

STRIKE

L.T. Buick, Fisher. Wed. June 29-66.

After forty-five days of a strike that threatened a national calamity -- British seamen finally agreed today to return to work. Union officials accepting an immediate cut in the work-week -- from fifty-six to forty-eight hours; pending final recommendations from a government court of inquiry -- to take effect next year. These expected to assure the seamen a forty-hour work week -- along with nine extra days of vacation each year.

The settlement met with something less than enthusiasm -- from many rank and file members of the union. Pickets at union headquarters -- booing their leaders and smashing strike placards. Raising the threat - of possible wildcat walkouts. But to all intents and purposes - the world's largest merchant fleet is once again ready for business.

VIET NAM

The big story today - from Viet Nam. U. S.

jets carrying the war - to the very outskirts of Hanoi and Haiphong -- as you have doubtless heard by now.

Blasting vital fuel depots - within sight of the two main ~~Communist~~ Viet ~~Coast~~ cities. With a major portion of North Viet Nam's remaining petroleum supply - going up in a raging inferno.

Forty-six planes - completing the attack and fulfilling President Johnson's recent promise - to "raise the cost of aggression at its source." Preliminary estimates indicating the oil facilities - eighty percent destroyed.

~~Here at home an official explanation from~~

Defense Secretary ~~Robert~~ McNamara ^{calls} The air strikes necessary ~~said he~~ "to counter a mounting reliance by North Viet Nam - on trucks and power junks to ~~facilitate~~ facilitate the infiltration of South Viet Nam. McNamara adding that if the Communists continue their aggression - they will continue "to pay a price not only in the south - but the north as well."

REACTION FOLLOW VIET NAM

Most vocal reaction to the apparent extension of hostilities - generally just about what you might expect. Russia accusing the United States - of "barbaric" and "criminal escalation of the war." United Nations Secretary General U Thant - expressing his "deep regret". Senator Morse of Oregon calling the double-barreled attack - a case of "shocking outlawry." And House Republican leader ~~and others~~ - Gerald Ford raising the question - why weren't the raids carried out earlier?

Finally - this from London. Albeit reluctantly - British Prime Minister Harold Wilson formally disowning the attack. "The onus for ~~contin~~ continuing" the war - "rests on Hanoi" - said Wilson. ~~But~~ But "we have made it clear on many occasions" - said he - "that we cannot support an extension of the bombing of such areas."

AUSSIE FOLLOW REACTION

By contrast - ringing support for the President's policies in Viet Nam -- from Australian Prime Minister Harold Holt. This in a brief speech at the White House - on his arrival for high-level talks with American officials.

The Prime Minister asserting that Australians are well aware - of the "heavy and lonely" decisions that must be made with regard to Viet Nam. Telling the President however, that Australians are inspired and encouraged - as he put it - "by the strength of your own resolution." Adding that the President can count on ~~ANSW~~ Australians - always to be at his side.

The President - for his part - responding in kind. With Americans and Aussies fighting side by side - said he - we "shall persist - we shall succeed."

SEATO FOLLOW AUSSIE

Back in Australia - more of the same. Foreign Ministers of countries party to the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization - closing a three-day meeting at Canberra/ on a resounding vote of support - for U S determination to win the war in Viet Nam.

The countries most directly concerned - calling Communist aggression in Southeast Asia - the most dangerous threat to world peace today. Asserting that the Red challenge - must not be permitted to succeed.

At the same time - all members pledged to remain united in a common resolve; to do everything in their power - to promote a peaceful settlement in Viet Nam.

BOMB

On the eastern Polynesian island of Muroa -- one of the French Society Islands, not far from Tahiti -- a long-awaited count-down has begun at last. DeGaulle's scientists preparing to detonate their first atomic bomb -- probably some time tomorrow morning.

A French armada of some forty ships -- standing guard over the site; with all other ships and planes warned to stay clear -- for a hundred and twenty miles in every direction.

The French admitting, however, that several submarines -- Russian and American -- have probably penetrated the forbidden area; the better to observe the birth pangs -- of the world's fifth nuclear power.

IRISH

*From Belfast - news today of a sharp crackdown
- on political extremists in northern Ireland. Prime Minister
Terence O'Neill - outlawing the so-called Ulster Volunteer
Force. Declaring that he will not permit any minority
group - to block a move toward closer cooperation with
the Irish Republic.*

*O'Neill's action following the recent murder of
two Catholics -- and the wounding of two others. ~~The order
placing Ulster volunteers in the same category as their
southern counterpart - the outlawed Irish Republican Army.~~*

CRASH

A group of British newsmen were invited to Wyton, England today -- to witness the unveiling of the RAF's top-secret Victor-Two reconnaissance aircraft. Unhappily -- the plane was scarcely airborne when -- according to witnesses -- it simply "disintegrated" in flight. Four crewmen -- killed instantly.

FAISAL

For King Faisal of Saudi Arabia -- another series of business conferences today in New York, with U S industrial leaders who already have - or are considering business investments -- in the Middle East.

Mean^{While} ~~time~~, the furor continues - over King Faisal's recent snub by the city of New York. An official of the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations - today accusing New York Mayor Lindsay of an "unforgivable sin" toward a guest of his country. One that can be rectified - said he - only by the host.

Accordingly, the Arab leader urging President Johnson himself - to make amends. This by bidding King Faisal a personal farewell - when he leaves for home tomorrow.

Votes

From the Census Bureau comes a prediction today that a record one hundred and sixteen million Americans will be old enough to vote this November. An increase of nearly three million of voting age -- since the last Presidential election.

Who will they vote for? The Census Bureau doesn't say but it does predict that if past performances hold true -- only about half of those eligible will actually cast ballots.

PROHIBITION

Date line Kalamazoo, Michigan. Officials of the National Prohibition Party -- vowing a court test of laws that keep small parties off the ballot in most states.

The reason: Failure to get enough signatures to make the Michigan ballot this year. -- National Chairman Dr. D.D. Gibbons -- declaring that America needs the Prohibition Party -- as he put it: "to serve as a watchdog over the nation's morals."

Thirty-three years since repeal -- and the prohibitionists are still trying to discourage the use of mountain dew, Warren.