

FORD L. J. Am & P. S. - Fri Oct 11, 1946

In Detroit ^{today,} ~~this afternoon,~~ Henry Ford II youthful President of the Ford Motor Company, called upon Philip Murray, the President of the C I O, to curb "subversive and insurgent" labor factions which, according to ^{Young Henry} Ford, are calling the tune in American industry.

Ford was prompted to this blunt talk by an unauthorized strike of C I O auto workers at the Ford company's River Rouge plant. The walkout, if it continues, will cost the public one thousand four hundred new cars a day; and the Ford empire, with more than one hundred thousand employees, ^{has almost} ~~is already~~ ^{come to a full stop.} ~~in almost complete idleness.~~

Today the young industrialist put two questions to Murray:

"Is the C I O prepared to give the kind of security it asks for itself?"

"Can and will the C I O, backed by the responsible majority of its members, control the factions which are apparently running things in so many places".

Regarding ^ethat strike at the River Rouge plant, Ford says that the United Auto workers union has urged the men to return to work, but a small and irresponsible group, beyond control, apparently, of the U A W, is now plowing under the whole notion of company security and with it the good faith of the union.

Shortly after young Ford had his say, *union* officials met in conference with ford executives. *The late word is* ~~Now it's understood~~ that an agreement to end the strike will be reached shortly.

HOTELS

~~Government officials and sundry bigwigs aren't having trouble enough in Washington these days - tonight service at ~~the~~ most of their hotels has been practically closed down by a strike ^{capitol tonight - a strike hotel} of five thousand five hundred ^{employees.}~~

Among the hotels affected are the Statler, Carlton, Mayflower, Shoreham, and Wardman Park, ^{where} ~~all ^{are} boasting~~ cabinet members, ^{and} congressman, ^{live.} ~~or other high-ranking ~~and~~ officials as guests.~~ Tonight, ^{and other prominent guests,} ~~these, guests, wherever they may be,~~ are making their own beds, and toting their own luggage.

But that's not the only difficulty the Washington hotel strike is causing. Pickets are ^{up and down,} ~~parading around the struck hotels,~~ troubling the conscience of many a union leader, ^{for they live} ~~either residing in those hotels too - - John L. Lewis, in or visiting the capital at The Carlton - and~~ ~~For instance, the Carlton is the Washington home of C I O President Philip Murray. and the favorite luncheon spot of bushy-browed John L. Lewis. Also,~~ ^{and} Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach lives at the Wardman

Oh yes, and
Park. ~~and so does labor's great and good friend,~~

former Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace.

The employees at
~~Ironically,~~ the Raleigh Hotel, ~~also struck,~~ *are out too.*

And that's the
~~is the present~~ home of Frederick Stevenson, of the
Federal ~~Conciliation~~ *ar,* ~~service.~~ *who* Stevenson has been working

around the clock trying to settle ~~in~~ the eleven-
day old maritime strike.

MEAT

The problem of the meat famine is ^{now} in the hands of President Truman personally. Today, a long cabinet meeting was held, ninety minutes, and various proposals were presented -- including the suggestion that we import meat from Argentina, Mexico or Canada. Secretary Anderson said, however, that the foreign ~~xx~~ meat ~~supplies~~ supplies available are so small, they wouldn't make much difference -- even if we did import from abroad.

Two cabinet members are known to be opposed to the Presidential policy of keeping the O.P.A. controls on meat. **B**ut just what argument there may have been at the Cabinet Meeting is not disclosed. The main thing is the statement that, after various recommendations were submitted, the President ^took the meat crisis into his own ^{hands} ~~charge~~ -- he to make a decision.

~~After the cabinet meeting, Postmaster General Hannegan, in charge of practical politics, got together with Presidential advisers for a supplemental conference. Hannegan is said to have passed along emphatic information~~

DRAFT

The Army has cancelled all selective service inductions for the rest of the year. No more men will be drafted during the remainder of Nineteen Forty-Six. The reason ~~is~~ -- enlistments. The number joining the Army of ~~their~~ their own accord has been so good, that it isn't necessary to draft anybody -- for the time being.

BOMB

The greatest secret on earth is the atomic bomb -- the most important secret in all history. No end of care and precaution has been taken to guard it -- and there have been dramatic headlines about international espionage trying to find out about the atomic bomb. So imagine the astonishment of some newspapermen in Baltimore, when in walked three former soldiers who ~~xxx~~ said -- "Would you like to buy six pictures of the Atomic Bomb?" The news men gaped. Their eyes opened wider when they looked at the half a dozen photographs which the three men proceeded to display -- clear and vivid photographs of the bomb.

