

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: -

A settlement of the eight-day old maritime strike which has tied up thousands of ships in American ports may be in the making tonight.

Today President Truman's Reconversion Director, John D. Steelman, revised the Government's wage s stabilization policy to the extent of providing the full pay increases demanded by the striking s seamen. Steelman thereby over-ruled his own Wage Stabilization Board which twice has turned down wage increase demands of more than twenty-five dollars a month in some cases for A.F. of L. seamen.

Today's announcement, reading between the lines, means that the Government has found a formula by which it can back down.

Labor, however, meets this Government new wage formula with only qualified approval. Word has just come from San Francisco that Harry Lundeberg,

Secretary of the A.F. of L. Sailor's Strike Committee, will not call off the walkout. Lundeberg says the strike will continue until the ship owners agree in writing to the wage increases.

And all is not peace and harmony among the men of the C.I.O. for the Government's new policy, if accepted by the Unions, will grant A.F. of L. seamen more money than C.I.O. sailors are now getting.

In New York, Joseph Curran, President of the C.I.O.'s National Maritime Union, says he is still uncertain about putting through a strike call for two hundred thousand members to go out on schedule at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Curran won't make any comment on the amendment of the Government's wage policy, says he has yet received official word on it.

So it may be that the powerful N.M.U. will ~~xx~~ walk out in the morning anyhow, and Curran says his organization has the backing of C.I.O. President Phil Murray.

Here is a bulletin just handed to me. Pacific Coast ship owners, meeting in San Francisco, have approved the new wage scale for seamen granted by the Government. This means the Maritime strike on the West Coast will end tonight provided the Union gives final ratification to the wage increases.

MEAT

The butchers are becoming so concerned over the meat famine, that they are proposing to shut up shop. The President of the Retail Meat Dealers Association of Minneapolis made just that suggestion today. There's to be a meeting of the national association at Chicago next week, and the plan will then be proposed for a nationwide closing. The leading retail meat sellers in Minnesota favor it. They do not mean to be unpatriotic, they say, but they believe it will arouse public opinion to the realities of price control, so that the Government will have to drop price control.

More word about the food situation:- The Price Decontrol Board has just announced that it will meet on ~~the~~ September eighteenth to decide whether price control shall be restored on all dairy products.

POLITICS

There is a hint of autumn in the air tonight. Yes, and there's more than a hint of politics as well. This year, we face crucial elections to determine which party will control Congress until 1948.

The President discussed politics only briefly at his weekly news conference today. First, he told reporters he might not make any speeches at all.

Then he hedged a little and said his plans ~~are~~ *are still*
in the air,
~~in the process of formulation.~~

But more than significant than anything Mr. Truman had to say to reporters today was his list of callers. Headed by Democratic National Chairman, ~~Robert~~ *Bob* Hannigan, they included candidates and party leaders from eleven states.

Among them ^{WAS} ~~was~~ Kenneth McKellar, President of the Senate and veteran Democrat from Tennessee. Recently McKellar's ~~defeated~~ defeated opponent in the Tennessee Democrat ^{is} primary charged that Republicans had entered into an unholy alliance with Boss Ed Crump of that state ^{an alliance} to throw the election to the G.O.P.

That statement, plus McKellar's visit to the White House today, prompted this remark from Senator Taft of Ohio: "I am unaware of any conspiracy, but I'll be glad to welcome Tennessee into the Republican column."

U.N.

At Lake Success today, the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations took up the question of a worldwide free press. ^WWilbur Forrest, President of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, laid before the Council a petition for the Assembly of the United Nations, next month, to adopt a covenant which will establish world freedom of information and of the press. ^{TP}"If the peoples of the earth are to get along together in peace, there must be tolerance, good-will and understanding," said Forrest. And he added that there is only one road to that end, freedom of information by which people shall know and understand the problems of others. ~~He went on to say that~~ ~~The object of the American Society of Editors is to spread the truth, he declared.~~

The Council received messages from the Governors of forty-one states in support of the petition ~~■~~ of American newspaper editors, Governors including ~~Tom~~ Dewey

of New York, ~~Edward~~ Martin of Pennsylvania, Warren of California, ^{and} Dwight Green of Illinois. ^R The Council also received an endorsement of the program from Secretary of State Byrnes, Prime Minister Attlee, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and General Douglas MacArthur.

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Secretary General Lie of the United Nations announced this morning that the General Assembly, which was to have begun September Twenty-Third, has been put off to October Twenty-Third. Thirty-seven nations have agreed to the postponement, but not the United States. However, since thirty-seven members have voted yes, the concurrence of Uncle Sam is not necessary.

