and a thundering roar that smashed windows for five miles around.

As the first U. S. newsman to reach this village of mud huts west of Tientsin, I learned how the marines overcame superior numbers in a brief but furious battle which cost the lives of five of the Americans. Sixteen others were wounded. Of the 14 still hospitalized, one is in critical condition, the other 13 are making "encouraging progress."

Six communists were left dead and many of their comrades fled along a blood-spotted route across the Chinchung river, eight miles to the north. A seventh Chinese—a non-participant—was killed by a stray bullet.

Funeral services for the five dead marines will be held Wednesday.

Soviet Proposal On Greek Loan Surprises UN Council LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 8 (AP)—Delegates to the security council hurriedly called their governments for instructions today on Russia's surprise proposal which would give the United Nations the right to supervise American aid to Greece.

Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko laid the proposal before the council last night after he had vigorously attacked what he called the "unilateral" action of the United States and declared that President Truman's program to aid Greece and Turkey constituted interference in the internal affairs of those countries.

Although the Soviet resolution, calling for creating of a special security council commission to supervise aid to Greece, did not mention the U. S. program specifically, it was pointed out by some delegates that this was the only aid in sight at present.

The first reaction to the Soviet program was that the kind of supervision it envisaged would definitely rule out the use of the American funds for any military purposes. Since this was one of the primary aims set forth in the U. S. program, there appeared to be little likelihood that the United States could accept it.

Russia's resolution will be taken up Thursday when the council resumes discussion of the Greek question. At the same time the council will consider a United States resolution proposing that the UN Balkan investigating commission keep representatives in northern Greece while the commission's report is being drafted in Geneva.