

MARITIME

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In Washington tonight the Wage Stabilization Board turned down the pay increase demands from the A F of L. The dispute now goes to the White House, where it may force a showdown on the government's entire wage ~~pan~~ policy.

The Chairman of the Wage stabilization Board stated tonight that his organization has in mind no further action. It's now up to the White House. Nor is any board member willing to discuss what steps the President may take.

The walkout of Merchant seamen, which is crippling the nation's maritime service, will probably be worse before it gets better.

Tonight the C I O Maritime Unions injected themselves into the shipping crisis. They say that their two ~~h~~ hundred thousand seamen and longshoremen may join the A F of L --- that is, in a combined strike for higher pay.

This from Joe Curran President of the C I O National Maritime Union. Curran is calling his top

men for an emergency session, in New York, tomorrow morning to discuss ~~in~~ what he calls "possible national action to go into effect on Friday".

Curran is the boss on the East coast only, Harry Bridges of the West Coast is all set to go along.

The two A F of L unions now on strike are demanding pay increases of from five to ten dollars a month above ~~in~~ what the C I O fought for and got in June. So says Joe Curran, if the A F of L can get more, so can he.

Meanwhile the public again is caught in the middle, as usual.

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Gromyko is at it again. This time charging the western powers with ~~xxxxxx~~ sabotaging the United Nations.

His complaint drew an expected reply from an expected source -- from Sir Alexander Cadogan. The British diplomat responded by saying:--,"The Soviet Union's habit of launching accusations openly and unexpectedly can hardly be called cooperation to keep the peace".

The usually impassive Gromyko stood face to face with the Sir Alexander and shouted accusations.

Just before the close of tonight's session, Gromyko called the British representative "irresponsible". The Russian said that Cadogan had accused the Red Army "of murder and pillage". Terming that "insulting", Gromyko demanded a withdrawal.

Cadogan, with all the poise of a British diplomat, quietly refused to make any retraction.

PALESTINE

At the Round Table Conference in London the Arabs today rejected all idea of a Jewish State in Palestine. The conference is between the British Government and the Arab League -- Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Trans-Jordan, Iraq and Syria. The Arabs of Palestine are not represented at the Conference, neither is the Jewish Agency, nor any Jewish Group. The British idea, in staging the affair, is that, if the nations of the Arab League came to an agreement on a proposal, they could bring the Palestine Arabs into line -- and the Zionists might be persuaded to accept. So today's declaration is the answer given ^{by} the Arab League.

It is drastic in tone, drastic in refusal. The Arab League turns down the partition plan for Palestine, the one proposed by the ~~jun~~ joint Anglo-American Committee -- and the terms of the turn-down are such as to constitute a rejection of the basic aspirations of the Zionists.

The spokesman today was Faris Bey El Khouri, President of the Syrian Chamber of Deputies.

He said "What we're concerned with is that the Palestine Arabs should not lose their rights -- that no part of their country should be cut off to make a state for a body of immigrants of different nationalities. The natural solution," he went on, "is that the ~~xxxx~~ overwhelmingly Arab population of Palestine be given the right to live securely and to ~~xxxx~~ determine its own fate by democratic principles."

The unyielding attitude of the Arab League is to be noted in the scathing phraseology of the following, the spokesman declaring: "Palestine has been asked to be an instrument in the realization of dreams of political zionism -- that her people be forcibly uprooted in order that another people ~~xx~~ may take their place."

Unless the Arab League backs down from the stand it took ~~today~~ today, there is no hope that the Round Table Conference in London will come to anything. The discussion yields nothing the Zionists, headed by the Jewish Agency, can dream of considering.

On top of this, the Arabs today demanded that the British put an end to the violence by Zionist Extremists in the Holy Land. If that is not done, the Arabs say they will take matters into their own hand; ~~they will~~ retaliate with violence of their own.

So threatened the Arab spokesman -- and he raised the menace of a Civil War in Palestine, already torn by strife.

