

MARITIME

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The World Federation of Trade Unions today took action to make the proposed strike of American Maritime Unions effective all over the world. The Federation sent formal requests to its members in twenty countries, asking them to cooperate.

Congressmen charged the leaders of the Maritime Unions with treason, but this did not phase them. The request for cooperation was acknowledged by the French Secretary General of the World Federation of Trade Unions. Notice of the strike call is going out immediately to all unions affiliated with the Federation. This means that if these affiliated unions comply, American ships will not be unloaded at foreign ports.

Although the strike will be called by C.I.O. unions, two maritime unions belonging to the A.F. of L. will cooperate, The Seafarers International, and the Union of Masters, Mates and Pilots have announced that

they will respect picket lines if the ^{ne is a} strike. ~~So called~~

~~Which~~ ^{Which} means that shipping will be sewed up tight unless

President Truman carries out his threat to use the

Army and the Navy to move American vessels. Only one

union stands aloof, that is the International

Longshoremen's Association of the A.F. of L. Its

president says that ~~ixix~~ the strike is a political

one and its dock workers on the East coast will give

it no support.

PETRILLO

At St. Petersburg, Florida, today, James Caesar Petrillo engaged in a regular festival of abuse. He denounced everybody from President Truman to the National Association of Broadcasters. His rage, of course, was because of the Lea Bill which President Truman signed.

Petrillo
A said the National Association of Broadcasters had four lobbyists in Washington and that it had spent a million

and a half dollars to publicize Petrillo's middle name; *Caesar.* A

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And he used these words: "If the Supreme Court rules that the Lea Bill is constitutional, the small radio stations will get no more music from the networks, because we shall rule that these locals can play locally only."

Petrillo also accused the press, members of Congress, government officials.

WAR POWERS

The chances are President Truman and his government will enjoy extraordinary war powers for at least another year. The Judiciary Committee of the Senate today approved a proposal to extend the Second War Powers Act until July, Nineteen Forty-Seven. The House has already passed a bill to that effect. It gives the government complete control over all building materials and priority. But except for building materials, the government's rationing power will come to an end March Thirty-First, Nineteen Forty-Seven. Until that time, the Interstate Commerce Commission will also have power over trucks, buses and railroads and other extraordinary war-time authority.

COURT

The Supreme Court of the United States today handed down two memorable decisions; ~~in one of them it~~ ^{one having} ~~to do with the~~ ~~made a precedent in southern Jim Crow laws.~~ The ~~justices~~ decided, six-to-one, that the Virginia statutes providing for segregation of negroes on buses is unconstitutional ^{so far as} ~~when they~~ buses cross state lines.

A Virginia court had fined a negress ten dollars for refusing to sit in the segregated section of a bus traveling from Gloucester County, Virginia to Baltimore, Maryland. The Virginia Supreme Court upheld the fine, said it was ^{all in order} ~~in compliance with human nature.~~ It was ~~passed~~ to prevent ^{trouble} ~~between~~ ~~whites~~ whites and negroes, which might endanger the public safety. But ^{U.S. Supreme} the Court holds that seating arrangements for different races in interstate motor travel require^s a single uniform rule to promote and protect national travel.

^{All of which may wipe} ~~This apparently wipes~~ out not only the Jim Crow law of Virginia, but in twelve other southern states.

In a Florida case, affecting freedom of the press, the Justices were unanimous. The Miami Herald and its Associate Editor, John B. Pennekamp, had published scorching criticism of the way two Circuit judges in Dade County, Florida, had treated certain criminal cases. The Judges hauled the editor into court, fined the ^{paper} ~~the~~ a thousand dollars and the editor two-hundred-and-fifty. Justice Stanley Reed, who wrote the opinion, said that under a free press, newspapers have the right to unlimited comment of court actions. Freedom of discussion, he said, should be given the widest range, compatible with the fair and orderly administration of justice. "There might be cases," he added, "in which newspaper comments on cases not settled yet might interfere with justice. In such cases, the courts would be right to take steps."

