

WEST COAST STRIKE

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In San Francisco tonight the Army announces that if it cannot hire enough men to load military cargoes for Pacific bases, it will march troops past the C I O picket lines. This on order from Army Secretary Royall. He says the Army "must and will" move about two-hundred-and-fifty-thousand tons of cargo monthly. Food and supplies for our outposts in Japan, Hawaii, ~~in~~ Korea and the Pacific Islands.

Late word from San Francisco is that the international longshoremen's union, ~~which is~~ led by Harry Bridges, is calling for all labor unions across the nation to give its support to crush the Army move. The longshoremen saying that they ^{are ready to} ~~are~~ send their men back to work ^{handling} ~~to~~ the military cargoes, but through their own hiring halls, ^{the} union leaders not wanting their men to sign up with the army as civil servants.

Tonight there is a ^{triple} ~~double~~ picket line in front of the Army's hiring hall at Fort Mason, San Francisco, a thousand union men assembled to stop

BERLIN

What's the diplomatic ^{latest} ~~news~~ in the Berlin crisis tonight? The best answer is to look at some Air Force news.

It was disclosed in Washington today that a new large contingent of transport planes has been ordered to the Berlin air lift. Forty-big C-54 cargo carriers are being flown from the Pacific to Germany, to be put on the aerial supply run.

More than a hundred planes are now flying food and fuel, and are being reinforced by forty more from the Pacific ^{--this} as winter approaches with its promise of the usual bad weather in northern Europe. ^{TP} This Air Force news is announced with a strong implication that the western powers now see little hope that the Berlin blockade will be lifted in the near future.

As for ^{any direct} ~~the~~ diplomatic news, it's vague and there's little of it. We hear that in Moscow the western envoys are likely to have another interview in the Kreamlin, following the one they had last night. This next one may be the last one - such is

the intimation from London. We hear that the western envoys, last night, asked for a talk with Stalin - but were told the Soviet dictator was not in Moscow. Presumably Stalin is on a vacation - at his palace on the Black Sea.

Secretary of State Marshall ~~had~~ a news conference today, ~~but~~ had little encouragement to offer for an improvement in the international crisis. The Secretary of State was vague, and refrained from anything definite on the likelihood of a settlement of the Berlin blockade.

He devoted most of his remarks to a defense of the United Nations, appealing to Americans to show more patience and tolerance toward the U.N. He pointed out that the world organization was formed, not to make peace, but to maintain it - and there has been no real state of peace following the end of World War Two. He argued that the U N was not created to do its job in such an ominous condition of affairs. Yet the United Nations have achieved some important results - though it's remarkable

FOLLOW BERLIN

In Berlin, itself, the friction between West and East goes on. The British command today rejected an angry protest from Soviet General Kotikov, who demanded the punishment of what he called "~~fascist~~ ^{anti-Communist} bandits". That is - anti-Communist Germans, who attacked ^{the} a Russian war memorial in a British zone, and pulled down the Red flag. ~~This~~ was ^{the} during an anti-Communist rally, in which shots were fired from the nearby Soviet zone. The British response to the protest states that the Russians themselves caused the trouble -- Soviet troops driving military vehicles into packed crowds -- and firing shots in the air.

Berlin Germans are increasingly angry over heavy sentences imposed by the Russians on ^{the} five young Germans who took part in the demonstration against the Soviet war memorial and Red flag. They have been sentenced to twenty-five years in prison - which may be more like death sentences, considering what happens to prisoners of the Communists.

~~Moreover, two other Germans, brothers, have been given from twenty to twenty-five years at forced labor, because of anti-Communist activities.~~

The American authorities in Berlin charge that the Russians are illegally trying a high German city official, head of the Berlin coal organization. Apparently, the Reds are charging him with sabotage. Actually, anti-Communism.

All this adds up to an impression that the Soviets are increasingly disturbed by rising anti-Communism among the Germans, and are starting a ruthless purge of Germans who oppose the Reds.

ITALIAN COLONIES

The question of the Italian Colonies has been referred to the General Assembly of the United Nations - the Big Four delegates taking official action today. After their discussions broke up early this morning in a complete disagreement, there was nothing else for them to do - the ~~same~~ hour at noon today being the deadline for referring the problem to the U N.

~~Some~~ Representatives of the United States,

Soviet Russia, Great Britain and France got together

^{today} and drew up ^a joint letter to the U N Secretary

General, Trygve Lie. They asked him to submit the

matter of the former Italian Colonies to the General

Assembly, when it meets on the Twenty-First.



ADD ITALIAN COLONIES

The word is that the Soviets will demand a U N trusteeship for all the colonies which would give Moscow a hand in their administration. While the western powers will advocate an immediate return of Somaliland in East Africa, to Italy - and a delay of one year in the disposition of the strategic lands of East African Eritrea and North African Libya. These to be left as they are -- under British control.