GERMANY

Uncle Sam and John Bull today merged the zones they occupy in Germany, that is, for economic purposes. The Russians and French declining to join.

General McNarney and British Air Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas set up a committee of six Germans to take charge at once. The object, to end economic chaos in the parts of Germany we occupy; make them self governing as soon as possible.

RUSSIA

The latest out of Russia is the charge that Uncle Sam is aiming to dominate the world. That from a Russian admiral, who points to our naval bases and the present strength of Uncle Sam's fleet.

It's a well known dodge in criminal court practice that if the lawyer for the defense has a hopeless case, he charges that the principal witness for the stat committed the murder. And that's the formula Soviet writers and publicists have been following of late.

The Russian admiral, in Pravda, says that America's post-war policy of maintaining large naval forces has nothing in common with the principles of the United Nations. He says we have a Navy such as the world has never before seen, -- but he forgets to mention that it was built to defeat

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the recent enemies of his own country.
~~dissipate the threat to peace.~~

He cites also the visit which Navy Secretary Forrestal and General Doolittle made to Sweden, Admiral Halsey's review of Latin-American ports, and American control of Pacific islands formerly occupied by Japan.

The post-war period, he ^{adds,} ~~says further,~~ has been marked by intensive sailings of ^{American Mex-o-war in} ~~United States naval vessels in~~

foreign waters. The whole map of Europe, he declares, appears to be surrounded by American flags.

~~Also~~ The government newspaper, Izvestia, comments acidly about the troops which the British maintain in Arab countries, ^{ing that} ~~calls~~ a sign of British imperialism. Izvestia declares that those British troops in Arab countries may mean that Britain plans to make the Near East one of the most important bases for a third world war.

JUGOSLAV

~~1-5-3~~ ^{Am} Army ~~transport~~ plane came to earth in Washington today, carrying the bodies of ^{the} five American flyers shot down by the Jugoslavs ~~last~~ ^{on} August Nineteenth. ~~They are lying~~ ^{Tonight they are} in state in the amphitheatre chappel at ~~the~~ ^{the} Arlington National Cemetery. ~~It will be up to their~~ ~~kinsfolk whether they'll be buried in Arlington or~~ ~~elsewhere.~~

Meanwhile, in Europe, three sergeants of Uncle Sam's Air Force, who have been living at the United States Embassy in Belgrade for seven months, were taken out of the country to Naples. All this time they ~~xx~~ have been living under the protection of the American flag in the Embassy.

On the evening of February Sixth, they were at a night club in Belgrade. A row developed, and a Russian soldier was killed. American officers investigated and found that the three sergeants

had no part in it. Nevertheless, the Yugoslav government demanded that they be delivered up for questioning.

The affair has been a deadlock for these seven months. Today, the Yugoslav government issued visas for the three sergeants, and off they went by plane to Naples.

How does that State Department feel about all this? Evidently, it considers it rather a good omen that our American soldiers were allowed to leave Yugoslavia in this way. Word has just come from Washington that ~~xx~~ Acting Secretary of State Clayton has announced that this country will not in any way curtail relief shipments^s to Yugoslavia.

Since 1945, the United States has sent the Yugoslavs more than three hundred million dollars worth of UNRRA^A goods.

NEAR EAST

If the round table conference in London is unable to settle the Palestine problem, the Arab League will put it up to the United Nations. The only settlement that would please the seven Arab nations would be to make the Holy Land an independent Arab state. So says Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the League, who made the announcement this afternoon at London.

One Arab spokesman after another spoke up--all rejecting the British-American proposal for dividing Palestine into separate Arab and Jewish states.

The British have just about given up hope of an Arab support for their plan.

Next week the Arabs will offer their own program. It will provide for not only ~~an~~ an independent arab state in Palestine, but also the complete stoppage of all Jewish immigration. However, the Arabs will guarantee fair treatment -- equal rights -- for all Jews already in the Holy Land, and municipal self-government in settlement s

predominantly Jewish.

Abdul Rahman Azzam said that the Arabs feel no hatred for Jews. He laid the blame for the present confusion on what he called "political Zionism."