Justice Frank Murphy, in a supplementary

opinion, said that the freedom guaranteed American newspapers includes the right to criticize and disparage even though the terms be vitriolic, scurrilous and erroneous.

The Supreme Court also handed out relief to rent payers. ~~They decided that~~ Courts ^{to} have the right to order landlords to pay refunds where they've charged rents higher than the O.P.A. ceilings.

ELECTIONS

Election returns from Czechoslovakia; ~~bring no good news~~. After a final check-up, the electoral commission has found that the Marxist parties will have a clear majority in the Czechoslovakian government.

Among ~~the~~ Marxists, the Communists will ~~xxx~~ be the most powerful. The Marxist parties will have a hundred and fifty-three members of ^{the Prague} Parliament; the non-Marxist a hundred and forty-seven. The Communists will have the greatest influence in drafting the new constitution.

However, it takes a two-thirds majority to pass the constitution. There's no question that the Communists have the support of the greatest numbers, their total popular vote being two million, six hundred and ninety-five odd thousand.

From France comes a slightly different story.

There the Popular Republican Party won a hundred-and-sixty seats in the Constituent Assembly, a majority of

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eighteen over the Communists, who had a hundred and forty-two, while the Socialists won a hundred and fifteen. The interesting point in all this is that the Republicans have gained in strength since last October.

As for Italy, the fate of the House of Savoy still is in doubt. If it were left to the people of northern Italy, there is no doubt that King Humbert would be ousted, by a heavy majority. The early returns show that the northern Italians, especially in the cities, want a republic. But the people of the south, the Calabrians, Neapolitans and Sicilians? So far there are no figures to show which way they are voting.

Among those who voted at Milan today was Arturo Toscanini, the conductor.

On the second day of the balloting, there

was even more violence, three killed, thirty-three wounded. At Savona, near Genoa, a band of ruffians with machineguns tried to steal the ballot boxes. The state police ^{finally} drove them off after a ~~last~~ fight.

One ~~remarkable feature~~ ^{side light on} the election is ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~story~~ ^{proof} that the corrupt and dissipated Italian nobility are as crooked as any Fascist toughs. For example, in Rome a marchioness was arrested for trying to vote twice. A colonel in the army was walking along the street when three illegal ballots fell out of his pocket. The carabinieri arrested him. ^{hand,} There were other similar instances involving members of the shady Roman nobility.

RUSSIA

In Washington today, President Truman was exchanging polite diplomatic compliments with Ivan Novikov, the new Russian Ambassador. They both talked earnestly about Soviet-American relationship. President Truman told the new Soviet envoy he would be glad of suggestions for improving and strengthening relations between the two nations. Just what Comrade Novikov's reply was we don't know. But we do know that at Moscow,

Today, the official Soviet press was pouring out further abuse on the United States, charging us, the most unwarlike of all nations, with war-mongering. The Soviets well know, and we know that they know, that if ever there was a government and a people that want no part of any war, it's the U.S.A. But any nation that has six million men under arms has to have some danger ~~real~~ real or imaginary to shout about.

Another Soviet spokesman accuses President Truman of having returned the government of the United States to Wall Street. An article in the official PRAVDA attacks what we are doing in Korea.

Oh yes, and a Moscow radio commentator declares that our talk about the Russians having erected an iron curtain and an eastern bloc in Europe is all an ~~in~~ invention of foreign propaganda, an attempt to conceal our attempts to provoke afresh conflicts and secure a re-division of the world. That's what they are telling their people. Also, the official Russian news agency, TASS, is describing our loan to France as a Shylock deal. I suppose we were Shylocks when we gave the ~~Ru~~ ~~Russ~~ Russians everything they wanted during the war -- and without which they would have been chased all the way to Siberia. That's the sort of gratitude we get.

A story from London reports that the British government is exceedingly alarmed over the differences between the Big Three, Uncle Sam, John Bull, and the Soviets.

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The request that Stettinius ~~lay this matter~~
know, resigned as our member of the
~~before the United Nations Council comes a bit late,~~

~~since he has resigned as our representative on the~~
~~Council~~ President Truman ^{*had*} told newspapermen he hoped
Stettinius would change his mind; but, this afternoon he
announced definitely that he would not withdraw his
resignation. ^{*So,*} ~~and~~ President Truman accepted it
reluctantly.

