

STRIKE SETTLEMENT COLLAPSES

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS morning in Moscow Vishinsky, Molotov's right-hand man, holds a press conference—which is a very unusual thing for a Soviet official to do. His conference was attended by British, American, French and Russian correspondents.

He told them: "In my opinion, Russia will never accept a German settlement without reparations payments to the Soviet Union from current production, on a large scale. . . . Acceptance by the United States of the principle of current reparations is the thing we (Russia) have been fighting for in the council of foreign ministers."

He added: "A treaty without reparations is the same thing as a man without a heart."

LET'S be brutally realistic about this business of reparations. It is another term for RANSOM AND LOOT. In the bad old days of the world (and in some days not so old) the DESIRE FOR RANSOM AND LOOT was one of the chief reasons for going to war.

THE ancient historians (beginning with Herodotus, who first wrote history down in words) make it clear to us that for long, long centuries the Scythians, who poured down out of the country that now is Russia to burn and raid and kill among the democracies of the Mediterranean world, sought LOOT PRIMARILY.

Attila, who with his Huns came warning out of this same country that now is Russia, sought loot and plunder. Genghis Khan and his Mongols, and the fairly long line of Mongol leaders who came after Genghis (also out of this same country that now is a part of Russia) did likewise.

They were fighting for no sacred causes. They envisioned no systems that would create a world for the common man that would be better than any world that had been before.

THEY WANTED LOOT.

OUR record isn't perfect.

We warred on the Indians, and we took their country. We went to war with Mexico, and we took a lot of territory by way of "reparation" for Mexico's mistake in going to war with us, a stronger nation. We went to war with Spain, and we

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Committee OK's Union Curb Act

Ministers To Consider German Plan

MOSCOW, April 12 (AP)—The council of foreign ministers decided tonight to take up Monday the American proposal for a four-power pact to insure disarmament. This may offer the last opportunity for agreement here on a major issue.

The decision to bring up the proposal, first offered by the former U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, came in a meeting of four hours and 20 minutes, during which the ministers agreed:

1. Land reform should be effected in Germany by the end of 1947.
2. All fortifications in Germany be destroyed by December 31, 1948.
3. War factories in the principal category be liquidated by June 30, 1948.

American Proposal
The council was unable to decide whether main government powers in Germany are to be held by a central government or by the individual states.

Discussing an American proposal that all governments which were at war with Germany attend the peace conference with equal rights, Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov expressed surprise that "such countries as Paraguay and Turkey be included on the same basis as the Big Four." He repeated his opposition to U. S. Secretary of State Marshall's proposal.

Soviet Deputy A. Y. Vishinsky made it clear earlier today that in his opinion Russia would not accept a German settlement without reparations payments from current production to the Soviet Union, on a large scale.

U.N. To Ponder Palestine Deal

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 12 (AP)—Preparations for a special Palestine session of the United Nations general assembly were rushed today and officials were agreed that the meeting probably would open in New York City on April 28.

Twenty-four of the necessary 28 endorsements were recorded up to this morning and enough more were known to be en route to make the session a certainty.

Fire Rages On Treasure Island



Dense clouds of smoke roll skyward from a burning building as firemen pour water on the blazing navy installation on Treasure Island in San Francisco bay. Loss was estimated at \$500,000. —AP wirephoto.

WAA To Make MB Inventory

Next step toward establishment of the technical school at the former Marine Barracks plant will be another inventory by WAA, according to Arnold Gralapp, superintendent of local schools, who is home from a conference with O. I. Paulson, head of the state vocational education department.

Paulson told Gralapp in Salem that he expects the WAA to push the inventory immediately. Meanwhile, Paulson is at work at his Salem office working out his personnel program for the new educational institution, which was authorized by the legislature in the session just closed.

Gralapp said that approval of the tech school plan places new opportunities before the Klamath public schools in their vocational education program, and this will be considered at Monday's school board meeting. The new agricultural training program, projected for the high school, will probably be instituted at the tech school on the hill, with high school students commuting. This, he said, is indicative of the cooperative program to be worked out here.

Vocational courses at the Klamath high school have proved highly attractive, and are currently jammed, indicating a probable strong local attendance at the tech school on the hill.

Parole Charge Raises Row

SACRAMENTO, April 12 (AP)—Speaker Sam L. Collins called today for a state assembly investigation of charges by a Los Angeles judge that he had tried to halt parole officers' raids on gambling joints in Southern California.

