

JERUSALEM SCENE OF BATTLES

In The Day's News

THE communists take a bad setback in France, where the strikes they had called in the hope of upsetting the French government bogged down because too many Frenchmen went back to work when the government showed unexpected firmness.

BALKED in France, the reds turn to Italy, where they call a general strike in Rome. They call the general strike in protest against unemployment. (The number of unemployed in Rome was estimated at 80,000.) The new strike is said to have killed 500,000 more workers.

That is to say, with 80,000 people already unemployed in Rome the communists call out a HALF MILLION MORE, raising the number of people without jobs to something like 600,000.

It doesn't make sense.

If today's dispatches from Rome are accurate, the Italian people themselves recognize that the communist program doesn't make sense.

Read this sentence, for example, from a story by AP's Frank O'Brien: "Many workers reported for duty and stood by hoping the STRIKE WOULD BE CALLED OFF BEFORE DARKNESS."

That says about as plainly as words can put it that the people of Rome want to work, refrain from work only because they are afraid and hope that something will happen to make it possible for them to go back to work.

The mass intelligence of the people tells them that the only cure for what ails them is WORK AND PRODUCTION. They know instinctively, you see, that they can't have what isn't produced. They want food. They want clothing. They want shelter from the storm. They want to produce these things. Only by WORK can they be had.

They want to work, and HOPE they will be allowed to work. But the communists order them not to.

It is a screwball program. But communism itself is a screwball program. In a world where men crave freedom as they never craved it before, communism brings back government by the few under the guise of "liberalism."

It is one of the great frauds of all history.

An officer of the American Military Government in Germany unloads communism today in a broadcast address to the German people. He says:

"Communism is fascism in a coat of red paint. . . . In Eastern Europe, communists are beating and terrorizing the people in a manner typical of the worst excesses of fascism."

WEATHER	
Max. (Dec. 10) 37	Min. 23
Precipitation last 24 hours .00	
Stream year to date .580	
Last year .341	Normal .333
Forecast: Cloudy, snow flurries.	

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Red Inspired Strike Hits Italy Today

ROME, Dec. 11 (AP)—A general strike directed by leftists closed down all but vital public services and railroads in Rome today, but government and labor leaders were reported to have agreed on broad general lines which might end the multiple walkout.

The chamber of labor, which called the strike in protest against unemployment, estimated that 500,000 workers were made idle. It was the first general strike in Rome in a quarter century.

The government-labor conference at the treasury ministry lasted five hours. Later today Giuseppe di Vittorio, secretary of the general Italian confederation of labor, was to report on the meeting to the executive committee of the Rome provincial chamber of labor, which would have to approve any agreement.

Informants said an agreement would return strikers in Rome and Rome province to work tomorrow, or possibly earlier.

Many workers reported for duty and stood by hoping the strike would be called off before darkness. Strong police and military forces were on patrol and at stations to prevent disorders.

The dominantly leftist (mostly communist) chamber of labor of Rome province, which called the strike last night, said there had been no attempt by workers to violate the strike call and that nothing could end it before a mid-morning conference with government representatives at the ministry of labor.

The chamber estimated that 500,000 workers were made idle by the strike, the first general work stoppage in the Italian capital in 25 years.

SEATTLE, Dec. 11 (AP)—A few scoops of sand in the "chubby fists" of three-year-old David Farnham Jr., started a chain of events which sent his 34-year-old father to the hospital Monday with shock and serious leg cuts.

The boy dropped sand in the gasoline tank of his father's automobile. Farnham took the car to a service station and gasoline was being drained from the tank when:

Whoosh!

A spark from the air compressor had ignited gasoline fumes, causing an explosion which threw Farnham off his feet and backward through the glass door of the station's lubrication room.

