

LABOR

*L. G. S. P. J. Friday, August 1, 1947*

That threatened strike of more than one hundred thousand Ford people. Ford officials and union negotiators met ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ this afternoon in Detroit. And the word from both sides: "No agreement".

Another meeting has been arranged for tomorrow morning, but neither union nor Ford officials believe they will get far. The Union wants a new contract with Ford, and it wants written into that contract a clause enabling the union to side-step the penalty provisions of the Taft-Hartley law.

Climax of today's meeting came when Richard Leonard, Vice President of the United Automobile Workers, and Chief Union negotiator, stalked out of the conference room, muttering: "Nothing doing. No progress."

A union spokesman says that if the strike is called, workers will report at Ford plants all over the nation Tuesday morning - and then walk out in a body.

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( In Washington today, a new and larger national labor relations board took over to administer that Taft-Hartley Labor Act.)

This new <sup>N. L. R. B.</sup> ~~national labor~~ ~~relations board~~ issued an appeal to labor and

management for fair play; - to give them a chance to

administer this hotly debated law. In this appeal, the ~~Nat.~~

*Labor Rel. Bd.*

<sup>board</sup> suggested that labor and management would serve their

mutual welfare best by working together with a full

recognition by each of the legitimate rights of the other.

*Sounds like a platitude. But the truth often does.*

And, said the Board's statement, labor and management must

at all times be sensitive to the needs and rights of the

public.

~~Robert A. Denham, who today was sworn in to the newly created position of General Counsel to the National~~

~~Labor Relations Board, described the Taft-Hartley Act as having an objective - and well defined purposes. "It is a~~

~~fair, honest and equitable objective," said Denham. "If~~

~~we all recognize that, and play on the team, we can't go~~

~~wrong." *All of which sounds noble.*~~

NEW INDONESIA

The United Nations has stepped into that war between the natives and the Dutch in Indonesia. The first major test for the U N can it or can it not bring peace, ~~xxx~~ among nations? Today the U N Security Council called on the Dutch and Indonesian republicans to halt their undeclared war, immediately.

There were long ~~xx~~ hours of technical ~~debate~~ debate before the final decision. Then it came: The council deciding by a vote of eight to nothing, to send an immediate "cease fire" request to the Netherlands and the Indonesian republic. The Council asks the warring nations to settle their dispute by arbitration or by other peaceful means, and also ask them to keep the council informed on all ~~xx~~ negotiations.

Britain, France, and Belgium, perhaps significantly -- did not support the "cease fire" order. "Significantly" perhaps, because those three great colonial powers are having colonial troubles of their own -- troubles which may well be aired

before the United Nations in the near future.

Today's debate in the Council was not without acrimony, Russia asking that the Dutch be required to withdraw from areas taken over as a result of the fighting to date. ~~Otherwise~~ "Otherwise" said Gromyko, "a cessation of hostilities would put the Indonesian republic in an unfavorable position".

The American delegate Herschel Johnson objected to the Gromyko suggestion, saying that the U N had "no moral right to take such dangerous action."

There the matter stood until the Soviets decided to go along with the majority.

So tonight the U N issues its first "cease fire" order to warring peoples.

## CHINA

From Peiping, China, (we hear that Washington is in a hurry to receive General Wedemeyer's on-the-spot report on the troubled and tangled situation in China.) The reason for Washington's haste? Just this: Wedemeyer's report will form the base of a reorientated American policy for the Far East.

General Wedemeyer's task is a tough one. He is said to be literally overwhelmed with documents and reports after ten days of conferences with Chinese political and military leaders. Every party is being given an opportunity to voice its opinion -- on paper. Every shade of Chinese documents that are ~~now~~ now piled high on the General's desk.

General Wedemeyer today flew from Nanking, China's new capital, to the ancient city of Peiping. Before he left, he jettisoned all Army and Navy officers and civilians, not directly connected with his mission. And he only took along the key men of his fact-finding group.

When the General's plane arrived at Peiping, Chinese officials and civilians rushed to meet him. And

more piles of papers were handed to him to be read and classified.

The American Mission has a busy week, ahead. Visits to every important center: interviews with more political leaders; and a trip to the Manchurian city of Mukden which last month was menaced by a Communist offensive.

American newsmen who met Wedemeyer at Peiping remarked that he wasn't in uniform. Said the General: "I have several uniforms along, and I intended to wear one of them on this trip, but I couldn't find an Army cap."

PALESTINE

In the Holy Land explosions and more machine gun fire today. More windows blown out and the inhabitants terrified. On Allenby Street in Tel Aviv - the business thoroughfare named in honor of General Allenby who liberated the Holy Land in World War One, was the scene of fighting. ( Young Jews overturned an Army truck and set it a fire. Then they attacked a bank. The military police arrived and shots were fired. Thirty-three are reported to have been wounded.

Tonight Tel Aviv is in the grip of terror. Shops closed, cafes barricaded.) The only people in the streets are those who have to be - or those ~~xxx~~ looking for trouble. And trouble there seems to be aplenty.

