

STRIKES

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Late news on the strike front tells of a couple of local steel plants and their striking employees coming to terms. In Utah, the employees of the Geneva Steel Plant today voted to accept a wage increase of fifteen cents an hour. In New Jersey a steel plant has agreed to accept the union terms, the pay boost demanded by the C I O -- upping wages ~~to~~ eighteen and a half cents an hour.

On the broad front of the steel strike President Truman seems to be gathering facts and figures for his next ^{move.} ~~move.~~ He has asked Price Administrator Chester Bowles to return to Washington at once. The Price Administrator has been ill, -- convalescing in South Carolina. The fact that he is called back to Washington for the emergency can only mean a matter of -- prices. It is assumed that the President will discuss with him possibilities of allowing an increase in the price of steel -- to make up for the boost of pay that ^{the} C I O ^{is} ^{ing} demands of the United States Steel

Corporation.

~~Rxxx~~ In the automobile strike, General Motors and the C I O continued their negotiations today -- with the C I O making a demand concerning seniority. The union leaders ask that workers be promoted on the basis of seniority, the company wants promotions to be made on a basis of merit.

Violence flared in the automobile strike today -- with a disturbance at LaGrange, Illinois. Two thousand pickets blocked the roads leading to the plant, and attacked two automobiles, turning them over. The reason for the outbreak, ~~was~~, a report that two war veterans would try to lead a back-to-work movement.

VETERANS

It may be that General Omar Bradley is wishing right now that he were back in the storm of Nazi shot and shell, the Battle of the Bulge; that might seem less disconcerting than a high administrative job in Washington. Six months ago amid cheers all ~~xxxx~~ around, General Bradley took charge of the Veterans Bureau, and what do we find today? The American Legion, the most powerful of veterans organizations, comes forward with a demand for a congressional investigation of General Bradley's Administration. The Legion declares that the General should be replaced, replaced by what it calls "A seasoned business man".

The complaints are centered around hospitals for veterans, ~~the way~~ the way they are being run. Recently General Bradley ~~has~~ had a reorganization and this now is described by the American Legion Commander as "wholly inadequate".

There are, moreover, complaints ^{about} ~~that~~ the handling of insurance for veterans. American Legion Commander Stell charges that half a million

applications ~~have~~ for disability payments lie untouched. Also seven thousand applications from veterans who need hospital care have not been acted on.

On the side of General Bradley it is pointed out that the Veterans organization turned over to him had been formed on the assumption that there would be five million veterans. Now there ~~is~~ are twenty million. And ^{that} the Bradley administration has simply not been given the facilities to handle a job so greatly increased/.

Maybe the fact that more doctors are being released from the Army will help -- doctors and ~~is~~ dentists to be discharged at a more rapid rate during the next five months. Today the War Department announced that the ~~demobilization~~ demobilization of Doctors has been liberalized. A new ruling has been issued that lowers the point requirements necessary for immediate release. The army is going to discharge doctors who have sixty ⁱ points, thirty-nine months of active duty or who are forty-five years old or more.

SOLDIERS FAMILIES

Soldiers of all ranks will be allowed to have their families with them overseas - but on a couple of ~~the~~ conditions. Wives and children will join the soldiers abroad when accommodations are available to take them across oceans. Also - GI's in order to have the privileges of being joined by their families will have to agree to ~~be~~ serve at least another year over seas. They'll have to stay abroad for a period of at least twelve months after ~~the~~ the wives and kiddies arrive to join them.

There has been complaints because of the talk of letting officers and top non-commissioned officers have the privilege of being joined by their families and now that is answered by the extention of the privilege to all -- ^a ~~that~~ proviso which is designed to persuade G I's to continue on duty overseas.

PEARL HARBOR

The statement was made today that the Navy Department immediately after Pearl Harbor, ordered all Navy communications officers to keep their mouths shut, and destroy all ~~xxx~~ notes they may have made concerning the events of that weekend of the Jap attack. This was testified by Naval Captain L. F. Stafford before the Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee in Washington today. Captain Stafford ~~is~~ was chief of the Navy Security section in Nineteen Forty-one, the year of Pearl Harbor. He was in charge of communications officers, who might know about secret information that the Navy might have had about Japanese planes. And, his statement today would seem to indicate that something was being covered. Captain Stafford declared that the order to be silent and destroy notes was given by word of mouth, about the middle of the week, following Pearl Harbor.

The Captain moreover states that he saw a translation of what they ~~called~~ called "Winds Messages". There has been much talk about the fact that, when the

Naval Intelligence broke the Japanese secret code
it was found that Tokyo had arranged a set of
expressions to warn ~~thru~~ its diplomatic ~~of~~ agents
about the imminence of war -- expressions that
employed terms of wind and weather. There has been
much questioning about whether any such "Winds
messages" had been intercepted -- messages that
might have given a tip to the Jap plan to attack
Pearl Harbor. The evidence has been confusing, but
Captain Stafford testifies/~~that~~ ^{that} today that he saw a
translation of a "Winds Message" in Washington, seventy-
two hours before the Pearl Harbor attack. *And
the latest word is that these
messages - or message - has
disappeared from the Navy files.*

Fire works at the U N O in London continued today and again it was " Vishinski versus Bevin, Those two statesmen ^{who} both stand for socialism of two different varieties. From the way they get along you might think ~~that~~ the way to get peace and harmony would be to toss in a real communist, with a rock-bound capitalist.

The subject of the debate today was Greece.