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SQUATTERS. Something ^{more, unusual,} ~~very rare~~ occurred in London today, rioting that amounted ^{to near} ~~almost to~~ mob violence. And mob violence among ~~people~~ Britons is something ^{LAW-MINDED} ~~very~~ rare indeed. ^{As we know} Some days ago, British communists sponsored a campaign for homeless workers to take over luxury apartment houses in London's famed West End. The campaign bore fruit and many so-called squatters moved into London's higher priced dwellings - among them the luxurious Abbey Lodge.

That's where the trouble started today. Two thousand sympathizers of the squatters marched before the apartment house in massed demonstration, and it took ^{the} mounted police to break it up. The demonstration was highlighted by vocal criticism of the King and the Royal Family. Such criticism most Britishers, even communists, generally keep to themselves.

Harry Pollit, General Secretary of the British Communist Party, was on hand ^(TODAY) to keep the demonstration going. He castigated King George for not turning over

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spare rooms in royal residences to homeless persons in keeping with an appeal issued by the Health Ministry more than a year ago. "Was there any response from the Royal Family?" Pollit asked. "Did the King let the people use Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, Balmoral Castle? No."

~~All in all, it was an ugly afternoon, many Britishers, non-communists, sympathized and rightly so with the homeless squatters.~~

But London's Bobbies are equal to almost any task, and the word now is ~~from London~~ that the demonstration was broken up without casualties and without arrests. ¶ What's going to happen to the squatters we don't know. What's going to happen to the people whose apartments have been expropriated, we don't know ~~that~~ either. But a good guess is that the British instinct ~~is~~ for law and order will ~~probably~~ find a ~~peaceable~~ solution.

DOCTOR

Forty-four years ago, Dr. Arthur E. Hertzler of Halstead, Kansas, founded a hospital as a memorial to his wife. It grew and flourished until it occupied an entire city block and became one of the famous medical institutions of the ~~entire~~ country. After a while, people started coming from all forty-eight states to the Hertzler Memorial Hospital, to be treated for goiter and other afflictions of the thyroid gland. In short, Arthur E. Hertzler became ^{famous} ~~one of the most celebrated surgeons in the United States.~~

But the public at large knows him as author of a widely circulated book, "The Horse and Buggy Doctor." ~~It is one of the most readable and interesting volumes ever written by a medical man.~~ All this becomes news because Dr. Hertzler died today at the age of seventy-six.

As author of that book, "The Horse and Buggy Doctor", you might imagine that Dr. Hertzler was

characteristic of the friendly, kindly-spoken country doctor of popular legend. As a matter of fact, he had the sharpest tongue in Kansas. He had a large nose, and said that it got that way because he kept it out of other people's business and gave it a chance to grow.

~~Then as a rider, he added that it is too bad most noses in Kansas are so small.~~

~~And in addition to running that flourishing hospital, Dr. Hertzler had a large and prosperous farm southeast of Halstead. When Henry Wallace, then Secretary of Agriculture, issued his famous order to kill the pigs, Dr. Hertzler's comment was one of pure sulphur and brimstone. He opened the gate of his pig lots and told the neighbors to help themselves; said he'd be ^aso-and-so and ^aso-and-so if he was going to plow pigs under.~~

If he was at a dinner party and got bored, which happened frequently, he would get up then and there and

stalk out, uttering loud uncomplimentary remarks about the conversation of the guests.

And now Nelson what sort of remarks are we going to hear from you?

products, including milk, butter, and cheese, would remain free of price regulation. At that time the Board said those items would be recontrolled, if their prices rose "unreasonably."

Well, their prices have risen and the Board will meet on September eighteenth to see if they have risen "unreasonably."

President Truman had a ready explanation for taking time off from national affairs to discuss partisan politics. He said that while his first business ~~was being the~~ ^{is serving as} Chief Executive, his second job ~~was being~~ ^{is that of} leader of the Democratic Party. ~~The Party, he~~ Party he said, ~~which was the only one that had done anything for the people."~~

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I'm broadcasting from a dinner tonight, a gathering of nearly a thousand friends who are paying tribute to one of America's most distinguished surgeons, Dr. Allen Oldfather Whipple. I wonder what the story is behind that middle name, Oldfather? He was born in Persia. Maybe that has something to do with it. Dr. Whipple after thirty five years on the medical faculty at Columbia University and in the great New York Presbyterian Hospital, is leaving ^{for} ~~fr~~ the Near East to spend some time on the staff of the American University at Beirut, our greatest educational institution in a foreign land.

Sitting around me are diplomats,

INTRO TO MADAME EL KHOURI

Madame Bechara El-Khourri, **S**he is the wife of the head of a country who is standing beside me at this moment. ^{and} I have asked her to say a word or two -- not in her own native tongue but in English.