The newspapermen knew, of course, that the Army, the Navy, the Air Forces, the Government and everything have taken the sternest of measure to make sure that not the slightest bit of information should get out concerning what the bomb looked like. No description had ever been permitted to leak out -- let ~~xxxx~~ alone a photograph. But there ^{pictures} six were being offered for sale in ^{broad} ~~xxxx~~ daylight at the office of the Baltimore News Post.

The story, as disclosed by the F.B.I. today, is a howler, a marvelous comment on those deep international secrets, military information, security. It goes back to the tense days when Atomic Bombs were sent out to the Pacific, the ones that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki -- for the history-making blast that knocked Japan out of the war and ushered in the atomic age. The atomic blow was launched from an airbase on the island of Tinian, and there everything was done to hide the bombs behind dense veils of secrecy -- or nearly everything was done.

It appears now that several G.I.'s on duty at Tinian went to the place where the atomic bombs were kept. What they did was today described by J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I., in the following words: X "They surreptisiously removed the covering from an atomic bomb, which they photographed with a camera belonging to one of the service men".

Whereupon those G.I.'s developed the pictures and made prints of them. These they took back to the

U.S.A. It appears that several of the pictures were given to the home folks as souvenirs.

One of the G.I.'s who photographed the bomb was Private George Wallace Comer of Bellaire, Maryland, and he kept six pictures of the bomb, six different, separate and ~~ixxi~~ individual views of the missile of the ages. He was presently mustered out of the army, and went home to Bellaire. There he struck up friendship with another former soldier, and a few days ago these two went to Baltimore to buy a truck. In Baltimore, they met a former Army Captain, with whom they presently got into a discussion of the war.

The news dispatch doesn't say where this remarkable meeting was held, but it was probably in a saloon. I suppose the former Army Captain may have been a little condescending with the two Ex-G.I.'s on the subject of what was really what in the war, and Comer may have wanted to show that he too had some inside information. Anyway, he pulled out the six pictures of the atomic bomb, and displayed them, one

after another. Six intimate photographic studies of the international secret that dominates world affairs.

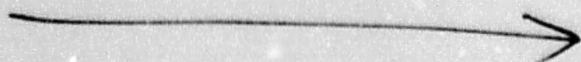
The Ex-Captain was impressed, so deeply impressed that he had an idea. He said -- why not sell the atomic bomb pictures to a newspaper? They could get some money, real money -- for so mighty an international secret. The two ex-G.I.'s thought that was a good idea. The former Captain said they ought to get about seven thousand dollars for the six pictures of the atomic bomb.

No sooner ~~ix~~ said than done, and the three of them went high tailing to the office of the Baltimore News Post, and there tried to sell the pictures.

The astonished newspapermen contrived to keep their wits about them, in spite of the stunning surprise. The F.B.I. praises them highly. Realizing that it was mighty strange for people to go around peddling pictures like that, they kept the three ex-soldiers in conversation, dickering with them on

the subject of the seven thousand dollars -- while a phone call was put in to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

That brought a quick response, and tonight the three former army men are under arrest, facing charges under a law protecting military secrets. Each may be sentenced to a thousand dollar fine and a year in jail -- a poor substitute for the seven thousand dollars that they expected to get for the six pictures of the atomic bomb.



ADD_BOMB

Atomic experts say the photographs show material and equipment related to the bomb -- "The disclosure of which would be most detrimental to the security of the United States."

WINDSOR

Two visitors arrived in England today, and there were precautions to keep the public and especially the newsmen away from them when they landed at Dover. To tell what it was all about is like going back to faded memories of days before World War Number Two -- memories of that abdication in which a King gave up his throne for the woman he loved.

Well, that renowned couple are now paying their first visit to England together. This, we are told is with the permission of the Royal Family -- provided that the Duke and Du~~ch~~ess attract as little publicity as possible.

The former Edward the Eighth will visit the Royal Family, which happens to be his family -- and will spend some time with his mother, Dowager Queen Mary, and with his brother, King George. The London word is that the Duke is not likely to be accompanied by ~~the~~ the Du~~ch~~ess when he goes for a Royal Family reunion. Apparently, there has not been any complete relenting toward the American-born divorcee who, if the luck had

broken the other way, might have become a Queen of England.

