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STRIKE

Good evening, everybody;

A late bulletin states that the steel workers Union has ordered a strike in the iron mines of northern Minnesota and Michigan -- the walkout to begin one minute past midnight, Thursday morning. Nineteen thousand workers will quit the job, unless a settlement is reached in the labor dispute in the steel industry -- a settlement sometime tomorrow. The iron miners belong to the Steel Workers Union, and their walkout would be the first strike action in the controversy which threatens a tie-up in the nation's basic industry -- steel.

ARMS

~~GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:~~

A joint Congressional Committee has finally
agreed on the program of arms for the free nations of
Europe -- a bill to put up one billion, three hundred
million dollars. And the joint Committee took a most
unusual action -- by warning the nations that signed
the Atlantic Pact that they'd better hurry up with their
plans for joint defense.

BRITAIN

The Labor Government of Great Britain came face to face with its political crisis today - in a special session of Parliament called for a debate on the devaluation of the Pound. The spotlight was taken by Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, that Grand Master of Austerity. He promised - more austerity. The reduction of the value of the Pound has made British money worth less, and the result of that is to make prices higher. Already there's a rise in the cost of food and industrial materials, with a threat of - inflation.

Cripps admitted the danger, and told of severe measures the Labor Government intends to take. He said there would be an increase of the tax on profits, a hike of five per cent - together with legislation to freeze all profits, and keep the earnings in business down to a maximum prescribed by law. That - in an attempt to hold down inflation.

All this was in the realm of economics - Cripps being the number one economist of British Socialism. But that Grand Master of Austerity is also a politician, and

his address to Parliament today featured politics. His proposals for checking inflation bristled with slogans of Socialism, as propounded by the British Labor Party. He cried out against what he called - "a get-rich-quick philosophy." And he repeated the Labor Party war cry - "fair shares for all." This mixture of a lot of politics with some economics is interpreted as meaning that the Labor Party, facing Parliament in the devaluation crisis, is setting the stage for the election which must come not later than next year.

SUPREME COURT

The Senate is making an unusual move in the nomination of Judge Sherman Minton to the Supreme Court of the United States. Today, the Judiciary Committee called Judge Minton to be questioned personally - although the usual rule is to approve the nomination of senators and former senators without any such bother.

~~This is a dramatic development or a theme that was noted when the appointment was made.~~ Sherman Minton was a Senator from Indiana back in the New Deal days -- and, when the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt put forward his bill to pack the Supreme Court, Senator Minton supported F.D.R. In a strongly worded speech, he accused the Supreme Court of exceeding its authority -- usurpation of power. The Court-packing bill was defeated after a hot fight in Congress - and the system of the Supreme Court remained unchanged.

The Senate Judiciary Committee took up the nomination today, and immediately the question was raised - if Minton, in the court-packing battle, thought the Supreme Court had acquired too much power, what does he think now?

~~These questions were raised by Republican Committee~~

~~members.~~ Administration leader Senator Lucas of Illinois replied that undoubtedly the views of Judge Minton have "matured" since those days when he advocated the plan to pack the Court. The Committee, however, was not satisfied with this, and by a vote of five to four decided to call Minton for questioning - a senatorial version of the old adage about the chickens coming home to roost.

SEMINOLES

In a hospital at Clewiston, Florida, on the edge of the Everglades - Indian women are sitting tonight at the bedsides of Indian children. All the women of the big Cypress Reservation of the Seminoles are there - and so are all the children of the tribe. The Seminole squaws are in their tribal costume, with collars of beads up to their ears holding their heads straight up. They say nothing, and they do not weep - maintaining the stoicism of their proud primitive people, as they keep their vigil at the hospital. ^PThe entire younger generation of the tribe on the Big Cypress Reservation was about to be wiped out - by a streptococcic infection that spread as an epidemic among all the children. Stricken with that grave malady, none of them could survive - not according to the Indian ways of medicine. But the white doctor intervened, and the ~~entire younger general of the Seminoles there in the~~ ^{they were} ~~Everglades~~ was rushed sixty miles by truck to the hospital at Clewiston. The women followed - silent, never weeping, though there was agony in their hearts.

A streptococcic infection is no insoluble problem at a modern hospital, and medical science is able to save the Seminole children - as the women wait and watch in their tall beaded collars.

The American Indian has not much reason to give thanks to the white man, but tonight the Seminoles of the Big Cypress can be grateful to the Pale Face doctor.

PRECEDE RECORDING

We have further word tonight from Lowell Thomas-- another broadcast from Tibet. Lowell, having been injured, thrown from his horse, is on his way out - carried in a sedan chair. But, before this accident, he had been to the Forbidden City of Lhasa, and from there had sent a series of recorded broadcasts. The one we have tonight was made while the expedition was on its way to the capital city of the Dalai Lama.

We heard last night how Tibet is menaced by the sweep of Communism in Asia -- its age-old isolation threatened. So what do the people of the shut-in land think of the ways and ideas of the outside world? To all this Lowell Thomas got a fascinating answer in one of the great centers of monasteries, monks and mysticism. In a recorded broadcast he tells of an encounter with a learned Lama at a fabulous monastery.

U.N.

China makes a formal charge against Russia. At the U.N. today, the Nationalist government lodged an accusation of aggression.

And today at the General Assembly, the American delegation swung to the support of Red Marshal Tito, the Communist who is in revolt against the Soviets. This - in the question of electing a new member to the Security Council. There's a vacancy on the Council, and the United States now agrees that the seat should go to a Slav Communist nation. Soviet Russia has the same idea, and proposes Czechoslovakia - a faithful puppet.

The American contention is that a Jugo-Slav delegate on the Security Council would be more independent. Well, he sure would - Tito being in such bitter feud with Soviet Russia.

FOLLOW RECORDING

That was a report of what Lowell Thomas has been seeing in the fantastic land of Shangri-la -- one episode of the adventure before he was thrown from his horse and injured in a lofty pass of the Himalayas. And now, Nelson Case.