

STRIKES

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President Truman announces that the new wage ~~and~~ price plan which the government is drawing up, will be made public in a few days. He explains that the arrangement to increase prices ~~is~~ to offset wage increases -- will not be of as general and sweeping character as had been supposed. It will not be a pattern for a stabilization policy. It will be designed to settle the immediate crisis - - the strikes

The confident word is that the new wage-price strike decision will promptly ~~and~~ end the steel strike. In fact, the word is that the union and the company have agreed upon a new contract and ~~will~~ are ready to announce their settlement -- as soon ~~as~~ the government decision is ~~made~~ possible.

Meanwhile, there is promise of a speedy end of the tug-boat strike in New York -- the walk-out that ~~is~~ has produced a winter crisis in the metropolis. New York's fuel supply, coal and oil, is brought in by tug -- and the strike has hit at a most vital spot in frosty winter. Mayor O'Dwyer has

proclaimed an emergency. To save fuel, ~~Broadway~~
Broadway was dimmed out last night -- as in war time.
Schools were ordered closed, and Navy men and Marines
took over the job of running tugs to bring in the
emergency fuel.

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Meanwhile, the house of representatives
has ~~passed~~ the Case bill to curb strikes. This
measure provides for a thirty day cooling off period
and for penalties to be imposed on both unions and
companies for violation of contract. Also, --
other clauses which make the bill one of the most
rigorous anti-strike measures ever before congress.
The bill now goes to the Senate.

The U N O is in another storm. One tempest subsiding, and another promptly blows up. Last night, we heard how the Soviets had withdrawn their charges against the British on the subject of Greece. And all seemed to be sweetness and light. But, promptly, today, a new accusation was entered against the British -- because of what they've been doing in ~~the~~ Indonesia. ^π Strictly speaking, the ^{(complaint} ~~complaint~~ was entered by the Ukrainian delegation. The ~~Ukrainian~~ Ukraine is part of Soviet Russia -- the Soviets having three votes in the Assembly of the U N O. One for the Moscow Soviets, another for White Russia and another for the Ukraine. In ^{of course} effect, it was Stalin's regime speaking -- ^{thro} ~~thru~~ the chief delegate for the Ukrainians, ^{who} charged that British military intervention in Indonesia constituted a violation of the charter of the U N O and was a threat to the peace of the world.

The Indonesian business had been tied with the question of Greece, with the Soviets complaining about both. And, with Russian delegate Vishinski withdrawing the charge anent Greece, it ~~was~~ was hoped

that nothing would be heard about Indonesia. But plenty was heard today.

The British reaction to the Ukrainian[^] accusation was vigorous and blunt -- as blunt ~~as~~ Bevin can be. He hurled the short and ~~an~~ ugly word, *R*esponding to one thing stated by the Ukrainian delegate, Bevin shouted back: "I give you[^] the lie that we attacked the Indonesians. You have not ~~an~~ got the facts"! Bevin's defense was that ~~British~~ British troops went into Indonesia at the behest of General MacArthur. ^{That} They were doing an unpleasant job assigned to them by MacArthur.

^{And} This was supported by Dutch Foreign Minister Van Kleffens, who pointed out that the Netherlands had not the military forces to take Indonesia over from the Japs -- when Japan surrendered. So, the Dutch government had asked Great Britain to do the job -- this with the sanction of General MacArthur. *T*hen, as we know, the native Indonesians proceeded to stage an uprising against the British troops, when

these went in.

The Security Council of the U N O was no little perturbed by this new outbreak of trouble, and adjourned today's session without taking any action on the subject of Indonesia.

It begins to look as though the present session of the U N O would be dedicated mostly to dealing with accusations made by the Soviets. Maybe the Russians figure that the way to ward off ^{(complaints} ~~complaints~~ against their own conduct is to keep the U N O busy with charges hurled by themselves.