The Duke and **Duchess** are incognito, officially without their rank. So that will probably eliminate one question -- which was raised in the past. The London Dispatch duly notes that on a previous occasion, the Duchess of Windsor refused to enter England unless she were addressed by the title -- your Royal Highness. That's the prerogative of a Royal Duke or Duchess. Former Edward the Eighth is a Royal Duke, but his wife has never been accorded the distinction of being anything more than an ordinary, garden variety Duchess, which entitles her to be called -- your Grace. Traveling incognito, they might be just plain Mr. and Mrs., yes Sir and yes Mam. Or, more likely -- your Lordship and your Ladyship.

The latest tells ~~that~~, in spite of precautions, the newsmen succeeded in breaking through to the Duke and Duchess -- newsmen headed by photographers. The Royal family may have decreed -- no publicity, but

the former Edward the Eighth and his Duchess posed for an eager host of photographers, who snapped pictures as fast as they could.

It all seems of minor importance, or none at all, in this atomic era that follows the greatest of wars -- but in England tonight there's a revival of interest in those faded memories of ~~his~~ abdication and Royal romance.

STILWELL

In San Francisco, ^{at} Letterman General Hospital,
General Joseph Stilwell -- "Vinegar Joe", ^{China,} of [^]Burma,
and ~~of~~ Okinawa -- is fighting his hardest campaign
fighting for his life.

The ~~is~~ sixty-three year old, four star
General is suffering from the effects of a major
abdominal operation, and the latest bulletin from
the ~~xxxxx~~ hospital says that he is growing "steadily
weaker".

In Washington meanwhile, War Secretary
~~Joseph~~ Patterson personally directed that the combat
infantryman's badge be presented to Stilwell in a
beside ceremony. The badge is one of the few medals
the gallant old soldier has not ^{been given -- the} ~~yet seen, and he~~
^{one he would like most of all to have.}
~~made it known, as only he can, that he wants it badly.~~

CRASH

A Navy plane crash in the Hawaiian Islands today, two dead, seven injured. And another air tragedy may be in the making out over the Pacific six hundred miles from San Francisco. A twin-engined civilian cargo plane radioed San Francisco earlier that it was in serious trouble. — —

~~The transport is in distress is~~ enroute from Honolulu to California, ^{with} ~~carrying~~ four passengers, four crewmen, and cargo.

Army and Coast Guard rescue planes have taken off to locate the crippled ship and escort it ⁱⁿ ~~to a safe landing.~~ ^R ~~Meanwhile,~~ ^{while} another Army plane is ^{flying alongside —} ~~hovering nearby,~~ ~~ready to spot the vicinity if it~~ ~~crash lands.~~ But, apparently the damaged transport is still limping along its route to Mills Field, ~~San Francisco.~~

THEFT

Chicago police have seized a twenty-two year old Miami, Florida youth in connection with a major robbery -- the theft of seven hundred and twenty-five thousand, eight-hundred and eighty dollars in cash and negotiable money orders from the American Express Company office in Miami.

According to the police, the loot includes six hundred and ninety seven thousand in money orders and twenty nine thousand in cash. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Most of it has been recovered.

The police caught him tonight, on Michigan Boulevard, with a girl friend.

FAROUK

King Farouk of Egypt made a mistake today, a mistake most of us have made at one time or another. The King left his wallet behind, at a hotel in Milan, Italy, where he stopped enroute from Switzerland to Cairo.

This wouldn't be worth mentioning except that in the King's pocketbook were one-million-four-hundred-~~mm~~ eighty-thousand dollars in British pounds sterling; ~~about Five Million Dollars~~. The story doesn't say whether the King got it back. ~~xxxxxx~~ At any rate Farouk is homeward bound. And in Cairo he can replenish his supply of spending money. This story ~~mm~~ sounds like there might be a mistake - sounds like an exaggeration.

And now something 100% authentic from you, ~~the~~ King Farouk, I mean you Nelson.

DARDANELLES

The latest U.S. note to Moscow is a firm repetition of the previous American stand on the Dardanelles. Stalin is warned to keep his hands off the vital straits. and Turkey is assured that, if there is an attack or a threat of an attack, the Security Council of the United Nations will be called upon to take action.