ITALY

Uncle Sam today made plain some facts about his intentions toward Italy. Your Uncle doesn't want any ~~money~~ money from the new Republic in the ancient land of the Caesars. He isn't claiming any war damages from Italy. On the other hand, Uncle Sam is not going to hand Italy a lot of millions to be paid out as reparations to other countries -- like the Soviets and their satellites. Your Uncle is not going to pay for the war damage done by Italy, an enemy country.

~~Of course, an ordinary American might have trouble in understanding why anybody would have the idea that we, as a victor in the war, should pay for the harm done by Italy, of the vanquished. But then the logic runs funny over there at the Peace Conference.~~

Today, before the Committee considering Italian economic affairs, Willard Thorp of the State Department in Washington stated that the United States had spent three hundred and fifty billion dollars in the war, and figured that, of that staggering sum,

NAZI TREASURE

And now about -- "operation sparkler".

~~That military task, huge and glittering, has just been completed -- over in Occupied Germany. American and British Military Police, in one giant swoop lasting twenty-four hours, have raided three hundred and sixty-seven hiding places of Nazi treasure. There have been many stories of the seizure of gold and jewels, and other valuable stuff concealed by the followers of Hitler, but this was the greatest treasure hunt of all & - Operation Sparkler.~~

Last June, in Berlin, Allied Officials found a document that had some resemblance to a post office directory. It was a long list of places -- various towns and addresses in Western Germany. A bit of study and quiet investigation disclosed the following: Toward the end of the war, with defeat staring them in the face, the top Nazi leadership decided to hide a great store of wealth, many of the millions that the Nazis had looted. This, tucked safely away, would be available after defeat -- and could be

used to finance a new Nazi movement at some future time. That was the purpose, according to the belief of Allied Officers of Intelligence.

The Nazis decided to conceal the treasure not in one great hiding place, but in many -- all over ~~Wxxx~~ Western Germany. The plan was carried out with that systematic precision of the Germans. They were, in fact, too systematic and precise. They made a carefully drawn up list of the many places of concealment, what was hidden where -- and that was the ~~document~~ document which fell into Allied hands.

The procedure of the Americans and British was as methodical as that of the Germans themselves. They didn't act hastily. They kept everything a dead secret -- so that Nazis might not be forewarned and remove some of the concealed wealth. They planned to seize the treasure, at those many places, in one great simultaneous raid -- Operation Sparkler.

The wholesale seizure was completed

today -- though a tally of the treasure has hardly begun. Three hundred and sixty-seven hiding places were raided in the American Zone alone -- not counting what the British got in their area. ~~Reports are in only seventy-nine of the American raids. In these, the amount of jewels and precious metals confiscated comes to two and a half million dollars, a mere fraction of the whole.~~

~~The~~ Treasure was found hidden chiefly in factories, banks and the shops of silversmiths and goldsmiths. At one place, American M.P.'s took out a whole truckload of silver, which had been cemented into the wall of a jewelry store, *in*

~~So today over in Occupied Germany, American Officers and G.I.'s were making a tally of tens of glittering stuff, gold, silver, jewels --~~ *the gleaming harvest of Operations Sparkler.*

MONTGOMERY

A suggestion was made today that American Troops be sent to London -- and there burn down the buildings of the British Government. The proposal is made by a Britisher, and a top man of the Empire he is -- Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery.

On a trip to Canada and the United States Monty of El Alemain visited President Truman today -- and the President showed him around the White House. He pointed out one thing in particular. I suppose it was a twist of the Harry Truman Missouri humor -- but, anyway, the President showed Britain's number one Military Commander the remaining signs and tokens of the burning of the White House by the British in the War of Eighteen Twelve. Everybody knows how they put the torch to the Presidential Mansion, ^{in 1812,} and made a bon fire out of it.

To this Monty of El Alemain responded with a twist of humor of his own. He doesn't look any too jovial. He's not the hilarious laughing type -- that dour, solemn Scot. But he can get off a joke.

So he suggested a way the Americans could get even for the burning of the White House. He said to President Truman "you could send some American soldiers to Britain, and burn down Whitehall", remarked Monty of El Alemain - Whitehall being the gloomy stuffy assemblage of Government Buildings in London.