What's likely to happen in the case of this latest? We don't know, of course. We can only look back to yesterday, to what happened in the Greek business. We may note that the Soviet withdrawal of charges really ~~has~~ gave Moscow a compromise. The British were wanting to get a Security Council vote exonerating them. ~~that~~ They didn't like the American compromise, according to which the whole thing would merely have been passed over without a vote --

evading the issue. Then the Soviets doctored up the American compromise -- ~~andxxxxxxx~~ their withdrawal of charges being a ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{means} for keeping the question from coming to a vote. ~~The~~ British accepted the compromise -- with the Soviet backdown, and everybody was happy that a vote was not forced -- because the Soviets would have cast their veto against any decision to exonerate Great Britain.

And ~~we~~ ^{we} now go into the same sort of thing all over again ~~as~~ -- Indonesia this time. And, more than ever, the Soviet veto will hang over the proceedings -- that sword of Damocles. ^{JP} As it is now developing, the veto problem ~~becomes~~ a curious twister. The Soviets bringing an accusation against the British but ~~as~~ if the council wants to find the British not guilty, the Soviets will veto that. They claim ~~their~~ ^{ing the} right to cancel out such a decision, if they don't like it. But suppose the council wanted to find Great Britain guilty. Well, the British could veto that -- having the same right as the Soviets.

And there's

~~that~~ the logic which proceeds from the veto

idea, a vote of not guilty can be vetoed by the

nation ^{the} ~~power~~ making charges, while a vote of guilty can be

vetoed by the ~~hand power~~ ^{nation} under accusation. We

might call it a Chinese puzzle only that would be

an injustice to the Chinese. They never invented


anything as weird as that. The Prosecution
can veto an acquittal, while the
Defendant can veto a conviction!

MOLOTOV

In Moscow a significant address was made today by Foreign Commissar Molotov, who denounced what he called -- "dangerous ~~talk~~ talk of a third world war". Molotov declared ^{today} that suppositions of another global conflict were being encouraged in non-communist countries -- the wicked capitalist countries. And it must be confessed that a lot of people do talk about the possibility of a future war with Soviet Russia -- so soon after the end of World War Number Two.

^{TP} Molotov says ~~that~~ this is dangerous ^{--- which} -- ^{and} of course, it is. Or, ^{is} it the talk that's dangerous -- ^{OR} /the conditions that bring about the talk? ^{TP} The Soviet Foreign Commissar, in his ~~address~~ address today, went on to make reference to what the news dispatch calls -- "hundreds of thousands of anti-Russian troops maintained in Germany, Italy and Austria." Such anti-Soviet troops would, of course, be maintained by the United States and Great Britain ^{--- like} ~~Molotov was making a complaint about~~ the Polish army that ~~has~~ fought so bravely under British command during the war. Polish ~~exists~~

patriot forces ~~under~~ who battled against the Nazis, who were opposed to the deal that gave half of pre-war Poland to the Soviets, and who refused to go home to a country ruled by what they claim is a communist controlled government.

I wonder whether these anti-communist Polish forces are likely to become a new theme of international dispute? Molotov's references today might well be an intimation of future Soviet demands -- *before* ~~for~~ the U N O, perhaps. The foreign commissar does ~~it~~ *not* talk about something in an official address for the mere exercise of his voice. 

ADD MOLOTOV

And now what do we find as a quick follow up to that? A charge that the American Army in Germany has armed and is using Jugoslavs who collaborated with the Nazis. That is -- Jugoslavs who refuse to return to their country under its present government ~~run~~ run by communist Marshal Tito; in effect, anti-communist Jugoslavs. They are being used, it is claimed as guards at camps for displaced persons.

The accusation is made by ^aJugoslav military mission ~~mission~~ now in Frankfurt -- sent by Marshal Tito.

The ~~is~~ commission adds that the Americans have likewise armed and are using ~~non-Polish~~ Poles as camp guards -- Poles who refuse to return to their country. That is, anti-communists.

U N O - INFORMATION

The American delegation to the U N O is about to enter a proposal for freedom of information. During the present session, the Americans are going to start action to bring about a system whereby the people of the world will be enabled to learn about the transactions of the international organization -- without censorship or restriction. In other words -- freedom of news. This comes in a dispatch from London, which adds that Soviet Russia is -- opposed. The Soviet delegates have intimated that they are against the idea of giving out open and candid information -- the freedom of news of what's going on.

