

AUTO STRIKE L.T. - Dele. Wed. Sept. 17-5-8,

An agreement - reached between the Ford Motor Company and the Auto Workers Union. A settlement - of terms for a new contract. Bringing the strike - to a quick end.

Events, today, moved - with dramatic swiftness.

The deadline for a strike - ~~was~~ eleven A.M. Eastern Daylight time. And, only a few minutes before that hour - the Ford Company presented an offer to the Union. A third offer - two previous company proposals having been rejected.

The union negotiators, headed by Walter Reuther, President of the Auto Workers, - took the new offer into consideration. So the bargaining session was in recess, actually - when the zero hour came.

Eleven o'clock - and at once, the Ford Workers went on strike. Though some had staged a walkout in ~~advance~~ advance. Nearly all the ninety-eight thousand union members out - in Ford plants across the nation.

But, immediately afterward, the union announced - that the new proposal from the company was almost acceptable. The two sides differing - on only one small detail, A technicality - connected with seniority rights. Everybody optimistic - for a quick settlement.

Several hours went by, while the negotiators debated that small ~~in~~ difference. The announcement coming late this afternoon - an agreement reached.

The terms include a pay hike with a cost of living ~~max~~ proviso; which - will come to at least ten cents an hour. Costing the company - some twenty-two million dollars the first year.

So now the Ford Auto Workers go back to their jobs - after one of the briefest of strikes.

The union hopes - the new Ford contract will be the basis of a settlement with General Motors and Chrysler.

TEAMSTERS

The "monitors" for the Teamsters union - made an appeal to a federal court in Washington, today. The Board of Monitors - appointed, by court order, to supervise a clean-up of the Teamsters Union. Pending - a new election of union officers.

They ask the court - to block a move made by union President James Hoffa, who, last night, issued a call for a Teamster Convention and election. Doing this - in defiance of the Monitors. They claiming - he plans to cancel their authority. The Monitors ask, furthermore - that their authority in Teamster affairs be more clearly defined.

Meanwhile, the Senate Rackets Committee produced evidence - indicating that former Senator George Bender accepted a check for a thousand dollars, From the Ohio Conference of Teamsters - last month. A few days after which - Union President Hoffa announced the appointment of former Senator Bender as the head of an anti-racketeering commission. To supervise - a union

clean up. Bender says - yes, he received the thousand dollar check. But - returned the ■■■ money to the union.

LITTLE ROCK

At Little Rock - legal steps taken to open the four high schools, as private segregated schools. Six prominent citizens, today, formed a non-profit making company. Called - The Little Rock Private School Corporation. Appealing for a charter to the State Circuit Court. Judge Mitchell Cockrill - immediately signing the charter.

The next move of the corporation will be - to ask the school board for a lease of the school buildings. The school board - having the authority to act under a law, passed in Eighteen Seventy Five, Providing - that unused public school buildings may be leased out for use as private schools.

The teachers, presumably - will agree to work for this private school corporation.

This ~~is~~ apparently, is the plan - mentioned by Governor Faubus yesterday. ^{TP} But the private school scheme is sure to be challenged by the Department of Justice. Promising, likely enough - another court ~~is~~ battle.

INTEGRATION

The school integration crisis at Alexandria, Virginia - delayed. A federal judge in that suburb of Washington - ordering segregated schools to admit four negro pupils. But - naming the beginning of January as the date of admission.

Federal Judge Albert Bryan, today, ruled - that it would be unwise to put integration into effect right away. Since the fall semester has already started. So he postponed the matter until the January term.

(Which, of course, puts off a show down at Alexandria - a collision between the federal court and the ^{socalled} "massive resistance" laws, which Virginia has enacted - to stop racial integration. Laws - under which two schools in Warren County have been closed.)

In Washington, the government reports - an upswing of sales and profits. Manufacturing firms of the nation - selling more and earning more. During the quarterly period, April through June, sales rose three percent. Profits increased - fifteen percent. As compared - with the first quarter of this year.

The hike in profits - the first since Nineteen Fifty-six.

However, it's noted - that the favorable figures occur, principally, among smaller corporations. Those - with assets of less than ten million dollars. The industrial giants - showing further declines.

The Department of Agriculture gives a forecast - that farm income for the first nine months of this year will be larger than in the same period of Nineteen Fifty Seven. A lot larger - nineteen percent up.

In gross figures - thirteen billion dollars in Nineteen Fifty eight, as compared with farm income of less than eleven billion in Nineteen Fifty Seven.

The whole picture - shows the American economy rebounding out of the recession. (With political implications - especially in the matter of income for farmers. Republican candidates for Congress in the corn belt expecting - they'll have a better time of it in the November congressional elections)

QUEMOY

That artillery blockade of Quemoy - broken again, today. Two supply ships landing cargoes on the beach - in spite of heavy shelling. Communist shore guns ^{this time} - battering the islands with more than ~~xx~~ seven thousand shells.

Nevertheless, the two landing ships were successful - thanks to the new rapid method of unloading, about which we heard yesterday. Supplies and equipment - stored in military vehicles. These - carried by the landing ships, and ^{then dashing} ~~running~~ ashore.