U.S. Troops To Be Home For Holiday

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Smoke Over Palestine

Man Vs. Horse In Strange Duel

Passenger Trains Hit In Texas Run

Atom Dispute Settled

French Official Ousted For Attack On Government

British Get Soviet Wheat

Ardent Suitor Not Appreciated

Gas Blast Fatal To Six

Snow Clogs State Roads

Right Town, But Wrong State

How To Worry Successfully

Marshall Demands Reds Halt Repatriation Removal

College Enrollment To Remain High

Ordinance Dealing With Explosive Storage Slated

Five Arabs Killed When Bomb Hits Bus On Highway

JERUSALEM, Dec. 11 (AP)—Jews and Arabs battled today in Jerusalem's old walled city in a continuation of the Holy Land strife which has taken 153 lives in 12 days.

The deaths of 20 Arabs and two Jews were reported in sporadic outbreaks throughout Palestine, principally in Jerusalem and the port city of Haifa.

British troops blocked the gates of Jerusalem's walled city, barring the passage of both Jews and Arabs who, panic-stricken by the violence touched off by the United Nations' decision to partition Palestine, were moving out their possessions in army trucks.

The death toll in the whole Middle East was 269.

Five Arabs were killed and about 30 were injured in Haifa by an anti-personnel bomb hurled from a small truck at a Lebanese bus and a taxi on Kingsway highway. The explosion was followed by bursts of shots.

A Jew was killed and another was wounded in a bomb attack on a Tel Aviv-Jerusalem bus convoy near Beit-Dagan. Several Arabs were believed to have been wounded when the convoy's escort fired on a coffee shop believed to have been the source of the bomb.

Steal Rifles

Four Arabs armed with pistols broke into the magistrate's court in the Arab city of Jaffa, held up the watchman and left with four rifles, ammunition and other articles which were court exhibits, an official source said.

In the old city of Jerusalem an Arab was slain by bullets and his mother was killed when she rushed to his assistance, an official report said.

Several hundred families already have fled the walled area, which in normal times has a population of about 20,000 Arabs, 2500 Jews and 4000 others of mixed nationality—mostly Armenians and Greeks.

A business man from the new city, who left the walled region a few minutes before the gates closed, said he had seen dead and wounded lying in the streets.

The battle apparently broke out when Arabs occupied a synagogue and hoisted their flag over the building. They later were driven out by the Jews. One Arab was reported killed and two Jews wounded in this engagement.

Two Arabs were slain in other disturbances arising in Palestine as communal strife resulting from the United Nations decision to partition the Holy Land entered its 12th day.

Turkey Price Up In Basin

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—The house today approved an amendment to the \$500,000,000 emergency foreign aid bill which might make the program cost the United States \$500,000,000 more through use for relief abroad of surplus foods bought up by the government.

The amendment, approved by voice vote, was offered by Rep. Jack Z. Anderson (R-Calif.). It would compel government agencies, chiefly the commodity credit corporation, to sell surplus products for foreign aid at prices which CCC officials have estimated would mean a \$500,000,000 loss on present holdings.

That estimate does not take into account citrus fruits, in which Anderson is interested, and which may be bought later by the CCC in accordance with government price support programs.

Anderson's amendment came up at the start of perhaps the final day of house action on the emergency aid program. Supporters of the bill have said they consider it "over the hump" and are driving for a vote on passage.

Rep. Vorys (R-Ohio), piloting the bill through the house, said he saw no objection to the Anderson proposal since it was in accordance with the objective of substituting plentiful for scarce foods in helping hungry, broke nations through the winter.

How To Worry Successfully

PORTLAND, Dec. 11 (AP)—The portentous rate of mental illness increase will leave no sane person in England and the United States by the year 2139, Dr. David Seabury, a consulting psychologist, told a banquet audience here last night.

Speaking on the topic "How To Worry Successfully," Dr. Seabury suggested not to worry in bed—get up, only worry about those things that you can do something about; never worry about two things at the same time—one is too much; and if you must worry, have enough facts to make it worth the trouble.

Marshall Demands Reds Halt Repatriation Removal

LONDON, Dec. 11 (AP)—A firm United States demand upon Russia to halt the removal of reparations from Eastern Germany confronted Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov today and upon his answer may hinge the success or failure of the Big Four conference here.

Molotov's reply may be made at today's meeting at which the council is expected to turn its attention directly to the question of reparations—a matter which has stymied agreement for a week on a dozen other issues related to Germany's economic unification.