

STRIKE

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The steel companies, today, made a new offer to the union. Which, according to the United Press International - provides for a pay hike. That is, increased worker benefits for one year. Then, more in the pay envelope - for the second year. In return, the steel industry ^{to} would get concessions -
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in the way of working conditions.

The union, we are told, rejected the offer - in its present form. Meaning, presumably - that it might be a basis for further negotiation.

In the Longshoremen's strike, the closing of Atlantic Coast and Gulf ports - grew ~~higher~~~~er~~~~er~~~~er~~~~er~~ tighter today. The back-to-work rebellion in the New York area - fizzling out. Only a few dock workers - responding to an order from their local chiefs.

BRITAIN-STRIKE

Over in Britain, a strike - making the headlines in a big way. Only seventeen hundred workers out, - but ^{its} ~~this~~ labor trouble is of key importance, Both industrially - and politically.

The strike - tying up an oxygen company. Drastically curtailing - ~~the~~ supplies of oxygen and acetylene ~~that are~~ needed for welding. The shortage ~~of which~~ - has closed automobile plants. Fifty thousand auto workers - off the job. Two hundred thousand more - to be idle by Monday. With a final threat - of a million industrial workers off the job. All - because of ^{a 1700 worker} ~~that~~ oxygen strike, a!

~~It's a~~ wildcat affair. The British union leaders would never dream of calling a strike at this ~~moment~~ moment, in the middle of a hot political campaign. The Labor Party is bringing all kinds of pressure to bear. Trying to get the ~~more~~ mere seventeen hundred ~~strikers~~ back to work.

The belief being - that, if there's a huge lot of

unemployment in the next few days, because of ~~the~~ the walkout,
it will help the ~~the~~ Conservatives. In the election - of
a new Parliament.

CHINA

Nikita Khrushchev ^{was} deep in conferences at Peiping, today.

The Soviet Premier - holding intensive talks with Chinese Communist leaders - for - the third straight ~~xxx~~ day.

The Chinese Reds staged a spectacular celebration of the tenth anniversary of their ~~Communist~~ revolution, but, the real business has been - behind the gaudy scenes.

Negotiations, - in the deepest of secrecy. ~~But the~~

Indications are that Khrushchev is dealing successfully - trying to get the Chinese Reds to support his new ~~pi~~ policy of quiet, friendly negotiations with the United States. Today, the Chinese ~~R~~ Press and radio gave headline publicity - to his appeal for better diplomatic relations with the West.

ECLIPSE

Today's eclipse - a show that went wrong. Clouds blotting out the spectacle - when the moon passed over the face of the sun.

The solar eclipse, total all the way from Massachusetts - down along the line toward Africa. In some places a good view - or partial eclipse. Totality - no go, because of the overcast.

In Massachusetts, hundreds of would-be spectators were out this morning. But the weather was ruined, by remnants of ~~Hurricane~~ Gracie, ~~Wk~~ With - clouds and rain.

But the bitter disappointment was in the Canary Islands, off Africa, ~~Where~~, at Fuertaventura - scientists from eleven countries were waiting with elaborate equipment. The day beginning - with scattered clouds. Then, at the moment of the eclipse, a huge black cloud drifted over - and the scientists had made their long journeys in vain.

Which reminds me of an ~~exper~~ experience we had - making a television picture last year. Of a total eclipse - visible at Danger Island, in the South Pacific. Astronomers - on Danger Island, ready with elaborate preparations. But the clouds came over - just at the moment of the big celestial show.

However, twenty miles or so away, A U.S. Navy ship, was ready for observation - with a firing of rockets into the eclipse. To make studies - away out in space. ^{Where we} ~~At the~~ ^{were, on} ~~point where~~ the ship, ~~was,~~ the clouds opened - with a superb view. ~~So~~ Our Camera crew ~~was~~ able to get brilliant pictures of the eclipse.

Today, something of the same thing. Bitter disappointment - for the scientists ^{over in the Canaries,} ~~of Puertadventura,~~ But, a couple of astronomers were aloft in a jet plane, high above the clouds. ~~So~~ They had a perfect chance to photograph the wonders of the solar corona, ^{which they} →

→ Described in these words: " We were flying at thirty-~~fe~~
five thousand feet. The sky ~~was~~ a deep purple. ~~The~~ stars ~~were~~
out. The moon ~~was~~ a deep black - with a brilliant halo of
light around it."

BASEBALL

Charlie Neal - was almost the goat of the game, today. The Dodger second baseman - inept, on the defense, Making two bad plays in the first inning - which gave the White Sox two runs.

But then Charlie Neal redeemed himself - with his bat. Smashing two home-runs - accounting for three of the four tallies the Dodgers made. The prospective goat - ending up as a hero.

The Dodgers ^{winning} ~~won~~ the game - with their old-time power.

Pinch hitter Chuck Essegian - slamming a four-bagger.

Every Los Angeles run - coming in as a result of ^{home runs,} ~~the homer~~

Oddly, the speedy Chicago go-go boys ~~is~~ missed their big chance - because of ~~the~~ lumbering slowness. In the eighth, White Sox runners on first and second, with nobody out. When Al Smith - hit a long double. The Chicago speedster on second base - scoring easily. And the runner on first - ~~is~~ should have brought in the tally to tie up the game. But he was the star catcher, Sherman Lollar. One of the

few slow footed runners on the go-go team. A great throw from the outfield, and he was out a mile - as he came lumbering to the plate.

The Dodger ~~is~~ pitcher in relief, Larry Sherry, got the next two men - with a strike out and a pop fly. And that, ~~virtually~~, was the game.

WEATHER

An epidemic - of sudden floods in the mid-west.

Following - days of heavy snowfall in the Rocky Mountains. *and*

~~Flash~~ floods - in Missouri and Oklahoma. In Tulsa - streets
under water, in the best residential areas. Rescue crews -
manning rowboats to get families to safety.

HURRICANE

Good girl, Hannah! So says the Weather Department, telling us Hannah will not pay us a visit. She continues to gyrate out in the Atlantic, but is staying away from our shores. Whirling at one-hundred-and-twenty-five miles an hour, blowing herself out over the ocean, to the north.

Hannah stay away from our door!

But Dick, you may come in.

BILL

There's a complaint - often made by husbands. The way wifie - will make free with hubby's cash. So we can sympathize with Dallas Barr of St. Louis. Who is - a counterfeiter.

He was turning out - home-made five dollar bills. Wifie - taking one of them. Trying to pass it - at a store. But there was one thing she neglected to notice. ~~That~~ The five dollar bill printed - only on one side. The other side - blank. Hubby ~~was~~ hadn't finished it.

Result - he's in jail.