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Last night, a strange sight - seen from the shore of one of the islands. Lights - out on the water. A score of lights - moving toward the island. The nationalists - unable to guess what it was all about. But they didn't shoot - never supposing the Communists would ever try an invasion. With landing boats - lit up at night.

When morning came, the answer was clear. Empty boats - drifting on the current. The lights - intended as a

decoy. The Reds wanting their enemies to waste ammunition, by shooting at the empty boats. Or, possibly - reveal hidden artillery positions, with guns blazing away at night.

TYPHOON

Tokyo, today, was virtually - drowned. Hit - by the greatest rainstorm in fifty years. In one single hour, this morning, Tokyo was deluged -by two inches of rain.

This - an advance warning of typhoon Helen. The U.S. Air Force reporting the tropical howler - as roaring along some three hundred miles southwest of Honshu Island. With winds -~~up~~ up to one hundred and fifteen miles an hour. Preceded - by torrential rains.

After the downpour of two inches in Tokyo this morning - the city got a similar deluge in the afternoon. Streets - like raging rivers.

That was the watery part of it - to be followed by the windy part. Tokyo - waiting for the big blow.

INDIA

The government of India - is pushing an austerity drive. To meet - an economic crisis. Cutting down, for example - on food consumption.

Today, an order - that, hereafter, wedding parties shall not have more than fifty guests at the nuptial banquet. Hitherto, they've been allowed - a hundred guests. That figure - cut in half.

Which, certainly is - austerity. In the Orient - weddings can be spectacular. Only fifty guests? Why, that's like a little family picnic!

ANTARCTICA

An international conference on Antarctica - chilled, frozen stiff. The prospects - as cold as the South Polar continent itself.

Such is today's report on President Eisenhower's proposal - for negotiations to settle claims of different nations, with a guarantee - that Antarctica shall remain open for peaceful scientific research.

The United States dispatched invitations to eleven other countries - ■■ interested in South Polar affairs. Which ■■ was followed - by meetings, in Washington of representatives of those countries.

Getting - exactly nowhere. Because of conflicting claims. Nations - insisting that some part or other of Antarctica - belongs to them.)

Sections - claimed by others! So much dispute -
even
they haven't been able to agree on the terms of a conference.

Meetings, in secret, have been held in Washington once or twice ■■ a week. Everything - stalled. The business of Antarctica - on ice.

GERMANY

In West Germany, they put on trial today - an alleged master swindler. Robert Schneider - accused of tricking the West German Ministry of Defense, getting himself appointed - chief psychologist of the West German Armed Forces.

They say he did it - by fraud and forgery.

Presenting to the defense ministry - phoney documents.

Certificates - of high academic degrees. Representing him - as a Doctor of Medicine and Dictor of Philospphy.

Schneider - no doctor of anything.

Today the prosecutor told the court that Schneider had admitted a number of frauds. One - a phoney insurance game. Perpetrated - at the expense of the medical scientists at a Hamburg hospital.

People found him on a highway, unconscious apparently. Taken to the hospital, he said he was a salesman for a well known drug firm. Pretty good credentials - to fool the doctors.

But what had happened to him? Schneider said - he didn't know.

He couldn't remember - anything of the accident.

So the doctors concluded - he'd been hit by a car. And had incurred - a brain injury. Schneider - letting the physicians collaborate with his fraud.

Later Schneider collected from an insurance company for the mythical brain injury.

From that exploit, he went on - to bigger things.

Forging the documents that got him the post of Chief Psychologist of the Armed forces of West Germany.

Quite a guy - Schneider.

MONTGOMERY

From London - sheer blasphemy. Irreverant, outrageous words. Fired - at Britain's most famous military commander. Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery - Monty of El Alemein.

According to the London Daily Herald, Monty is taking - a long farewell to arms. Too long - too many farewell performances.

In November of last year he made the announcement - that he was quitting the British Army. Ending ^{his} military career - to go into quiet, peaceful retirement.

However, as of today - Monty has not yet retired.

Instead, he's been making - a series of public appearances.

The Daily Herald remarking: "Not since Melba, the opera singer, spread her retirement over a year or two - has there been such a torrent of farewell speeches and banquets". The newspaper adding:

We don't want one of our greatest generals - to go

down in history as a great bore."

About the justice of the complaint - I wouldn't

know. Our own general Douglas MacArthur said: "Old soldiers

Don —
fade away." And why shouldn't an old soldier take his time

fading away?

STAGE COACH

Lets go west by stage coach!

^ An old-time stage coach - is on its way west.

Heading - for San Francisco. Celebrating the hundredth anniversary - of the first organized transportation service, linking East and West. Back in Eighteen Fifty-Eight - the Butterfield Overland Stage Coach.

A famous event of that era - when stage coaches began the run from the western terminus of the railroad, at Tipton, Missouri. Driving on West - across the great plains, through mountains, through indian country. Every trip - an adventure. So, now, it's being repeated. Not, however in every detail.

this time
The stage coach ^{is} traveling most of the way on a truck. Rolling on its own wheels - only during parades in towns. Together with a chuck wagon - and other vehicles of the old wild west.

Nostalgic reminiscence - but with a bit of modern improvement. *Hitch hiking most of the way!*