

STRIKE

L.I. - Sunco and P. & G. Tuesday, July 22, 1947.

That strike on the Southern Pacific, one of the great railroads of the country, may have set a record for brevity in the settlement of labor disputes. The striking engineers returned to their cabs at ~~xxxx~~ twelve-thirty P M Pacific Standard Time, today, just twelve-and-a-half hours after leaving their jobs.

Although disruption of service all through the Far West was widespread, today the only major inconvenience was suffered by travelers, who were delayed over night in reaching their destination.

Some famous trains ground to a halt last night at the six p.m. deadline - some ^{at} ~~of~~ fairly large railroad junctions, some at ~~xxx~~ mere whistle stops. And the passengers, many of them irate, were forced to find whatever accommodations they could. Some slept in coaches, others swamped resort hotels in Tucson and Yuma, ~~in~~ Arizona; in Sparks, Nevada, and elsewhere through ^{out} the West. But today passenger service was back to normal.

The freight situation is still not good, and will not be back to normal for some days, says A.T. Mercier, President of the Southern Pacific. But it might have been worse with the strike coming at the height of the harvest season and a multi-million dollar crop of citrus fruits, melons, and highly perishable vegetables in danger of rotting in stroke piles, fields and orchards.

What did the engineers win by their strike? They won fifteen of their twenty demands, and five ■■ they withdrew; One of the five -- a demand for a three-dollar-a-day increase in minimum wages.

One result of the strike: The engineers get softer seat cushions in their cabs, and respirators to keep their lungs clean while roaring through those tunnels through our western mountains.

HUNGARY

There was a dramatic scene in the Hungarian Parliament today - when the Deputies of one of the political parties arose in a body, and walked out. The Parliament at Budapest is dominated by the Communists, as we know, and the Deputies who walked out are members of - the Freedom Party, a democratic group, *— non-Communist.* They acted as they did immediately after the reading of a letter - a letter in which the Freedom Party announced that it was dissolving, ^{going} ~~going~~ out of existence. The democratic faction decided ^{ing} to quit rather than risk what the letter called - "The life and safety of its members."

Which is another symptom of the terror the Red despotism has established in puppet Hungary.

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COMMUNISTS

This day is to be marked down as one that produced a lot of dramatic evidence about the way of Communism in the U.S.A. There were two separate disclosures -- one at a Federal Trial, the other before a Congressional Committee.

(The trial, that of Gerhart Eisler, who faces a Federal Court on a charge of passport fraud. According to the F.B.I., Eisler was at one time Stalin's Chief Agent in the United States, the secret boss of the American Communist Party.)

Evidence to prove this was given today, the witness being a Former Communist, -- one time District Leader of the Communist Party in Cleveland. He is Joseph Zach Kornfeder, now a salesman at Detroit. He told how in May of Nineteen Thirty-Four he had a talk with Eisler.

According to Dornfeder, Eisler made it clear who was running the American Communist Party, who was the real boss -- Eisler himself, as Stalin's Number One Agent in America. He told Kornfeder that he had selected all

the members of the Red National Committee.

And there was further culminating proof. It seems that the Cleveland District Leader had been talking out of line -- the party line as interpreted by Stalin's Agent Eisler. So now Eisler told Kornfeder, he'd better toe the line, or, be expelled from the party.

Kornfeder, with an independence of judgment disastrous in a Communist, told Eisler he had a right to talk as he saw fit. He just wasn't servile enough. So what happened? Kornfeder told ~~the~~ ^{about it in} court today in brief, succinct terms:- "A month later, I was expelled," said he. The terrible fate of a Comrade who doesn't bow his neck humbly enough to the Commands of Stalin - expelled from the party.

The other disclosure of Red doings was made by a man who appeared before a Congressional Committee under vigilant guard - protected by two Washington detectives and an agent of the F.B.I. They were with him all through his testimony, and they escorted him when he left the Committee hearing. In addition to which, he wore ~~big~~ dark glasses, as a ~~sort of~~ ^{half} disguise.

This dramatic figure was Victor Kravchendo, one time Soviet Diplomatic Official, a Moscow purchasing agent in the United States - who revolted against the Red tyranny, preferred America, and wrote a sensational expose of the Stalin despotism, the book called "I

Chose Freedom." The Committee on un-American activities is investigating Red espionage in this country, and Kravchenko, who was a Soviet Purchasing Agent, was in position to know about that.

Today he stated that Soviet spies are operating all over this country under the cover of diplomatic and official business. "Every responsible representative of the Soviet Union in the United States," he declared, "may be regarded as an economic or political spy."