^{and} You might say -- the fat was in the fire. Vishinski having won a ~~xxx~~ modified victory on the subject of the Iranian complaint against the Soviets, ~~he~~ promptly took up the Russian complaint against the British doings in the classical land of Homer, Plato and Sophocles. Vishinski demanded that the British troops get out of Greece -- where, as the European war ended, they helped the ~~xx~~ government to put down a Red revolt. The Soviet Vice Commissar charged that there is a reign of terror in Greece. -- with what he called Fascists assailing what he called the Democratic elements. Vishinski read telegrams ~~that~~ he said he received from Athens during the past few days. Telegrams

describing -- terrorism. They told of Fascist bands riding through the city in cars and brandishing machine guns, in menace against the followers of democracy. Vishinski declared that the present government of Greece is threatening the peace of the world ^{with} ~~and~~ plans of aggression against Albania and Bulgaria.

Vishinski asserted the Soviets had three times previously tried to bring up the question of Greece -- at the Potsdam Conference between President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee, and Generalissimo Stalin. ~~They had~~ also at the two conferences of the Prime Ministers of the Big Three, at London, and then, at Moscow. ^{But} The attempts had led to no result, and now, Vishinski was ~~xxx~~ trying again.

The Vice Commissar was answered by British Foreign Secretary Bevin, who lashed back --and

~~Bevin knows how to lash.~~ He stated that Vishinski's story about terrorism in Greece was -- Moscow porpaganda. To which he added the gentle remark that the Communist party was the greatest danger in

the world. Bevin admitted that the Soviets had brought up the question of Greece on previous occasions, as Vishinski had alleged. "But," declared Bevin, "this was always in the nature of a counter attack. The Soviet concern about Greece was always made manifest when there were protests about what the Soviets were doing in other parts of Europe. Being accused, Moscow would counter by dragging up the matter of Greece".

Bevin declared the Soviets had no right to raise any question concerning the ancient land of the Hellenes, because ~~xx~~ Moscow ^{has} refused to do anything toward the promotion of democratic government in Greece. Democratic elections are to be held ^{there} and these are supposed to be supervised by the big powers. Moscow has been asked to play its part in the supervision, but has refused.

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Meanwhile, the Assembly of the U N O has made formal the choice of ~~ix~~ a Secretary General. Norwegian delegate Lie (Lee) was chosen by the

Security Council, and today the Assembly gave its okay by an overwhelming vote. So now, it is Mr. Secretary General Lie of Norway.

Another matter before the U N O is the setting up of an information bureau. And this today brought from American delegate Senator Vandenberg a biblical quotation: "Let there be light". The Michigan Senator ^{also urged} ~~was urging~~ that the UN O should set up an information ~~but~~ bureau that would really pass out - information - not propaganda. And he warned against the kind of bureau that would distort and pervert the news, a kind of U N O press agent outfit. He said; -- "let there be an honest information bureau! let there be light!"

And now, the inevitable, the one thing that had to come out sooner or later in the proceedings of the U N O. The question of cash. It is going to take ~~many~~ money to run the world organization, quite a bit of the old mazuma. How much? Well, for a starter, twenty-five-million-dollars. Today, the

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WRECK

About the attempt to climb Elk Mountain, in Wyoming? At the top of which is believed to be the wrecked airliner in which there were ~~six~~ eighteen passengers and a crew of three? Well, today one party of searchers, trying to scale the peak, was driven back by a blizzard -- raging snow and wind. Later fifty soldiers joined the rescue forces and this afternoon a determined band of mountaineers with skis, snow shoes, and sleds were fighting their way up the frosty slopes, battling against the bitter hazards of winter in the mountains, as they sought to reach the wreckage of the plane.

Wyoming can be one of the coldest parts of North America at this season. And there are heavy snows on peaks like Elk Mt., where this crash occurred. The rescue may be almost as tough as though it had occurred in Alaska, where a big plane did crash against a peak alongside Mt. McKinley during the War and a rescue party led by famous mountaineers had a time reaching it.

GAMBLING

Driving down through the South to Florida, we passed, at one place or another, signs inviting the passer by to see the snakes and animals. Signs saying: "See the reptiles, the aligators, the snakes, the porcupines, the monkeys." And now comes a news dispatch saying that Governor Caldwell of Florida has ordered an investigation of the ~~snake~~ ^{snake} and ~~animal~~ animal shows. Why? Because the Governor says he thinks that the reptiles, the aligators, the porcupines and the monkeys are merely a front, a front for ~~gam~~ gambling. If that be true, the real meaning of snakes might be, snake eyes. And the aligator might stand for Ada from Decatah. In other words, the exhibits of the wonders of natural history would really turn into the miracles of crap shooting and poker games -- a miracle if you win.

D_D_D

In Chicago Mrs. Pansy Lieberfarb went to court to have some initials removed from after her name. You know how some names are followed by -- P H D or L L D. The British have V C, C B, and K C B, K C M G, etc. Well, Mrs. Pansy Lieberfarb's name was followed by D D D. That's the way her ex-husband made out her alimony checks -- to Mrs. Pansy Lieberfarb, D D D.

The ex-husband is Dr. Nathan Lieberfarb, dentist, and his name may be followed by D D S, Doctor of Dental Science. However, the dental science has nothing to do with the case of Mrs. Pansy Lieberfarb. Today she told the Judge the significance of those letters - D D D. She said: "They mean - Dirty Darn Dog. He told me so over the telephone"; those were here words. Whereupon the Judge issued an order forbidding the ex-husband to make out the alimony checks in that highly academic fashion - D D D.

And now here's Hugh James G G - neaning Great Guy. Back to you, Hugh.