Tit for tat, Whitehall for White House.

But President Truman let out a laugh and exclaimed: "Oh no -- those days are gone forever".

So we're not going to send any G I's to burn out the British Government.

Field Marshal Montgomery is going about without any fanfare. There has been some criticism of Monty of El Alemain. But as the New York Times points out he won two crucial battles without the superiority of air power, gun-power and man power that the Allies had later in the war.

And as Henry J. Taylor points out in his fascinating book MEN AND POWER Montgomery "wiped out the recollection of Dunkirk and he did a morale job

BRAZIL JAPS

Here's a headline that flashed today -- Japan defeated: the news that accompanied the headline related that World War Number Two had come to an end with the surrender of Japan. These astonishing tidings appeared in Brazil. They were over a year late -- but then, a strange situation has existed in that big ~~Suuuikk~~ South American republic. Brazil has a large population of Japanese, and these for the most part have stubbornly refused to believe that Japan lost the war.

They thought the bad news was American propaganda.

This has been something of a problem for Brazil, a curious problem -- masses of Japs convinced that the war in the Pacific was still on, and that Japan was winning. Tens of thousands dreaming still of a Rising Sun triumph -- the Mikado's Troops marching through Washington ^{shouting} Banzai. This may seem fantastic -- but not when you hear what occurred today.

The news of the defeat of Japan has

been given out by Jap secret societies in Brazil -- influential organizations that run things, in the Japanese communities down there. The leadership of the secret societies got together, and finally faced the facts. They, in their own words, "Bowed to reality!" ~~And so they decided to inform the Japanese in Brazil that the bad news was true.~~ They drew up a manifesto, and today delivered stacks of copies of this to the national police of Brazil -- for distribution among the Japanese communities.

The manifesto reads: "We, the undersigned on awakening from an illusory dream that has lasted a whole year -- formally declare that we recognize and accept as true the real situation of our Japanese homeland." The melancholy admission is made in the following plaintive words: "Japan was unhappily defeated."

The secret societies conclude with repentance and a promise: "Bowing to reality", says the manifesto, "We regret our past error, and pledge

ourselves to stimulate the task of enlightening those who still ~~ya~~ maintain any illusion." Any illusion, that is, of the triumph of Japan.

The Brazilian Police ~~see~~^{say} that some of the Japanese communities are so isolated in Brazilian Jungles, that they haven't heard even a rumor of the end of the war. Now all the Japs in Brazil ~~at~~ are getting from their own secret societies the mournful headlines of Japan's ~~amx~~ defeat and surrender -- Banzai in a minor key.

BASEBALL

This evening fifteen thousand Brooklynites left Ebbets Field in a state of nervous collapse. Having seen the Dodgers battle the Cincinnati Reds in a nothing to nothing tie for nineteen innings, the longest extra inning game of the ^{season} ~~XXXXXX~~ and one of the most dramatic in the history of baseball.

The Dodgers of course are fighting to overtake the St. Louis Cardinals who have just battled their way to the top of the National League. Today brought hope for the Dodgers, for the Cards had lost to the Phillies.

But the Cincinnati Reds had the redoubtable Johnny Vandermere in there pitching, with the Dodgers using Gregg, Casey, Herring and Behrman - yes, and ^{one} each/of them outdoing himself.

So the game went on inning after inning, with gooseegg after gooseegg going up on the score board. Meantime the fans from Flatbush had heard the news of how the Cards ~~had~~ had just lost. So a victory for Brooklyn well, that would put the Bums

only one game behind St. Louis.

Nine innings, eleven innings, fifteen
innings, seventeen innings, nineteen innings - and
then the umpires called the game on account of
darkness.

And so it was that one of the most exciting
games in the history of baseball came to a no-
decision end -- nineteen innings, nothing to nothing.

There has [^] been longer games ^{than} ~~but~~ [^] that --
a few of them. But was there ever before a nineteen
inning nothing to nothing battle in the big leagues?