This morning the National Council of Palestine Jews called a conference. It was ~~xxxxxx~~ attended by the chief Rabbis and Mayors of all Jewish towns, and it issued an earnest appeal to all Jews to intensify their efforts to blast out all terrorism.

( Meanwhile, the British are holding an )

inquiry into the slaying of five Jews Thursday night. It seems that the casualties were caused by military police, who swept through the streets firing on the crowd from armored cars. ) Word from Jerusalem tonight is these police will be charged with complicity in the shooting.



## GERMAN WAR MATERIAL

In Berlin today, American Army officials make a routine inspection of two manufacturing plants of the Askania Works in the American section of Occupied Germany, made a startling discovery: war material being manufactured for a foreign power without sanction by the office of the Military Government. The foreign power is not named.

The American Agents acted quickly. They arrested five men working in the plant, and closed it down under what they call "protective custody."

A search of the premises revealed stockpiles of vital war materials, carefully hidden to avoid inspection by U. S. Army officials. The contents of these stockpiles? Partially completed gyroscopic motors for aircraft, submarines and tanks; instruments for use in observing the flight paths of flying ~~xx~~ missiles, V-Bombs, and rocket weapons; and secret precision instruments.

Weapons for war being manufactured for a foreign power -- supplies for the black market of violence. Found by our Army people right under their own noses in the American Zone in Germany.

## DEWEY

Governor Dewey is back at his desk in Albany today, after that seven thousand mile vacation trip through the mid-western Rocky Mountain states. The Governor looks fit and healthy, after what must have been a rather strenuous jaunt with all that hand-shaking and all the rest of it. But then he's an athletic vigorous man in the prime of life so he should look fit. I'm surprised that the news wires even mention it. But they do. All about how he survived the rigors of the trip.

Politically did the New York Governor make any considerable progress? The men around Dewey give a hearty yes to that query.

Any word on those military candidates we've been hearing about of late? (Governor Dewey's advisers say they did encounter some sentiment for General Eisenhower in the mid-west. But that in the main the talk in political circles was of Dewey and Taft,) with some mention of former Governor Stassen of Minnesota and Governor Warren of California; (with Senator Taft apparently the New York Governor's chief rival.)

## BRICKER FOLLOW DEWEY

In Columbus Ohio today Senator Bricker, who has removed himself from the President race in favor of Senator Taft, is being guarded by police. Last night three telephone calls of a threatening nature were received ~~at~~ at Bricker's Columbus residence. The calls were received by Mrs. Bricker's mother. She told the police that a woman phoned three times, about dinner hour, first asking for the Senator, then for his wife. And she delivered this message: "You tell that son-in-law of yours we're going to get him, and this time it isn't maybe".

Senator Bricker narrowly escaped assassination in Washington only two weeks ago. It is ~~not~~ not known whether there is any connection between that attempt and this new threat, but the Columbus police are taking no chances. Last night Senator Bricker attended that Columbus Republican rally with a police escort, and the Bricker residence was guarded.

The Columbus police now say they know who phoned the threat to Senator Bricker - a woman who is mentally unbalanced, says Police Chief Cary.

BIBLO.

A later bulletin from Washington informs us that Senator-elect Theodore Bilbo, Democrat of Mississippi, is gravely ill, following an operation in a New Orleans hospital.

Bilbo was elected to his third Senate term, last November, and then went home to that dream house of his in Poplarville, Mississippi. In January. And pending his return, the Senate tabled that motion to deny him his seat.

## AIR FORCE

In San Francisco, General Hap Arnold, wartime chief of the Army's ~~W~~ Air Forces, had his say about some things he's seen since the war. Said Arnold: The United States is sacrificing its security by permitting the disintegration of its air power. And he added: "The United States needs to maintain a powerful Air Force not to win the next war, but to prevent it."

Arnold a former ~~Four~~ <sup>Five</sup>-star General, now a peaceful rancher in Sonora County, California, in The Valley of the Moor, made it clear today that he's ~~xx~~ alarmed at our dangerous policy of scuttling our armed services. He made no bones about where he thinks the next threat ~~■~~ to peace exists. Said he: "Just replace Russia for Germany in the headlines of a few years back, and the picture is the same now as it was then."

## HUGHES

High comedy today in Hollywood --

unrehearsed!

Howard Hughes had announced that he doesn't want to go to Washington - not until next week. But, Deputy Marshal John Brook today had the Senate Committee's subpoena. His job being to hand same to the flying milllionaire.

Marshal Brook, it seems, had his troubles. He called first at the Hughes aircraft company plant in Culver City, escorted there by a cavalcade of automobiles brim full of ~~XXXXX~~ cameramen and reporters. Flash bulbs going off in all directions. Marshal Brook tonight is the most photographed man in Hollywood. But no Hughes at the Hughes plant.

Next stop the Hughes Tool Company. With Howard Hughes not there. Flash bulbs still exploding.

All the way from Washington Senator Homer Ferguson, who signed the subpoena, telephoned to ask how things were going. The answer: We can't find Howard Hughes.