FUR UNION

Congress is investigating the C. I. O. Fur Union, charged with being Communist controlled -- and today's evidence brought out an interesting fact. The records of the Furrier's Organization show that the Union spent four-hundred-and-fifty-nine dollars on a fur lined coat, presented as a gift to the Soviet writer, Ilya Ehrenberg. That happened when the writer was on a visit to this country a couple of years ago.

Ehrenberg, ~~is~~ one of the foremost of the Moscow propagandists, ~~he~~ has turned out some of the most virulent attacks against the United States. However, he may be wearing that American fur coat, which the furrier's Union presented to him. The reason for the gift was expressed in the following words: "It is very cold in Russia." So the union shelled out four-hundred-and-fifty-nine dollars for it -- the money, of course, coming out of the pockets of the workers.

The question of Union contributions was pressed today. There are contributions of many kinds, like the money for Ehrenberg's fur coat; so, are the Union members

compelled to contribute money? Union leaders today testified, under oath, that the contributions are voluntary. However, two workers in the fur ~~industry~~ industry told the committee that they were forced to shell out the cash - although they objected. In one case they were assessed half a day's pay, and had to kick in - though they didn't want to.

One of the witnesses today stated that he was a right winger in the Union, and was sure he would suffer reprisals for the testimony he gave today. "Eventually," said he, "they'll take revenge on me for coming here."

MONOPOLY

~~The government entered~~ *A* huge antitrust suit *has*
been launched
against the four largest meat packing companies --

Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahy. These firms, the big four, are charged with forming what the indictment calls -- "A monopolizing combination."

The allegation is that, transacting most of the Wholesale Meat business, they have arrangements for allocating supplies among themselves, and selling at the same prices - eliminating competition. The Department of Justice asks the federal court in Chicago to put a stop to this, and recommends that each of the Companies of the Big Four be broken up into smaller concerns. ~~The proposal is that~~ Armour ~~be~~ divided into five separate companies, Swift into five, Wilson and Cudahy into two separate firms each.

The reply of the meat packing houses is prompt, charging that today's prosecution under the Anti-Trust Law was filed - for political reasons. From Armour comes the statement that the Company's profit last year was only one-fifth of a cent a pound, too small

to have any particular effect on the rise of meat prices.

Well, whatever the outcome may be, the Federal Government is filing the biggest Anti-trust suit in years.

in addition to those already scheduled, by Spokane, Washington, Portland, Idaho; and Cheyenne, Wyoming. All this is done with determination on the part of the Republican high command to give special attention to those states where close races are expected for representation in the Senate.

Meanwhile the White House dispatches that Mr. Taft will travel the border states about as he always does from his western campaign which starts on Friday. The President is expected to be in Washington by way of Arizona and New Mexico with one stop and a major speech in Texas. From there the Presidential campaign will swing around the Deep South, through Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisiana, then New Jersey through Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia.

POLITICS

We hear from Albany tonight that Governor Thomas Dewey will deliver three major speeches in Montana - also that during his first campaign tour, which starts on Sunday, the Republican presidential candidate will make three extra speeches in the West, in addition to those already scheduled. At Spokane, Washington; Pocatello, Idaho; and Cheyenne, Wyoming. All this in line with ^{the} determination ~~to~~ of the Republican high command ^{to} give special attention to those states where close races are expected for representation in the Senate.

Meanwhile the White House discloses that Mr. Truman will travel the border states circuit as he swings back from his western campaign which starts on Friday. The President to return to Washington by way of Arizona and New Mexico with two stops and a major speech in Texas. From there the Presidential campaign will swing around the Deep South, through Oklahoma, his home state of Missouri, then ~~homewards~~ through lower Illinois, Kentucky and West Virginia.

ADD POLITICS

And Here's the first indication of the two presidential candidates crowding each other on their campaign tours. Governor Dewey is slated to speak at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles on September twenty-fourth. President Truman will also be in Los Angeles. The County Democratic organization wanted to use the Hollywood Bowl for a presidential speech on September twenty-third. But the management of the bowl replied that the local Republican committee had reserved the outdoor amphitheatre for *certain* ~~high~~ rehearsals that evening *in connection with* ~~for~~ the Dewey ~~speech~~ *rally* on September twenty-fourth. So Mr. Truman will speak at Gilmore Stadium, substituting for ^{the} ~~the~~ midget auto races *that are to be* ~~which have been~~ moved up a night by arrangement with the Culver City Race Track which is calling off its auto races on that date. The proprietor of the Culver City Midget Races being a member of the San Diego Democratic Committee. He says he is delighted to oblige the President.

BABY

Today in Chicago, a child disappeared - the old story of pathos and heart-rending anxiety. The mother left the baby, a little boy of five months, in its carriage on the street. And, when she returned the infant was gone. Frantic with worry, she called the police, (and the hunt for the baby was ~~an~~ another of those familiar tense episodes of search for a missing child.)