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SPY TRIAL

Evidence of the spy trial in Montreal today shows that the Russians had paid for information about the atomic bomb and its tests while we were still at war, while we were allies of the Soviets. According to official announcements, the preliminary tests were made in New Mexico July Sixteenth. ^{Well,} Colonel Zabotin, Russian military attache' at Ottawa, sent information to Moscow July Ninth, Nineteen Forty-Five.

According to the document produced at the trial of Fred Rose, Communist members of the Canadian Parliament, ^e ~~the~~ ^{sold to the Soviets} information [^] was based on reports by Dr. Alan Nunn May, the English scientist now serving ten years in England for espionage. The document contained corroborative details. It was a paper which Gouzenko, formerly an expert on secret codes, smuggled out of the ^s Russian Embassy. ^[Parliamentary Member] Gouzenko identified [^] Rose as one of the ^{con} ~~the~~ ^{ing} conspiracy to supply Moscow with ~~the~~ vital information.

KALININ

Mikhail Kalinin, twice President of the Soviet Union, died today, two and a half months after he resigned. For twenty-seven years, ^{Kalinin} ~~he~~ was nominal head of the Soviet state. Not much was known about him, and he does not seem to have been a particularly colorful individual. ^{Always} Existing as he did, in the shadow of Stalin, there was not even much curiosity about the individuality of the President of the Soviet Union.

COMMIES

During the war, the number of ^{our} Navy officers who actually were Communist fellow travelers, ran up into the thousands. This we have on the authority of Captain J.W. Whitfield, Assistant Chief of Naval Intelligence. He told a Committee of Congressmen that Navy officers had been forbidden to prevent a man from obtaining a commission because he was a Communist or a Communist sympathizer. Thus the Navy Department was forced to give a commission to a certain known fellow traveler^s because of pressure from higher authority.

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LICHFIELD

The trial of army officers for brutality to prisoners got under way at Bad Nauheim today. One enlisted man testified that he saw Lieutenant Lennon Ennis of Peekskill, New York, beating a prisoner with a club, ~~beating him until the poor fellow hollered for his mother.~~ Others testified to having been beaten in the face with not only fists but rifle-butts. Some of the details that came out today would be more suitable if they had been told about the conduct of Nazi S.S. guards than of American officers and men. ~~They are such that they cannot be repeated over the air.~~

In the case of Lieutenant Granville Cubage of Oklahoma City, an enlisted man, for the second time refused to testify, ~~and he explained:~~ *Said he:-* "I testified once and my picture came out all over the United States as *- not as a witness,* one of the accused," And then he continued: "All this trial has done is mess us up ever since we have testified."

Colonel James A. Kilian, former commander of

Camp Lichfield, ~~where all these horrors were perpetrated,~~

refused to testify. He said he would stand on his

constitutional rights. Kilian had been accused of

bearing the major responsibility for ~~the atrocities which~~

all that
are said to have
American soldiers suffered at Lichfield.

EGGS

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A group of senators today learned that high Navy officers at the San Juan naval base, Puerto Rico, spend eight hundred dollars of Uncle Sam's money on a chicken farm to provide ~~free~~ eggs and poultry for senior naval officers. ^{re}Read Admiral Foster told the Senators that part of the responsibility for this should be laid to the door of Vice Admiral R.C. Giffen, and he added that spending eight hundred dollars to support about a hundred chickens was hardly sound business. Senator Mead said those must have been golden eggs.

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All of this reminds us of a comment once made by Mark Twain. "I know there is money in the chicken business, ~~and it is~~ because I put it there," said Marks. "And what do you say, Don Pardo

~~The Committee also learned that Captain F.E. Weld of the Navy had used Uncle Sam's lumber and the services of Uncle Sam's enlisted men to build him a ten-dollar doghouse. Any married man can tell you that you don't have to spend half of that money to get into the doghouse.~~