Collins, Fullerton republican, told newsmen he wants the investigation to be full and complete. He demanded that his accuser, Appellate Judge William C. Doran and his son, John C. Doran, be subpoenaed to testify before an assembly subcommittee which will look into the charges. The younger Doran is a supervising parole officer.

FDR Ceremonies Planned Today

HYDE PARK, N. Y., April 12 (AP)—The nation today observes the second anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt's death, with ceremonies planned at the old Hudson River valley mansion which he had hoped to enjoy in retirement, and at Warm Springs foundation in Georgia.

On the flagstoned portico, a favorite lounging place for the late president, a memorial program will be broadcast to the nation over three networks (NBC, ABC, MBS) from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m. (EST).

Vandenberg Readies Appeal For Hemisphere Solidarity

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) was reported today to be preparing an appeal for intensified effort by the Pan-American union to seal western hemisphere solidarity.

With the senate on a week-end holiday from its debate over the Greek-Turkey assistance program, Vandenberg drafted a major foreign policy speech for Monday's gathering of representatives of the 21 American republics.

Several other senators were still seething over yesterday's salvo by Henry A. Wallace against the Greek-Turkey plan—his assertion in London that Britain should refuse to take sides between the United States and Russia.

Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) told newsmen "it should be thoroughly understood in this country and throughout the world that he is speaking only for himself."

Senator Eastland (D-Miss.) accused the former vice president of trying to "induce the friends and allies of this country to desert her."

Colleagues predicted the Vandenberg speech Monday will be scanned closely by the world's foreign ministers for signs of the trend of bipartisan foreign policy abroad, as well as in the Americas.

But friends say they expected Vandenberg, who heads the senate foreign relations committee, to avoid any controversial subject that might be embarrassing to Secretary of State Marshall at the foreign ministers conference in Moscow.

In a January 11 speech in Cleveland, the Michigan senator called on the administration to propose the early convening of the long-delayed Pan-American conference on hemispheric defense to stem what he called a "communistic upsurge."

Earl C. Reynolds Jr., Klamath Falls student at Oregon State college, is the recipient of one of nine fellowships granted by Tau Beta Pi association, national engineering honorary. Reynolds, under the fellowship, is entitled to a one-year course of graduate study at Yale university leading to a master's degree in structural engineering under Prof. Hardy Cross.

Reynolds was graduated from Klamath Union high school in June, 1940, and has since been studying civil engineering at Oregon State college excepting the three years spent in the navy during the war. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Reynolds of San Francisco, formerly of this city. The family spends summers here at their Henley district home.

School Budget Meeting Monday

The two budget committees working with school boards 1 and 2, will meet with the boards Monday at 7:30 p. m. in Klamath Union high school and following adoption of the 1947-48 budget it will be ready for publication. Twenty days of publication are required before the budget is submitted to the voters in a special school election, Superintendent Arnold Gralapp advised, and date of the election will be set Monday night.

The election is scheduled early in order to embrace the teacher salary scale which was one of the major studies made by both boards this year.

WEATHER

Max. (April 12) 67 Min. 51

Precipitation last 24 hours .00

stream year in date .715

Last year .1125 Normal .825

Forecast: Fair tonight and Sunday.

Coal Output Near Normal By Monday

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Government officials said today they have received reports that John L. Lewis has authorized United Mine Workers district presidents to permit reopening of soft coal mines they consider safe.

These reports, which circulated among coal mines administration officials, were not confirmed by United Mine Workers headquarters.

CMA officials said they expect "a near resumption of normal mining activities Monday in view of the reported Lewis telegram to his district presidents."

The government announced that the number of coal mines on Secretary of Interior Krug's unsafe list now is reduced to 123, from an original 518.

Apparently these mines will remain closed until officially declared safe for working.

Of the 518 mines originally ordered closed by Krug the coal mines administration said today 227 have been jointly certified as safe by mine managers and the union safety committees and an additional 168 mines have been declared as safe by federal safety inspectors.