U N O - SITE

France has joined in the opposition to the Stamford-Greenwich area as the permanent site recommended for the U N O. The French delegates, in their argument today, brought up the angle that the Stamford-Greenwich neighborhood is in the environs of New York. What's wrong with that? What's the matter with the big town? ^{TP} The French reply by stating that New York City has too many foreign colonies. To which we can only respond -- yes, it's one of the ~~most~~ interesting things about the western metropolis, that you can go from one part of town to another and find neighborhoods of many nationalities -- including French. A trip around New York can be like a visit to foreign countries all over the world.

A French delegate stated today that the foreign colonies of New York, being so near ~~to~~ the world organization, ~~would~~ ^{might} inflict the U N O with what he called "exasperated nationalisms". I suppose he meant that foreign national groups in the metropolis would get excited by the proximity of the world

organization and try to send delegations up the
Stanford-Greenwich way -- not a long trip, and not
much car fare. And the stately delegates, pondering
on global affairs, would be beset by the "exasperated
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YAMASHITA..

The Chief Secretary of the Tokyo Cabinet gave official Japanese approval today to General MacArthur's refusal to intervene in the case of Yamashita. ^{and} That seals the doom of the Japanese General convicted of responsibility for the murderous outrages of his troops in the Philippines. MacArthur orders the sentence of death ~~shall~~ ^{to} be carried out on Yamashita -- hanging.

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HESS

There's a new angle in that famous flight to Britain made by Rudolf Hess. From the time when the Nazi Deputy Fuehrer bailed out of ~~his~~ ^{that} plane, and came down by parachute in Scotland, people have wondered. What was it all about? Why did Hess, the Deputy Fuehrer to Hitler, go on such a crazy expedition?

We have ~~heard~~ heard that Hess went on a private mission, on his own, to inform the British war leaders that Nazi Germany was about to attack Soviet Russia. So, would the British please ~~step~~ ^{step} out of the war and ~~get~~ give Hitler a chance to knock out Stalin? ~~That~~ ^{TP} seemed goofy enough. And in fact, Hess, now on trial at Nuremberg, showed signs of being a bit cracked. Today's account makes him appear even crazier than that. At the Nuremberg trial it was disclosed ~~today~~ that Hess, upon ~~returning~~ ^{landing in} Britain, tried to warn the British leaders against the United States. ~~His idea was to frighten the London government into making peace by~~ ^{He sought to} convincing the British that the Americans had designs on the British Empire -- and certainly intended to annex Canada. ^{So, Britain had better get out} It must have been

of the war!

Hess's own personal inspiration. I don't believe ~~that~~ Hitler in his wildest intuition ever concocted a scheme ~~as~~ as weird as that -- trying to frighten Britain into submission by warning the British against the designs of the United States.

A companion piece for that was another bit of evidence introduced at Nuremberg today, documents showing that in ~~the~~ Nineteen Forty-one, the top Nazi leaders ridiculed the American ~~an~~ armament program, calling it -- "the greatest bluff in history." ^{TP} In a comparatively short time the ~~Nazi~~ commanders were to find American armament to be - the greatest non-bluff in history.

BROWDER

In the world of American communism, Earl Browder would seem to be -- out. Observers have wondered how long it would be before the downfall of Browder would be made complete -- expelled from the party, which is the ultimate banishment to the outer darkness for a Red. Today we have the answer.

Browder, whom the communists for years regarded as their shining knight, their party chief, their perennial candidate for President, the war-time exponent of the policy of lining up communism with capitalism to win the war! Then, the moment the war was won -- out went that Browder policy, and in came the old fashioned class war. On dictation from Red authorities abroad, Browder was furiously denounced, and tossed out as the party leader. So how long would it be before he was ejected from the party all together? One wondered how Earl Browder would take the treatment he got from the comrades -- excoriated and reviled by party leaders who had been his close co-workers and friends.

Well, today a national board of the communist party declared that its former chief had become -- an advisor to big business. This charge was based on things printed ~~by~~^{about} Browder in a magazine that he runs. The national board proclaimed that the Browder magazine was -- a political organ to combat the party line. And it recommended that Earl Browder be expelled from the communist party. What the national board of the communist party says is as good as law among the Reds -- and Browder is out. — *bounced out*

on his once very red ear.

And now I'm going to bounce this back to you Hugh.