They ~~they~~ found the little boy. He was in a cardboard box, hidden in a patch of woods - ~~and~~ the ~~box~~ ^{the baby and} painted green. So, ~~was~~ ^{followed} there ~~was~~ a search for the ~~kidnapper,~~ and presently two kidnappers were seized. ~~They were~~ a five year old brother and his seven year old sister. They confessed. The five and seven year olds said they wanted to play house, so they took the baby. Then they saw a can of paint and they painted baby green.

So that's the end of tonight's kidnap story.
Rock-a-bye baby - in green.

ESKIMO GIRLS

Tonight three eskimo girls are flying south to Texas -- trying to get there by midnight. They won't find any igloos or polar bears -- not in Texas, at this time of year. So what's the reason ^{for} this Aurora Borealis invasion of the Lone Star State? ~~is it~~ ^{Oh, it's all}

^{because a} Fort Worth oil millionaire made a bet.

It ~~all~~ began when L. L. Horne was on a vacation, ^{visiting Alaska.} ~~up in Montana a few days ago, and~~ ^{He} telephoned to some friends back home, ^{and} asked what souvenirs he could send them. ~~-- from way up north in Montana.~~ They replied - Eskimo. This was intended to be a laugh, but it turned into a bet -- L. L. Horne wagering twenty five thousand dollars that he would bring three eskimo girls to Texas by midnight tonight. All of which promised quite a sight for Fort Worth and Dallas -- eskimo girls appearing in arctic furs and parkas, and demanding seal blubber ^{or walrus} ~~and walrus~~ for dinner.

L. L. Horne thought it would be simple -- just send a fast plane up to Alaska, load aboard three Eskimo girls, and fly to Texas. So he sent Pilot Lew

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Leach - up toward the Arctic Circle. But it turned out to be not so simple. In Alaska, the pilot found that the Eskimo are rated Government Wards., and are not to be flown all over the map to win bets for Texas oil millionaires.

The local sourdoughs jeered, and told Lew Leach - try Portland, Oregon. Full of Eskimo. The pilot had to fly home anyway. So, the next thing you know, he was in Portland, where he was told - try Seattle, full of Eskimos. However, newspaper men informed him that there actually were some Eskimo girls in Seattle.

Lew Leach proceeded to Seattle, and there he found three Alaskan Eskimo - Far Northern Aborigines who had come from Kivilean, Golovin and White Mountain. He enlisted their aid in the winning of the twenty five thousand dollar bet, and today started out - flying three Eskimo girls down to Texas.

But don't think there will be much of the Far Northern picturesque -- arriving at Fort Worth and Dallas. The three eskimo young ladies, having lived in

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Seattle for a while, do not wear Arctic furs and parkas. Flying down to Texas tonight, they are clad in new look dresses, nylon stockings, spike pumps, ^{— even} ~~one~~ white gloves. Instead of whale ~~blubber~~ oil and seal blubber, their taste is for cocktails followed by ^{to} filet mignon, ^{or lobster newberg,} Their names are Lona B. Welch, Molly Blatchford and Alice Walker. They have an eskimo chaperone along, and her name is Lorena Gray.

At last reports, L. L. Horne was winning his bet - but the eskimo invasion of Texas turns out to be rather like importing three fashion models into Fort Worth and Dallas.

However, those are their citified Seattle names. Up in the far north - among their own tribes, the girls are called - Kiglayuk, Ungachi and Nootakeenoun Nootakeenoun.

And Nelson now you-takee-noun and verb, and a few adjectives too, and tells us what's on your mind.

TRUMAN - TAFT

Senator Taft declares that President Truman has encouraged "open defiance" of the Taft-Hartley Labor Law. This is the Senator's reply to the scolding he got from the White House.

Last month, Taft urged the National Labor Board to take action against ~~open~~^{closed} shop demands in the Chicago newspaper strike ~~open~~^{closed} shop being forbidden under the Taft-Hartley Act. Truman came back with a statement that a Senator had no business trying to put pressure on the Labor Board - an agency run by the President. So this White House attack is now interpreted by Senator Taft as "open defiance" of the law.

All of which is accompanied by another Presidential blast against Congress. This takes the form of a reply to a joint proclamation adopted by Major Mayor Eggers of Jersey City and the Mayors of ten other New Jersey towns who urged President Truman to call another session of Congress to act on prices.

So, will another special session be summoned?

The verdict is - no. The President replies to the new Jersey Mayors that it would be - useless. He declares that the Republican Congress would merely repeat the proceedings of that first special session - "a do nothing performance" says the White House.

~~He~~^{He} adds - that the only remedy is to elect a democratic Congress in November.

The Republican retort to this is prompt, a statement by a congressional committee that a report on high prices will soon be released - blaming the Truman administration. The committee says it has prepared a study, showing that, in the purchase of huge amounts of food for foreign relief, the admk administration has actually controlled the market. The word is that this Congressional report will charge that the White House deliberately manipulated European relief-purchases in such a way as to keep farm prices high.