I don't know. *Now what do you know, Nelson?*

BASEBALL

In Brooklyn about now, thousands of people are in a state of ~~ix~~ virtual collapse, after a nerve-wracking experience, tense enough to shatter the sanity of the most hardened Brooklyn Baseball Fan. Today the wild-eyed devotees of the Dodgers were looking forward with fervent anticipation to the series with ~~a~~ St. Louis that begins tomorrow -- the beloved bums ~~xxx~~ two games behind, and facing the most crucial crisis that they've had all season.

Meanwhile, Brooklyn had to play the Cincinnati Reds. And a vast crowd assembled at Ebbetts Field -- for what promised to be nothing more than a prelude to the beginning of the Big Series tomorrow. But what happened? A pitching duel developed of the most exciting sort -- nothing to nothing, inning after inning.

Meanwhile, the word came that the hated Cardinals had lost in ~~Phila~~ Philadelphia -- beaten ~~ix~~ nine to four by the Phillies. So if the Dodgers could win today's game, they would go into

the crucial series tomorrow only one game behind.

So you can imagine the steamed - up
insanity in the Dodger Fans, as the bums and the Reds
went inning after inning, nothing to nothing -- nine
innings, ten innings, fifteen innings, sixteen
¹⁷ ~~innings,~~
innings, and still not a score for either side.

and now H - what from you ?

MARITIME STRIKE

The latest about the Maritime Strike is from Tampa, Florida, and tells of a ~~wk~~ walkout of shipyard workers and cigar makers, rather oddly assorted trades. But then Tampa is a busy seaport, and ~~it~~ has a lot of cigar factories, -- ~~and~~ Today's ^{there} event [^] was a strike in sympathy with the Maritime workers. A crowd of eight thousand marched to the City Hall, ~~and there~~ ^{to} ~~protested~~ [^] against ~~the~~ ^{the} police protection ~~that is~~ being given to non-union workers unloading banana boats.

This Tampa sympathy strike is significant in view of the fact that the A.F. of L. Maritime Union is urging a twenty-four ~~max~~ hour sympathy strike by the entire American Federation of Labor and by the C.I.O. too.

From Washington we hear that the wage stabilization ~~board~~ board is ~~now~~ thinking about turning the strike problem over to the White House.

The shipping companies are willing to grant the wage demands of the A.F. of L. but the

Stabilization Board has rejected the pay ~~raise~~^{raise} on the ground that it would be inflationary -- now the Board finds itself in a hot spot -- and it's about ready, we hear, to turn the dispute over to President Truman.

In the New York trucking strike, Mayor O'Dwyer issued an appeal to President Tobin of the nationwide Teamsters' Union, asking him to intervene personally. Today Tobin replied with a refusal. Nevertheless, Mayor O'Dwyer this afternoon expressed confidence that the walkout would end soon. It had better end soon, if New York is to escape a severe ordeal.

The strike of the truck drivers is threatening the big town with a progressive paralysis.

twenty billions were put into the business of defeating Italy. In addition, the United States has contributed nearly a billion dollars to help the Italian nation, since the end of the war. But, said he, we don't want any reparations. We are not demanding any war damage money from the Italian Republic.

Other nations, however, are demanding reparations from the Italians -- and they're talking in astronomical figures. They want billions here and billions there -- the Soviets and the Soviet Puppets in particular. Of course, Italy is flat broke -- as everybody knows. So where would the new Republic get the money? The answer is easy -- from Uncle Sam. All we ~~we~~ would have to do would be to contribute some more millions and billions to help the Italians recover from the disaster of war -- and then the Italians would pay out as reparations to other countries the money they got from us.

"No dice," exclaims Uncle Sam. Today our State Department Representative put it in the

following words, succinctly and to the point: "We do not wish our assistance to Italy merely to pass through Italy as a temporary transfer point, and go out to other countries as reparations. We bent every effort, "He went on, "providing supplies during the war to our Allies, but we are not at all interested in paying reparations for our ~~exxex~~ ex-enemies.

superbly.

Yes, in the history of the Second World War, the name of Field Marshall Montgomery will stand right at the top among the greatest of military leaders.