Madame Bechara El-Khourri is the wife of the President of one of the smallest of the nation's of the earth.

Mr. El-Khourri is President of the ~~land~~ land over which King Hiram of Tyre once ruled. The giant cedars

used in King Solomon's temple came from the mountains

that are her home. — —
~~where she lives. Yes, her home is~~ in The Lebanon.

And now, the First Lady of the Lebanon, Madame El-Khourri.

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RADIO ADDRESS BY MADAME BECHARA EL-KHOURI, WIFE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF LEBANON, IN A BROADCAST ON THE N.B.C. NETWORK FROM A DINNER HONORING DR. ALLEN O. WHIPPLE IN THE WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL, NEW YORK, ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1946, AT 6:45-7:00 P.M. (STATION WEAJ, MR. LOWELL THOMAS'S HOUR).

I welcome this opportunity to convey to many millions of Americans the warm greetings of the people of my little country, Lebanon.

For over a hundred years American schools have been active in my country. We have welcomed a continuous flow of American men and women of good will who came to us to give and not to take.

The greatest achievement of this noble band of pioneers has been the American University of Beirut, which for eighty years now has radiated throughout the Near East knowledge, freedom of thought and democratic living, the very ideals for which my country has always stood, and on the basis of which we have welcomed and profited from other European schools as well.

I am particularly happy tonight to join with my former countrymen, the members (means Peace) of the As-Salaam Club, and the friends of the Near East College Association, in honoring a distinguished American surgeon and teacher, Dr. Whipple, who is coming to us to help build up a first-class medical center and teaching hospital. He will find the veneration of the names of his great predecessors, Van Dyck, Post and Graham, living in the memory of Lebanon. He will also find my country, both its magnificent

mountains and the free spirit of its people, particularly suited to the pursuit of the great aims of science.

I want to close, Mr. Thomas, by thanking you and wishing you all success in your fifteen million dollar drive for the Near East College Association.

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STRIKES

Trucks were rolling into New York City by the thousands today. The strike isn't over, not by any means. But the drivers removed their picket lines for the first time in twelve days, and allowed vehicles to bring food into the famine-threatened city. In New Jersey, thousands of teamsters returned to the wheels of their trucks, moving first perishables, and later even stuff that is not perishable.

But there is no agreement as yet with employers. Local Eight Oh Seven is the obstacle in the way. Its leaders have lost control, and Mayor O'Dwyer of New York City has stated openly that Communists are leading the four thousand drivers who belong to Eight Oh Seven, needling them and provoking them by familiar Communist tactics. The Communists, ^{having not the} ~~of course, have not the~~ slightest ~~idea~~ intention of improving the lot of the men. All they want to do is to make trouble and create

as much confusion and discomfort ^{for the public} as possible. Today's meeting of the four thousand members of Eight Oh Seven indicated that O'Dwyer might be correct. The crowd on the floor would pay no attention to union officials, on the contrary booed them loudly. The proceedings indicate, indeed, that the Commies have obtained control of that important body of men.

However, Dan Tobin, International President of the Teamers, sent word that those who are working under bona fide contracts should stay on their jobs and take no part in the strike.

As for the walkout of sailors, ~~it had the effect of shutting down every large shipbuilding and repair yard on the Pacific coast.~~ The prospects are that the entire lumbering industry in the northwest will be paralyzed tomorrow morning. Forty thousand marine firemen, oilers, water tenders and wipers, an

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independent union, joined the strike of A.F. of L. sailors. Like the sailors, they have it in for the Wage Stabilization Board for interfering with the agreement that the employers had made with the union.

President Truman took hold today and assigned John R. Steelman, the Reconversion Director, to draw up a plan for settling the strike. Steelman's problem is to get the sailors back on the job and at the same time save the face of the Administration. He has to arrange a settlement that will not, as the member of the government put it, destroy the Wage Stabilization program of the Democratic administration. Steelman is due to make an announcement almost any minute. And here it is.

Stabilization Director John R. Steelman announces that he has amended the wage stabilization regulations under which the Wage Stabilization Board refuses to allow the sailors to have the raises to

seven hundred and fifty of those now in ~~the~~^{the} detention camp on the frontier between Palestine and Egypt.

Everything was outwardly quiet in the Holy Land today, but the atmosphere is tense. There was a slight let-up in restrictions. People have begun to fill the theatres, cafes and night clubs again. But the guards around the residence of the British commander have been doubled.