Labor Bill Summary

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—In summary form, this is what some of the major provisions of the new house labor bill would do:

1. Outlaw the closed shop; permit the union shop.
2. Ban industry-wide bargaining, with a few exceptions.
3. Forbid mass picketing and violence in picketing.
4. Set up "unfair" labor practices for unions as well as employers.
5. Provide for government action to avert or stop strikes threatening the national welfare for a limited time.
6. Make unions punishable for violating contracts.
7. Guarantee employers free speech on labor matters.
8. Outlaw jurisdictional and various other kinds of specific strikes.
9. Ban secondary boycotts.
10. Abolish the present national labor relations board.
11. Create a new labor-management relations board that would hear and judge complaints of unfair labor practices.
12. Set up an independent administrator to investigate and prosecute unfair practice cases.

US Protests Yugo Moves

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—American relations with Yugoslavia were further chilled by a state department charge that Yugoslav forces have stripped their Trieste occupation zone of much Italian property.

Dean Acheson, undersecretary of state, disclosed that the United States in a note to Marshall Tito's government has protested against the removals as unlawful and damaging to Trieste's economy. Britain has made a similar protest.

The Yugoslav zone and an adjoining sector occupied by American and British troops are destined to be included in the future territory of Trieste to be administered under United Nations auspices. The new regime will come into being after final ratification of the Italian peace treaty.

US Embarked On Course Of Imperialism Says Wallace

MANCHESTER, Eng., April 12 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace charged today that the U. S. had embarked on a program of "ruthless imperialism" and declared that the program must fail because "Americans will never pay the cost, and they cannot pay the cost."

In an attack on President Truman's proposals for aid to Turkey and Greece, at a public meeting in this midlands industrial center, Wallace said America's present program "if unchecked" could stretch the "American empire" from China to the Near East and from pole to pole.

"This position of ruthless imperialism is the position which all groups blinded by hatred of Russia must ultimately defend," the former vice-president and cabinet member declared, adding: "It may cost little to divide the world, but to keep the world divided is beyond the resources of any nation."

Here on the first leg of a speaking tour, Wallace said the U. S. was controlled "by men who believe that in a world in which capitalism and communism live side by side there is little hope for peace."

Union Head Forecasts Long Strike

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—The labor department renewed "exploratory discussions" today as collapsing telephone strike negotiations left both sides looking to the government for the next move.

In a joint statement, John W. Gibson, assistant secretary of labor, and Edgar L. Warren, director of the U. S. conciliation service, said:

"Exploratory discussions with both sides are going on. We're exploring some angles in an effort to work out a solution."

More Workers Idle
The National Federation of Telephone Workers claimed an additional 15,000 workers are idle in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Northern California and Chicago, bringing the total off the job to 335,000.

There was no immediate comment on this from the American Telephone and Telegraph company, parent firm of the struck Bell System.

"We're settling down for a long strike," said President Joseph A. Beirne of the National Federation of Telephone Workers.

Door Open
Both Beirne and officials of the mammoth Bell Telephone System left the door open for continued government efforts to end the dispute over wages and other contract demands.

Administration officials talked privately of possible seizure of the industry by President Truman under provisions of the federal communications act, but they showed little enthusiasm for this solution.

Secretary of Labor Schweikert weighed his reply to a proposal by the NFTW's policy committee that the government sponsor a face-to-face meeting between union leaders and top officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, with press and radio reporters invited.

So far there has been no meeting between Beirne and C. F. Craig, A. T. and T. vice president who helped bring off a settlement of last year's threatened telephone walkout 23 minutes before it was scheduled to begin. Craig has conferred several times privately with labor department officials.

Meantime in upstate New York a strike of maintenance and plant employees against the New York Telephone company was settled with an agreement to arbitrate a demand for a \$12 weekly wage hike.

Company spokesmen hailed the development as the "first break" in the nationwide strike. The settlement affects only plant and maintenance workers outside of New York City.

Chest Meeting Set Wednesday

The annual meeting of the membership of the Klamath County Community Chest will be held in the conference room of the Klamath County chamber of commerce at 8 p. m., Wednesday, April 16. It was announced Saturday by Arnold Gralapp, chest chairman.

All contributors to the Community Chest are eligible to participate in the annual meeting. Gralapp said, and major items of business to be transacted will include a report covering the 1946 campaign by Elton Thompson, report of the nominating committee by Verne Owens, chairman; election of officers by the board of directors, and discussion of policies for the coming year.



Our 9 o'clock photo has been accused of neglecting the fair sex in his early morning pictures, so today he searched the town over for quite some time until he found Dorothy Hammond and Barbara Holtapple walking toward the post office. Quite a fetching sight, isn't it?