

French Premier Laniel Stands Firm As Labor Calls Out More Workers

By JOHN RODERICK
PARIS (AP)—French organized labor shook a big fist under Premier Joseph Laniel's nose today, calling out thousands of million strikers to underline its protest against the government's economy program.

Most of the workers were ordered to walk out for only 24 or 28 hours. But a hard core of more than a million already is committed to stay out until the Premier backs down, tying up the nation's mines, railways, gas and electricity works, public health services and postal, telegraph and telephone systems.

In the ninth day of the strike wave, Laniel, a multimillionaire textile industrialist who learned to fight in the wartime French underground, stuck his chin out and said he would not yield.

In a fighting speech to the nation last night, the 64-year-old Premier exclaimed:

"I say not to strike. I say no to pressure moves, direct or indirect, which have been imposed on the government."

All factions of French labor were pressing him. The first walkouts last week were called by the Socialist Workers' Force (FO), but the Communist-led General Federation of Labor (CGT) and the Christian Catholic Trades Union (CFTO) quickly joined in.

Laniel declared it was the duty of the government of a democratic state to oppose the strike. He asserted the quicker workers realized the strike would end sooner or later, the quicker the nation could buckle down to carrying out the "generous social program" he said he has in mind.

The wave of walkouts was a surprise to disclosure that the government's program for rescuing the nation's treasury from near-bankruptcy included lopping some employes off public payrolls and upping the retirement age for civil servants.

Workers also were angered that Laniel's plan did not put a heavier tax bite on the nation's wealthy.

And the Communists chimed in with calls for a general wage boost.

The Premier declared that "defective services" would be replaced. The government has put policemen, soldiers and convicts to work delivering mail, driving buses and collecting rubbish. It also has issued requisition orders to railroad workers.

Defiance of the orders could result in loss of jobs or even imprisonment. Several thousand railway employes returned to their

jobs last night, putting a few express trains back into service.

Postal, telegraph and telephone workers have largely ignored similar requisition orders.

There was no immediately official response from the unions to Laniel's tough talk. Today's strike called for walkouts in nearly every public and private enterprise in the nation. The only industries not affected thus far are chemicals, textiles, hotels and theaters.

Disgusted tourists fled the strike—buses halted, every outgoing plane was jammed. Shipping lines scurried for special buses to take their passengers to channel ports, and to collect arrivals.

The American Express and Cook's travel agency were besieged with travel applicants, all wanting out. Many vacationers were running out of money; the communications strike kept them from getting more from home.

Foreigners planning to visit France soon rearranged their itineraries. Other West European countries got ready for a bonanza of unexpected business. France's tourist industry faced huge losses.

Officials talked themselves hoarse, trying to convince union leaders their fears of the proposed government decrees were unfounded. To all indications the unionists were unconvinced, and the strikes were expected to spread.

The government called on troops to man trucks and buses to help with the transportation crisis, and

some troops also worked on the piled-up mails. All of them made little headway against the confusion.

The strike wave began last week when non-Communist postal, telephone and telegraph employes quit, saying they would stay out until Laniel abandoned his then only rumored retrenchment plans.

The Socialist FO, backed by the Communist-controlled CGT (General Confederation of Labor) and the Christian Trades Federation brought the striking total to two million with a 24 to 48-hour walkout last Friday and Saturday.

The Red CGT called this week's outbreak, tacking on demands for general salary increases and the ouster of what it termed Laniel's "reactionary" Cabinet. Non-Communist unions were quick to support the strike calls.

Both Communists and Socialists urged the recall of Parliament, now vacationing until October. That is a long procedure, calling for signed letters from 209 deputies, one third of the National Assembly.

To further add to Laniel's harassment, the wine growers of southern France announced plans for their third widespread barricading of highways in their section—for 12 hours on Friday. Demanding that the government buy their huge surplus of wine, they have already blockaded traffic in the region twice, for four hours two weeks ago and for six last week.



CPL JANICE WILLARD, 315 Grant, is the only WAC with the 104th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash. The 22-year-old University of Oregon sophomore is an official Army photographer with the 104th Signal Company. She served three years on active duty in the WACs as a photographer before joining the 104th. Her only lady companion at Fort Lewis is a nurse, Helen A. Holbrook, Portland.

Editors Split On McCarthy Press Freedom Controversy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Did Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) pose a threat to the freedom of the American press by his closed-door questioning of James A. Wechsler, editor of the New York Post?

A special committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) spent more than two months studying this question—

and failed to agree on a yes or no answer. The committee's report, made public last night, shows 4 of the 11 members called McCarthy's two-day interrogation of the editor "a peril to American freedom."

Opinion among the others, the report said, ranged through various degrees of concern all the way to the viewpoint that McCarthy's inquiries did no damage to press freedom.

The special committee, headed by J. Russell Wiggins of the Washington Post, was set up at Wechsler's request after the editor was questioned in detail about his past politics and other matters April 24 and May 5 by the Senate investigating subcommittee.

Wechsler contended the transcript, later made public, would show McCarthy, as chairman of the subcommittee, was trying to intimidate an editor whose newspaper had criticized him.

McCarthy denied any such intention. He said the questioning was justified because Wechsler had written a book circulated by the State Department in one of its overseas libraries, which the subcommittee was investigating.

Wechsler is an acknowledged ex-Communist. He told the senators he quit the Communist party in

1937 at the age of 22 and has opposed it actively since then. In New York, McCarthy said in an interview yesterday he was pleased that the ASNE committee has urged all editors to read the hearing transcript.

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she and asked to have someone fill her shift for her the next morning.

Friday morning June 5, when I had not heard from her, I assumed she was well, but shortly before 8 a.m., she called and said she would be unable to take her shift at 8. She was still a very sick woman but had planned on going to the post anyway. The following Wednesday morning, she died of complications following the flu.

We pay homage to Mrs. Keating and wish there were more people as faithful and willing to serve as she. If there were, we would have no trouble manning any of our posts.

Chief Observer, Ashland, Ore.

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Hall Relates Policy Shifts

By RUTH KING

The keystone is the shift of America's foreign policy from the Truman - Acheson administration to the present Eisenhower - Dulles policy, the withdrawal of the Seventh Fleet from Formosa waters, the reasons for the first cracks in the Iron Curtain, the truce and the finances of the federal government were presented at the recent finance dinner in Portland, sponsored by the Republican State Central Committee of Oregon by Leonard W. Hall, National Chairman. The \$100-a-plate dinner was held in the Multnomah Hotel, Aug. 8.

Hall also spoke on the progress made by the President during his first six months in office, during the picnic the following day in Laurelhurst.

The widely-attended dinner, picnic and reception honored Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Sen. Guy Cordon, U. S. Representatives Sam Coon, Walter Norblad, Homer Angell, Harris Ellsworth and Gov. and Mrs. Paul Patterson of Oregon.

Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Patterson were honored at a luncheon Saturday afternoon at the Multnomah with places marked for the honor guests, Mrs. James Mott and Mrs. Victor MacKenzie Salem; Mrs. Richard von Lubken, Hood River; Mrs. Roy Young, Roseburg; Mrs. W. F. Young, Mrs. Roy Bishop, Mrs. William Burns, Portland; Mrs. Olive Cornett, Republican National Committee spokeswoman from Oregon; Mrs. Geneva Duncan, vice-chairman of the Klamath County Central Committee and Mrs. Jo Klitredge, all of Klamath Falls.

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