

STRIKE

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Today, for the first time in history, a strike of longshoremen crippled harbors on all the ~~east~~ coasts of the United States - Atlantic, Gulf, Pacific. The walkout of dock workers on the east coast and the Gulf of Mexico, which halted things over the weekend - spread to the Pacific coast. Where the longshoremen went out - on a twenty-four hour sympathy strike.

( All in all, more than two hundred and fifty ships were tied up in ports. One trans-Atlantic liner, arriving at New York - had to return to Europe, with its cargo unloaded. )

President Eisenhower, today, made an urgent appeal to management and labor to end the tie-up. <sup>And recognize</sup> ~~Recognizing~~ what the President called, their "obligations to the country".

~~And~~ Shortly afterward, federal mediators brought about a new bargaining session between Companies and Union. But the meeting today did not produce a settlement.

DISARMAMENT

President Eisenhower had a conference, today, with Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr. Subject - the new Soviet proposals for disarmament. No word - of when an American reply will be sent, or what it will say.

But, in London, the word is that Britain, France and the United States will reject the new Moscow talk on disarmament - as a propaganda scheme to draw world attention from Hungary.

In London, Prime Minister Eden is cancelling - all public engagements. The official announcement being - that Sir Anthony suffers from "severe over-strain." So the doctor says - take it easy. Today, it was noted that he looked weary and haggard - while receiving the Prime Minister of Ceylon. Eden - having overworked in the anxious time of the Suez crisis.

EGYPT

*still* More shooting - in the Suez Canal area. *1 memo*

*the* A one-sided affair. Egyptians <sup>*again*</sup> blazing away. The British and French - not shooting back. Their policy being - to avoid an incident.

The farthest outpost of the Allied forces is at a point called El Cap, twenty miles south of Port Said. Where the British and French face Egyptian lines. For an hour today, Egyptians blazed away. <sup>The</sup> French and British - merely keeping well sheltered from the bullets. No casualties reported. The second incident of the sort - in twelve hours.

The British commander made a protest, calling on the U.N. authorities to do something about it. Stating - that the Egyptian gunfire had no military point at all. It didn't make sense - except for the purpose of creating an incident. Trying to get the British and French to fire back - and break up the armistice.

The Egyptians are also firing away - with noisy talk. A spokesman for Premier Nasser warning of, what he

called, "a major catastrophe." Demanding - that the British and French get out right away. Charging - that they<sup>a</sup>re trying to hang on in the Suez area.

Once again, the talk of " Soviet volunteers" is raised. The Nasser spokesman declaring - that Egypt will accept "foreign volunteers", if the British and French make another attack. In which case, declare the Egyptians, "the world will face a major catastrophe."

Last night, in Moscow, Khrushchev talked of "volunteers" again. At one of those ~~usual~~ vodka celebrations, the chief of the Russian Communist Party let out <sup>another</sup> a blast against the Western powers. So crude - that Western envoys left the room. Khrushchev, tipping on vodka - giving a disorderly harangue on the subject of Egypt.

The nationwide strike - still on in Hungary. The workers - ordered back on their jobs, today, but less than fifty per cent showed up at factories. Saying - that cold and hunger forced them back. While hosts of others - continued to defy a Communist ultimatum.

Some fighting continues - with patriots making efforts to check the deportation of Hungarians to slave labor camps in Siberia. Word in Budapest is - that arrests and deportations continue, but are slowing down. At the United Nations, Soviet Foreign Minister Shepilov denied that Hungarians were being deported to Siberia.

The puppet ~~government~~ government of Premier Kadar - continues efforts for a sort of popular front government. Negotiating with non-Communist factions - trying to get them to join.

( Meanwhile, according to reports - Russian troops continue to pour into Hungary. As many as twenty divisions of infantry - on their way. The belief is that they<sup>a</sup>re coming to replace armored units, and the huge forces of tanks that broke the Hungarian revolt. )

The puppet regime is charging - that Cardinal Mindszenty was the mastermind in the latter stages of the uprising. The Cardinal - insisting that the government be headed by the Titoist Premier Nagy, who was ousted - by the Russian Reds. The statement was published in a French Communist newspaper today.

INDIA

Nehru - comes out, flatly, against the Soviet *brutalities in* ~~brutalities in~~ Hungary. Hitherto, the Indian Prime Minister has shied away from an open condemnation ~~of Russian brutalities in~~ ~~Hungary~~ - while severely criticizing the British-French-Israeli attack on Egypt. But, finally, he faces the Hungarian issue. Telling the New Delhi parliament - that the Hungarian revolution was justified.

"The Soviet army," declared Nehru, "was there against the will of the people." And he added: "Foreign forces should withdraw, and then the people should be given a right to express a free opinion. It is," he declared, "a national uprising."

( To all of which Nehru added his usual talk about the Suez affair - blaming the ~~the~~ British and French. )

Meanwhile, the White House announces that Prime Minister Nehru will be in Washington on December Sixteenth - for his long postponed visit with President Eisenhower.

## TITO

Moscow hurls a blast - against Marshal Tito. Who, so recently, was accepted back into the Soviet fold. But, last week, we heard how Tito blamed the Hungarian revolution on Stalinist leaders. So now - a retort from Pravda, official newspaper of the Russian Communist Party. Telling Tito to mind his own business - and accusing Tito of "Stalinism."

Pravda says - the Yugoslav Marshal is advertising Titoism as "the sole true road to Socialism." Stalin claimed that his own brand of Socialism - was the only true one. So you see the inference - Tito trying to run things in the Communist world, as Stalin did.

(Yet it was only a couple of weeks ago that Bulganin and Khrushchev were hobnobbing with Tito - like the best of pals.)