To the Committee he cited ^{definite} ~~two~~ instances of Red espionage on the part of ~~XXXXXXXX~~ official Soviet visitors to the U.S.A. One ~~was~~ a Russian who ~~came over here~~ in the guise of an ordinary engineer ~~XXXXXXXX~~ of a ~~Soviet Metallurgical Plant~~ and who spied into aviation secrets. He gathered what Kravchenko called "Enormous confidential material concerning American aviation including confidential data, photographs and blueprints." ~~This the pretended metallurgical engineer delivered personally in Moscow.~~

Kravchenko ^{today} gave it as his opinion that, if Stalin were to die, Molotov would take over - and the ~~any~~ Communist Regime would continue unshaken. Its policy would remain the same - a policy that concentrates on creating confusion and chaos in the United States. In this, the Communist Party over here is the Chief instrument, but Kravchenko said that fellow - traveleres are even more dangerous, and he made scathing mention of an American millionaire who finances Red publications.

When Kravchenko left the Committee hearing news photographers gathered around him for a picture. He refused at first, pleading with them. He said he had to leave five apartments ~~in~~ in New York, because his neighbors had seen pictures of him in the newspapers and had protested -- saying they were afraid the buildings would be bombed, vengeance of the Reds. He added that he now has a satisfactory apartment and doesn't want to lose it.

INDONESIA

The current outbreak of fighting in Java was brought before the United Nations today -- both sides dispatching messages to the Security Council. The Dutch government describes its military operations against the Indonesian Republic as -- "police measures of a strictly limited character." They say ^{the} people of Java have self-government with Dominion status, and they charge the leaders of the Indonesians with violating the truce that was in effect and with various kinds of destruction and violence.

The Indonesian Republic, having no status as a nation, cannot bring its protest formally before the United Nations. But Representatives of Mohammedan countries in the U.N. say they will present the Indonesian case. There is some supposition that the Dutch, too, may ask for ~~MX~~ U.N. intervention.

Meanwhile, in Java, violent fighting goes on; the Dutch attacking by sea, land and air. Dutch warships bombarding ports held by the Indonesians, and fighting artillery duels with land guns -- one Dutch warship

damaged today. Dutch Marines thrown ashore in amphibious operations at various places, advancing against important points held by the Indonesians -- while Dutch planes carry on extensive aerial warfare. The Dutch strategy seems to be to make a quick thrust across the long narrow island, cut Java in two, and isolate the Indonesian Forces from food producing areas.

JAPAN

Today brings a bit of shrewd explanation on the subject of Japan, the puzzle that still has us wondering - the good feeling between the conquerors and the conquered. Today's observations come from Earl Johnson, Vice-President and General Manager of the United Press, who is on a tour of the Far East. He notes the friendliness and genuine sympathy of the Americans toward the once-hated Japanese - and, on the other hand, the enthusiasm of the Japanese for their masters. So how explain it?

Earl Johnson says the American attitude out there stems right out of official headquarters - MacArthur's Headquarters. He notes an Evangelistic attitude there, a spirit of fervor. "In such an atmosphere," writes Earl Johnson, "References to Christian principles guiding the occupation of Japan do not seem out of place." He speaks of the MacArthur group as men who, in Earl Johnson's words -- "Feel a responsibility to civilization to drop rancor, revenge and hate from their hearts. They feel their role is to establish

freedom and justice in this island empire." To which he adds: "They appear to regard themselves as Evangelists of Democracy."

On the side of the Japanese, Earl Johnson notes a factor that has been cited before --surprise, like a shock, when the conquering American Army did not go into an orgy of pillage, murder and atrocity, as the Japs had been led by their warlords to expect. Their present state of mind is a tense reaction, the reaction they experienced when they realized how badly they had been misled.

All of which leads to an official American interpretation out there- the view of the ~~Mr~~ MacArthur people about the mental processes of the Japanese. Earl Johnson quotes a **g**eneral on MacArthur's Staff as referring to what the **g**eneral called "Civilization Age." That is, some nations have an adult civilization, others a juvenile sort of civilization. "His theory," writes Earl Johnson, "is that, if Anglo-Saxon

Civilization can be said to be mature, then the civilization age of the Japanese would be about ^{the age of} twelve. ~~years old~~ "Twelve, he goes on, "is an age of great flexibility and inadequate experience. It is an age that worships power. It responds favorably ~~to~~ to kindness. It learns rapidly."

Such is the kind of philosophy that accompanies the Evangelistic spirit of Democracy at MacArthur Headquarters in Tokyo.

CHICKEN

Last night we had the story about the Louisiana critter that's half cat and half rabbit - a g cross between a Tom Cat and an Easter Bunny. Today's marvel is reported from Japan. In the Far East fantastic marvels of nature are a commonplace. The most factual and sober minded Oriental will tell you of any number of prodigies like three-headed spiders, and, snakes with feathers. So today's account is rather ordinary -- telling of a mere four-legged chicken.