We hear that this latest American memorandum to Moscow was drafted after the State Department consulted the War Department and the Navy Department -- though just what part the armed services took in the discussion isn't clear. We only know that Moscow is warned that any Soviet move against the Dardanelles will be regarded as a violation of Turkish Sovereignty, and a cause for direct ~~xxxx~~ action by the United Nations.

GOERING - LONDON

In London today, a newspaper was swamped with mail, a deluge of letters. The surge of public interest was a reaction to a cartoon the paper had printed -- a cartoon of Goering, who is soon to be hanged.^{TR} Lord Beaverbrook's Daily, the Evening Standard, published a drawing depicting the arch Nazi in the place where, according to the cartoon, Goering is soon to go. The one-time number two man to Hitler was shown with horns and tail and a pitchfork. Goering in Hell.

Well, the people of Britain, during the days of the great blitz, suffered much from the Nazi Air Forces that Goering sent to bomb them without mercy. So what is the public response to the cartoon? It is overwhelming and unanimous, one hundred per cent -- unfavorable, indignant. The British public protests. They don't seem to like the idea of kicking one who is about to die. Hanging they think is enough, without insults.

One Londoner denounces the cartoon in these words: "It is un-British, unsporting, poor wit. Had

the Hun published it, it would have been in keeping with his horrible character."

Another Englishman says: "The cartoon plumbs the depths of blatant bad taste."

Still another calls it -- "One more step down to the level of the Nazis, and one more blow aimed at our way of life."

That wave of public indignation against the cartoon making fun of Goering, as he is about to be hanged, is just another example of the stubborn way the British stick to their ideas of sportsmanship and fair play.

YACHT

An historic vessel was put up for sale today -- for sale at public auction. How would you like to buy the yacht of Presidents, aboard which all sorts of dignitaries were entertained, including Royalty, King, Emperor^{s?}? Put up the price, and you can have -- ~~The~~ Mayflower.

She was built in Eighteen Ninety-Eight, forty-eight years ago when McKinley was President -- a glamour boat of her time. Aboard the Mayflower sailed Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover. The visitors entertained aboard included Edward-the-Seventh of England and Kaiser ~~Wx~~ Wilhelm of Germany.

The end of the glory of ~~The~~ Mayflower came in Nineteen Twenty Nine, when President Hoover decided the upkeep of the boat was too expensive -- three hundred thousand dollars a year. So he dispensed with the Mayflower, and thereafter there was no official Presidential Yacht.

In Nineteen Thirty One, at the Philadelphia

Navy Yard the Mayflower caught fire, burned and sank. After which the boat remained a derelict until Nineteen Forty Two, when the Navy, hard up for vessels of any sort, resurrected the one time yacht of Presidents and put her into the service as a patrol pilot.

You never heard of ~~The~~ Mayflower sinking any Nazi submarines, and now the glamour boat of yore is more ~~use~~less than ever. So ~~tonight~~ tonight the Maritime Commission has asked for bids, auctioning off ~~The~~ ~~the~~ Mayflower. They are selling ^{her} either to be operated or to be scrapped. Maybe there's a nautical enthusiast somewhere who might want to navigate the ~~one~~time yacht of Presidents. But the more likely probability is -- scrap.

that Democratic Leaders throughout the country are becoming increasingly worried because of the public reaction to the meat shortage. The leaders want something done to put meat back on dinner tables before Election Day.

BASEBALL

In the World Series today, the way the Red Sox ~~tried it up~~ ^{won the game} was a tribute to their hitting in a tough situation. After the way they were massacred yesterday, things looked dark for Joe Cronin's boys, the more so, because who would ~~be~~ Cronin pitch? He came up with Dobson today -- not such a brilliant star during the season. The Sox figured they would have to hit behind Dobson, and they did. Dobson pitched a good game -- with the score in his favor most of the way.

The Red Sox hitting started immediately -- the first man up getting a single on the first ball pitched by Howie Pollet, ^{who was soon knocked} ~~there was a rattle of first~~ ^{out of the box.} ~~hitting hits off Pollet, and he was ~~knock~~ batted out.~~ Likely enough, the brilliant left-hander was handicapped by the shoulder injury he is known to have.

The Sox broke out in the seventh again, going into a six-to-one lead. The ~~Card~~ Cards came up with drama in the ninth, smashing out hits and scoring two runs -- not enough, and they lost six-to-three.

So the Series, three games to two in favor of the Red Sox, now goes back to St. Louis for a decision.
t. And now H- this broadcast goes back to you.