

STRIKE

L.T. - ~~Clubs~~ Mon. Oct. 19-59,

President Eisenhower - acted with reluctance, today. Saying - "it's a sad day for the nation."

He had hoped the steel strike would be settled - without the government resorting to a Taft-Hartley injunction. But the fact finding board reported, this morning - that the labor dispute was hopelessly deadlocked. Emergency meetings over the weekend - having come to ~~nothing~~.

So tomorrow, the government lawyers will ask a federal court in Pittsburgh - for an ~~imm~~ injunction, which, no doubt, will be granted. But President MacDonald of the Steel workers union says - the union will fight a back-to-work-order, with appeals - all the way up to the Supreme Court. Adding - that, if an injunction is issued, the steel workers will obey, but - will go on strike again after the legal eighty-day period.

All of which leaves a situation - in which the President may have to go to Congress for action, in a crisis which he calls - "a peril to national health and safety."

HURRICANE

Judith turns out to be - an obliging lady. That latest hurricane - reviving in violence, today, with a new surge of howling winds. But - only after leaving Florida.

Last night, hurricane Judith swept across the Peninsula - with a heavy downpour of rain. But only moderate winds; no severe damage.

Then, today, sweeping out into the Atlantic - Judith picked up hurricane force. There of course lashing only the empty open ocean.

Which doesn't sound like the original Judith - of biblical days. Remember the ferocious lady - who hewed off the head of the Assyrian General Holofernes? You recall that don't you? Her modern namesake, Judith the hurricane - not so deadly.

The General Assembly of the United Nations has put off a decision - in the selection of a new member of the Security Council, where there's a vacancy - to be filled. The question to be taken up again - on November Second.

Which ends, for the time being, a marathon battle of ballots - ~~kk~~ that lasted for days. Two candidates - in the race, Turkey - backed by the West, and Communist Poland - the choice of the Iron Curtain countries.

Thirty-one ballots - taken in all. Six/~~today~~. With Turkey - forging into the lead. The final ballot - giving Turkey a margin of ~~kk~~ forty-two - to thirty-nine.

But a two-thirds majority is needed, and there was no sign of that. The decision delayed - for a couple of weeks.

SOVIETS

In Moscow, tonight, Soviet Russia gave details. Of the charge - against Russell Langelle, security officer at the U.S. Embassy. Who has been ~~■~~ expelled from Russia - accused of espionage.

They say that, last Friday, he had a meeting in Moscow with a secret agent, a Russian doing spy work for the American. To whom he handed instructions, coding equipment and a large sum of money. The two ^{were} arrested, together, by the Soviet secret police, who found - the espionage material in their possession.

The American Embassy counters with a declaration - that Langelle, on getting off a bus in downtown Moscow, was kidnapped by Soviet agents in plain clothes, who threatened ~~him with~~ violence - to himself and his family, and offered bribes - to persuade him to spy for the Soviets.

The Embassy made a protest - which was rejected.

The Moscow Foreign Office replying - that Langelle was being expelled. Given three days - to leave Moscow.

Tonight, he's on his way home - with his wife and three children.

In Washington, the supposition was raised ~~immediately~~ - that the United States might retaliate, ~~By~~ expelling - a Soviet Embassy official from this country. ~~Which~~ Which, however - will not be done, apparently. At the State Department, newsmen were told - there will be no retaliation. No automatic expulsion - of a Russian diplomat.

MOSCOW

An American in Moscow - defecting to the Soviets - Robert Webster, a Pennsylvanian - sent over to do some work for the American exhibition in Moscow. Webster - a plastics technician, employed by the Rand Corporation.

He has given up his American citizenship - for ideological reasons, he says. Which presumably might mean - conversion to Communism.

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But, In Moscow, other Americans explain his action — *nothing ideological about it. Just* by saying *domestic trouble back home.* ~~Webster~~ Webster - having a wife and two children in Pennsylvania. Some ~~day~~ - he's been seeing a hostess who works in a Moscow hotel.

This is the second case in the ~~ix~~ last couple of months of an American in Moscow - deciding to become a Soviet citizen. The other one - Petrulli of Long Island, ~~who~~, however, changed his mind in a hurry - and was lucky to be able to get back into the U.S.A.

QUEEN

At Buckingham Palace, today, the enactment - of a thousand year old ritual. The new cabinet, headed by Prime Minister MacMillan - kissed hands.

Ever since the Middle Ages, Ministers of the Crown have kissed the Sovereign's hand - upon assuming office. As we know, the British are traditional. The ancient ceremony - not neglected, even in this atomic age.

Queen Elizabeth - taking her stately, royal place. The Privy Council - assembled as a witness, When the Prime Minister and the other Cabinet members - each ^{bussed} ~~bestowed a~~ ~~smack on~~ the Sovereign's hand.

FOOTBALL

Over in England, a humiliating experience - for Billy Wright. Hailed - as the Babe Ruth of British soccer. Billy - as good at kicking the pig skin, as the Babe used to be at swatting the horsehide.

At the town of Shortheath - a stunt arranged for the opening of an exhibition. Billy - to do the opening in a spectacular way.

An imitation door - made of paper. The Babe Ruth of soccer - to kick a football through the door. Distance - four yards.

So Billy took the football, and gave it - a mighty kick. But - missed the door completely. The football - bouncing off the wall, Tragic moment - for the Babe Ruth of British Soccer.

Well, I can recall a humiliating moment - for our own great Babe Ruth, when, for charity, he played softball against my Nine Old Men, at Madison Square

Garden, many years ago.

As a surprise pitcher I had brought down a local Dutchess County farm boy, Hardy Brownell, from Poughquaq - who sure could put that soft ball over at blinding speed. The Babe thought, soft ball - huh - for girls. But the Sultan of Swat, the great Bambino, struck out - with three mighty swings. Once he went all the way 'round - and not only whuffed the breeze; but pulled a muscle in his back. The Babe blinked in humiliation and amazement.

BASEBALL - WASHINGTON

The Senators - will stay in Washington! The baseball Senators, of course. So announced by the President of the Club, Calvin Griffith, tonight.

He explains - the team could not move to Minneapolis if it wanted to. The other Club owners in the American League would not agree. He'd have to have permission from at least six of them, and ^{he} finds - that three would oppose.

^{Picks,}
So, the tail-end-team will remain in Washington and the old joke will still apply -- "first in war, first in peace, and last in the American league."

BASEBALL

The Supreme Court gave a decision, today - that the Los Angeles Dodgers won't have to play forever in their huge, lopsided Coliseum. Rejecting the appeal - of a Los Angeles taxpayer; ~~Who~~ went to law - to prevent the city from turning over land in the Chavez Ravine to ~~The~~ Dodgers, ~~For the~~ construction ↗ of a new ball park.

The Justices of the high tribunal rejected the plea - on legal and constitutional grounds. But, they ~~also seem to~~ disapprove of that weird wire screen in left field, ~~Balls~~ bouncing off - for joke hits in the World Series.