This Japanese quadruped of the bird family is said to have been hatched by an ordinary hen in an ordinary ~~next~~ nest of eggs. The chicken with the four legs has its extra pair ~~situated~~ situated in the rear, and uses them as props while standing. When walking about, the chicken raises its hind legs and operates on the normal two - finding the extra ~~a~~ pair a great convenience when ^{just} standing ~~around~~.

It sounds fantastic, but you never can tell what will happen in Japan nowadays ~~a~~ - maybe it's all by order of General MacArthur.

WEATHER

News about the Mid-Western cold wave. That's the word - cold, not heat. ~~H~~ Though this is July, when the usual weather report from the Middlewest is - torrid, Chicago reports the chilliest July day in the hundred year history of the Chicago weather bureau - - the thermometer sinking to forty-nine-and-three-tenths.

^{TP} At Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin, they narrowly escaped a July freeze, escaped by one degree, the thermometer sinking to thirty-three.

The serious part of it is the effect on the corn crop - corn needing hot sunshine and warm nights to ripen on schedule. So the cold wave is delaying the corn crop. ^{TP} However the weather man says that a tide of warm air has entered Western Iowa, traveling east, and the cold wave will soon end. Good corn growing weather on its way to the corn belt.

ARIZONA RAIN

In Arizona, the aboriginal inhabitants, the Hopi Indians, for thousands of years, have had ceremonies worshipping the God of Rain - the famous Hopi Rain dance, with medicine men calling upon their deity for rain; and, often getting it.

This ~~xxx~~ year the Arizona tablelands and ranges are parched. And, lo not even the Indian, could bring his rain God around to his point of view this year.

But there's a modern medicine man out at Phoenix College, and he's making it rain in Arizona right now. The miracle man is Amos Hoff, Professor of Physics and meteorology. His ceremony is simpler than the Indians'; just take a big plane -- a D C 3 -- l aded with dry ice, dive it into a moisture laden cloud and presto the rain falls. Hoff tried it today and it worked. He flew five hundred pounds of powdered dry ice into the middle of a cloud and dumped it overboard. Says Hoff: The reaction was instantaneous. The cloud boiled, flattened out, and then released

thousands of tons of water."

All this with five hundred pounds of dry ice.

Hopi medicine men may even now be out of their jobs. Which brings us to our great chief Rain-In-The-Face, and who could that be but Nelson Case.

STEEL

Round table conference by leaders of the Steel Industry is planned. Purpose, to wipe out the black market in steel. Today, one of the big steel industrialists, Frank Nichols of the Nichols Wire and Steel Company, stated that the Black Market operations in steel are widespread, and if conditions are not improved there's a likelihood that the government will take control of the steel industry, said he.

So now we have a program for the top leaders in ~~the~~ steel to get together in a round table conference and eliminate the black market.

"The same thing," said Kravchenko, "happened as regards American submarines. Soviet Naval Captains in civilian clothes," he added, "were engaged in this work." They delivered American submarine secrets to Moscow. Red officers in the guise of civilians, ^{that} was nothing exceptional, apparently. Kravchenko stated it ~~was~~ was customary for Soviet military experts to come to the U.S.A. as civilians, and for civilian experts to arrive as military men.

Kravchenko stated today that when he entered this country as a member of a Soviet Purchasing Mission, he was ordered to check with a Mr. Sedov, ostensibly a minor purchasing official, but actually one of the most powerful Stalin agents in this country. He said that Sedov outranked the Red Army General who headed the Purchasing Mission, and even gave orders to Gromyko then Soviet Ambassador in Washington - now the chief Red Delegate to the United Nations. Sedov had authority over Gromyko, the Ambassador, on all Communist Party matters.

But he finally consented to pose for some pictures -- pose behind the concealment of the big dark glasses and covering most of his face with his hands. Then he went off under the protection of the two policemen and the Agent of the F.B.I. ^{all of} which calls to mind the fact that the enemies of **x Stalin x** have been known to be killed in strange and unexpected ways.

CHINA

General Wedemeyer has arrived in China, the latest of a series of special American envoys sent out to that bedeviled land. General Wedemeyer is to give advice and direction to the government of Chiang Kai-Shek, with suggestions whereby the National Regime can improve things with political and economic reform - while receiving aid from the United States.

General Wedemeyer stated today that his attitude would be - realistic. To which he added, " Good results are likeliest to be obtained through sound and careful planning, based, not upon what we hope to be true, but upon what, through objective and ~~the~~ thorough examination we know to be true."

his wartime colleague
Tomorrow he sees [^]Chiang Kai-Shek.