The latest development? Deputy Marshall Brook and his autocade wound up at the Chief Marshals office in downtown Los Angeles, where they are said to be trying to figure out some way of finding Howard Hughes.

Maybe he'll hunt them up. I suspect he will do just that!

In California they are looking for Hughes -- and here we are looking for Hugh!

## RACER

What does it feel like to drive an automobile at three-hundred-and-sixty miles an hour? John Cobb, the British Fur merchant who holds the world's automobile speed record, just over three-hundred-and-sixty-nine miles an hour, arrived in New York today.

Cobb is on his way to the Boneville Salt Flats in Utha. There he hopes to raise his record to four hundred miles an hour. He thinks that's the limit for the automobile - a paltry four hundred an hour, which is lots of speed even in this age of supersonic speed. But he's doubtful if he'll be able to do much more than he did before because the course at Boneville is restricted, only twelve miles long.

Cobb added that when you are driving at three-hundred-and fifty-or over, everything is a little hazy. You don't see much. You just keep your eyes focused a quarter of a mile ahead. Probably not as exciting as keeping an eye out for that motorcycle cop when you try a burst of speed on the highway.

According to Cobb, the secret of these great



speeds is salt to drive on. That's why he's going to Bonneville. He ~~want~~ to say that he'll be glad when he gets there. He finds riding in New York taxis too hard on the nerves.

And now Nelson, does anything trouble your iron nerves?

INTRO TO GENERAL V.

*early 8/1/47 bc.*

This is Air Force Day. If you have been listening to the radio I presume you have been told about it ~~e~~numerable times, ~~by~~ by now. One of our top Air Generals is ~~is~~ here with me and I'm going to ask him a question or two in a moment. But first, a little about him.

In the Second World War, as we all know, Uncle Sam built up such a tremendous Air Force that it swept the enemy from the skies both in Europe and Asia. ~~N~~early two and a half million airmen, <sup>we had --</sup> an almost unbelievable number -- more aviators than there were fighters of every type in many of the great wars of the past.

Right in the middle of it all, with air bases in France, Belgium, and very <sup>soon</sup> quickly in Germany, was the tremendous Ninth Air Force, <sup>with which I spent some time,</sup> It was commanded by Lieutenant-General Hoyt Vandenberg. <sup>P</sup> The ladies might be interested to know that he is ~~just~~ just about the most handsome of all Air officers. Which may not be at all important. <sup>P</sup> What is much more

important is the rumor that he may be the next Chief of the Air Force. <sup>R</sup> So let's see what he has to say about Air Force Day. But to be more specific, General Hoyt Vandenberg, what does this new unification act mean -- the Air Force?

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GENERAL VANDENBERG: Well, Lowell, it means that Air Power has been recognized as a major instrument with which to maintain our national security. It means that the air force, because of this national recognition of the importance of air power, has been given a new place in our military establishment so that full and immediate employment of its capabilities can be obtained in the event of any emergency. In plain words, Lowell, it means that the Air Force has a big job ahead -- a job that calls for the utmost in sincere cooperation and understanding. The people of the United States, through their representatives in Congress, have given the Air Force a long-sought opportunity. We intend to justify their faith in us. Now that we have unification -- now that we are a separate service -- we do not intend to set a separate course and go wandering off as we please. Unification demands complete cooperation, and

that is our immediate objective -- to work shoulder to shoulder with the Army and Navy in the building of a national defense structure that will guarantee the security of our country. While many overall organizational problems still have to be worked out, the Air Force now proceeds with confidence to build a ready-to-~~rk~~ fight organization. The Air Age demands that we have an Air Force in being, ready for immediate action in the event of any emergency. That is just what we intend to have. Our immediate goal is an Air Force of ~~xx~~ fifty-five groups. We hope to have this organization in being by Christmas. We expect that this force will be subsequently enlarged to seventy groups, which has been authorized by Congress. I think that the majority of the American people now realize that we are no longer living in a world of great walls and Maginot Lines.

The avenue of the sky reaches everywhere. It is open to all. Whether or not it is to remain a peaceful thoroughfare, devoted to international commerce and pleasure or will provide a pathway for future aggression, is a question that must be answered by the

peoples of the world. The people of America have cast their vote for peace. They have appointed the Air Force as a major guardian of that peace. With their continued interest and support, the Air Force will carry out this vital trust. — *That is just what we intend.*

L.T. General Vandenberg, the American people are counting on you -- <sup>by</sup> ~~but~~ you I mean our airmen. You are one hundred percent right when you said that the American people have voted for peace. But, we know that the millennium is not here and in this Air Age we know we've got to depend on air power.

And a footnote to that. Most of the airmen who were with you, General Vandenberg in World War Two, and who were in all the other Air Forces, those lads now are in civilian<sup>life</sup> but they belong to the Air Force association. They should all belong. And they can do so by getting in touch with General Jimmy Doolittle. The stronger the Air Force Association is that much stronger ~~is~~ the Air Force itself is sure to be, under you and your colleagues, General Vandenberg.

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