

C. J. - P. & L. Monday, May 10, 1948.

**STRIKE (new lead)**

The railroad strike is off. At ten-twenty-two E D T, this evening, the ~~Railway~~ Union leaders called off their threatened strike and issued a back-to-work order ~~to the men.~~

~~The back to work order came~~ <sup>This</sup> after a day of suspense following the action of the ~~Executive~~ Government in obtaining a Federal court injunction against the unions, barring ~~the strike.~~ The Railway men decided to surrender shortly before ~~ten o'clock~~ <sup>ten tonight</sup> after a secret meeting ~~at their hotel headquarters~~ in Washington -- just two hours after Federal Judge ~~Alan~~ Goldstorough had granted a nine-day anti-strike order, and <sup>barely</sup> ~~less than~~ nine hours before the Railway men were due to walk out.

~~Thus ended a day of acute suspense. Everyone wondering whether the Unions would issue a back to work order and Union leaders maintaining a strict silence, refusing to admit defeat in the face of the Government seizure of the railroads.~~ <sup>And</sup> <sup>has gone</sup> But now word ~~is going~~ <sup>is going</sup> out across the <sup>land</sup> ~~country~~ that there will be no strike tomorrow, the



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When the news came that the President had taken over the nation's twenty-two hundred railways, making use of powers authorized by Congress in nineteen-hundred-and-sixteen, the Union leaders <sup>announced</sup> ~~let it be known~~ that they <sup>would give in.</sup> ~~had not officially surrendered.~~ Alvany Johnston of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, telling newsmen that he would cancel the walkout only if the government obtained an anti-strike injunction against the Unions. Shortly after he had said this Johnston went to the Pentagon Building for a conference with Army Secretary Royall. Afterwards the Union leader cryptically announced that he <sup>still</sup> had not promised Royall <sup>that</sup> there would be no strike; <sup>And he</sup> added that he <sup>had no intention of telling</sup> ~~was not going to tell~~ his men to stay on the job. <sup>They</sup> ~~Whereupon~~ he went back into conference with his associates.

An hour later, Army Secretary Royall announced that the Government would seek an injunction to block the railroad strike, and shortly afterwards Assistant Attorney General, Graham Morrison visited Federal Judge Goldsborough's

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chambers. He asked the Judge for an injunction and the Judge obliged. Whereupon Federal Marshalls immediately went to the Union leader's hotel and served the injunction

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Previously Johnston told newsmen he would not disobey a court order -- not after what happened to John L. Lewis. But as yet there is no word of the Union leaders having issued back-to-work instructions to the men.

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Shortly after the announcement of the seizure plan the White House called in General ~~Ed.~~ Yount of the Army Transport Corps for a conference. Then the Army announced the appointment of Gustav Metzman, of the N Y Central railroad as Eastern Regional Director of Railroads under government control, Metzman to be sworn in as a Colonel of the Army. Other military men to be appointed as directors in other regions.

All over the nation, the threat of an impending strike made itself felt today. Industry and commerce moving under ~~an ominous~~ <sup>the</sup> shadow <sup>of it.</sup> At Chicago, the livestock exchange, ~~the~~ largest in the world, planned to suspend ~~business.~~ In New York, all spot trading in butter and eggs came to a standstill. While out in the west, huge piles of perishable fruit and vegetables piled up at shipping points in California, threatening losses totaling millions of dollars to their owners.

~~And here is the latest. Washington news wire says~~

## RUSSIA

Uncle Sam is reported to have handed a blunt note to Soviet Russia, according to a story carried by the Moscow Radio. Soviet is stating that our Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith has delivered an American Note to Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov -- in London. The Note alleged to state that the American people are "increasingly concerned" over Russia's program for European rehabilitation.

According to the Russian commentator, this news is from Russia, the Note is alleged to have said that American Foreign Policy is not directed against the interests of the Soviet Union "if Russia strives to live in peace with her neighbors and refrains from attempts to render direct or indirect influence on the affairs of others. Also that American Foreign Policy as far as the Communists were concerned would be continued -- no matter what the outcome of the forthcoming elections. Our policy to continue even if there is an economical crisis -- all this from Moscow.

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~~Moreover,~~ Molotov ~~has~~ is said to have replied to our Note, denying that Russia has caused the present international tension, and asserting that the Soviet Government will continue to strengthen its relations with Eastern Europe. Molotov blaming United States for developing military, naval and air bases all round the world, particularly in territories close to Russia. As for the Western European Union, that could never have been created, said Molotov, without the sponsorship of the United States.

How much of this Russian radio story we can believe is a matter of question. There being as yet no confirmation as to whether the Note is a reality or a creation of the Soviet imagination.



## KOREA

Over in Seoul yesterday, (the Reds took a sound shellacking at the polls, as the Koreans voted for the first time in four thousand years.

The Communists had no candidates, but tried to stop the election by violence.) However, they made the mistake of talking so much about what they were going to do on election day that the Korean police were ready - all set with elaborate arrangements to keep the peace. When the six million Korean voters went to the polls, there were more police in the streets than Reds.

Police armed with bamboo poles -- to persuade the Communists to be peaceful. All areas near the polling booths were guarded by sharpshooters on the roofs. The populace warned not to look out of their windows or they might be shot by snipers.

The Reds did try to make trouble. But the police swarmed all over them; beat them down with the bamboo poles, the forces of law and order working with such zest and efficiency that no ballot boxes were stolen, and the reign of terror threatened by the

Communists never had a chance to get going.

(The score in this first Korean election? Six million people voted; over a hundred were killed; scores were injured; and two hundred arrested. The votes are now being counted;) and soon the ancient land of Korea will have its own constitutional government. Observers say this means a real set-back for the Soviets, in the Far East.