## POLAND - ROCK 'N' ROLL

New disturbance in Poland - as that country tries to consolidate its newly won condition of semi-autonomy. The trouble, however - having nothing to do with Russian tanks and guns. In fact, we have the same uproar over here - Rock 'N' Roll.

At the Palladium Theatre, in Warsaw, a Canadian singer appeared - Jenny Rogers, Shrieking and quaking - in a hoopla performance of "Rock ~~Rock~~ Around the Clock." The theatre - packed with Polish zoot suiters. Who raised a howling pandemonium, which broke into a riot. Tossing their hats - tossing bottles.

The police arrived, but were helpless. The Rock 'N' Roll ~~riot~~ riot ending - only when the frantic teenagers had worn themselves out. Too tired - for any more.

The Defense Department says - there's nothing special about inquiries to reservists. Asking them about their "availability" for active duty. These inquiries brought about wholesale rumors - that plans were to muster the reserves for an emergency. But the Defense Department answers, it's only a routine measure - keeping tabs on members of the Reserve. The inquiries having begun - before the troubled flared in the Middle East.

## CLARE BOOTH LUCE

Today - the end of another phase of a brilliant career. Combining beauty and brains - in a dazzling way. Mrs. Clare Booth Luce - resigning her post as Ambassador to Italy.

She first came into prominence with a Broadway play, witty and satirical - "The Women." Then went on to politics - becoming a member of Congress. Followed - by a notable success, as U.S. Ambassador to Rome.

Mrs. Luce resigns - for reasons of health. Which recalls the story that, in Rome, she suffered from poisoning - because of arsenic in paint. Today, she says she needs a few months of rest, to recover from her recent illness.

The retiring Ambassador had a talk with President Eisenhower today - who accepted her resignation "With very great personal regret", said the President.

There's no official word of who our next Ambassador

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to Rome will be. But there's mention of James D.

Zellerbach of San Francisco - an industrialist, who  
headed a special economic mission to Italy some while  
ago. He appears to be the man - altho' Peter Grimm  
has also been mentioned.

Dramatic testimony was given, today, in the trial of three defendants - for the ~~at~~ acid attack that blinded Labor Columnist Victor Riesel. Who was ready to give testimony in court - about Labor racketeering. The witness - the girl friend of the petty gangster, Abraham Telvi.

Today, Olga de la Cruz related - how, soon after the attack on Riesel, Telvi came to her apartment. Rushing to the bathroom - and turning on the water faucet. Later - emerging, holding a handkerchief to his face. Evidence corroborating statements - that Telvi, while throwing acid in the fact of Victor Riesel, also splashed some in his own face. Inflicting - severe burns.

The mobster visited the girl twice, that morning. The second time, she asked him if he had seen stories in the newspapers about the acid attack on the Labor Columnist. Whereupon Telvi told her - he had done it.

Which ties in with the story that, at the time of the acid throwing, the hoodlum didn't know who the victim was.

~~Believing - the outrage was instigated by a jealous husband,~~

And only later did he learn - the victim's identity.

Olgo de la Cruz declares that he swore her to secrecy about the whole thing. Saying - "I might get hurt". He was right about that - for, three months later, he was killed in a gangland murder. The reason being, we hear - that the acid scars on his face were a dangerous give-away. Also - he was demanding more money for the acid throwing job - having learned what a headline affair it was.

CONVICTS

Wild <sup>and</sup> woolly doings - at the Alabama State Prison,  
today. Five convicts, led by a notorious killer and bank  
robber - making a jail break, with two guards as hostages.  
They got away in stolen automobiles, but the alarm was out,  
and there was a wild chase on the highway - with a blaze of  
gunfire. Five fugitives - recaptured. The two hostages -  
unharmed.

## TAXES

There was testimony in Washington, today, that religious organizations are taking advantage of loopholes in the tax law. Two witnesses making charges - Paul Blanchard, counsel for a group upholding the separation of church and state, and the Reverend James M. Hutchinson, representing the "American Humanist Association."

They criticized the Tax Bureau for exempting the profits of a distillery at Napa, California, operated by the Christian Brothers, a Catholic order. Also - the profits earned by a New Orleans radio station owned by Loyola University, a Jesuit institution.

They declared, likewise, that many non-Catholic organizations make illegitimate tax exemption claims. Naming, for example, the Mormon Church in Utah.

## MONEY

At Aubrey, Arkansas - a mystery of money. Which hit the local headlines - when Mrs. Raymond Fletcher found her three little girls - tossing money in the air. Having a fine old time - with ten dollar bills, twenty dollar bills, dozens of them. The children thought it was "playing money" - and were tearing some of it up. Scattering bits - of ten dollar bills, twenty dollar bills.

Mrs. Fletcher asked them - where they got it?

And they pointed at an old, abandoned, rusty truck - standing in the back yard of their grandfather's home, nearby. The little girls, looking for a place to play, had gone on frolicking in the truck - and found a bundle of money.

The mother collected the scattered bills, as many as she could - nearly two thousand dollars' worth. Then - informed the police. Who investigated the truck - discovering fourteen thousand dollars more. Together - with payroll checks of a stone and gravel company, which is located nearby.

The grandfather said the truck had been parked in his back yard three years ago - by W.C. Dunaway - who, at the time, worked for the sand and gravel company. He had left the truck there as a derelict. Returning only once - to take away the tires. So the truck had remained there, just getting rusty, with all that money in it.

W.C. Dunaway now lays claim to the cash - as the owner of the truck. <sup>But</sup> ~~It~~ gives no explanation - of this puzzle of treasure trove. The police are holding the cash and payroll checks - pending a further investigation.

*Henry,* The whole town puzzled - by the mystery of money.