

Charges Employes Enters Fifth Day

Detroit — (AP) — Approximately 3,000 Detroit area war plant workers remained idle today as workers in six Briggs Manufacturing Co. plants refused to end their strike and employes in five factories of Gar Wood Industries, Inc., left their jobs.

The Briggs strike, which followed the discharge of a group of workers whom the company accused of leading earlier strikes, entered its fifth day. The Gar Wood stoppage, involving 2,000 employes, followed a change in shift hours from six eight-hour days weekly to five 10-hour days. A spokesman for local 250, United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) said the new hours would make transportation more difficult.

Officers of local 212, U. A. W.-C. I. O., representing the 11,000 Briggs strikers, reiterated today a demand for "unconditional reinstatement of 12 discharged employes" as a condition to ending their strike.

Plants of Chrysler Corp. were humming again after settlement of a strike which made more than 25,000 employes idle for more than a week. An umpire will rule on a production rates dispute which involved the discharge of eight men accused by the company of refusing to meet rates.

NINTH SON UNABLE TO PASS NAVAL PHYSICAL

Lehighton, Pa. — (AP) — The ninth son of Mrs. Russell McFarland today said he "flunked" a Selective Service physical examination in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., last week end. "I don't know why," said 18-year-old Marcus K. Smith. He said a Navy physician told him he had not passed, but that he was not to tell anyone until "Monday or Tuesday."

Lehighton Selective Service officials said under the law they are not allowed to reveal the reasons for rejection.

and other Allied commanders a wide field of military matters," said an announcement from the Prime Minister's residence today.

Churchill also visited troops of the First Canadian Army and units of the U. S. Ninth Army which were taking part in the drive to the Rhine.

Churchill told frontline troops that "one strong heave will win the war" and bring down tyranny in Europe.

Standing in a cold drizzle before Scottish troops of the famous 51st Highland Division, which has been fighting under the Canadian First Army in the northern Rhine offensive, Churchill asserted that "soon the enemy will be driven across the Rhine, and anyone can see one strong heave will win the war."

Lt. Robert Birge Seriously Hurt While in Action

Lt. Robert R. Birge, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Birge, 905 S. Vine street, was seriously wounded in Germany on Feb. 22, according to a War Department telegram received today by his parents.

Lt. Birge, who arrived in England only about two months ago, was commissioned after graduating from the officers training course at Fort Benning, Ga., and was later promoted to first lieutenant.

A graduate of Marshfield High School in 1940, he was a junior at Ripon College when he entered military service in May, 1942. He reported for active duty in May, 1943.

FREEDOM OF PRESS

Mexico City — (AP) — Twenty American republics today advocated full freedom of the press and radio, unhindered access to sources of news and abolition of peacetime censorship.

ridiculously past our control boat, standing offshore. Some waved and yelled but the brisk wind whipped their words away. There was this thought: "How many of these men will be dead 10 minutes from now?"

Then, terrible carnage broke loose on the beach itself. The sounds of war — the boom and crack of naval guns all around us — was unleashed in full fury. For a while the hellish nightmare ashore was too great to absorb.

So, the sharpest memory is of boys, light hearted and without pretense, going into the worst mission the marines have ever been called upon to undertake.

The Japanese had hundreds of mortar and artillery pieces deeply entrenched on high ground covering every inch of the beach. They opened up just after the first assault elements charged ashore.

U. S. Navy guns had knocked out some enemy positions in the terrific shelling that hadn't ceased until five minutes before

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COAL OPERATORS COOL TOWARD LEWIS' DEMAND

Washington — (AP) — Bituminous coal operators were ready today with a reply to John L. Lewis' demand for a 10-cent-a-ton royalty to provide a "rainy day" fund for his miners.

Best guesses after the operators adjourned a caucus last night was that their answer will be a flat "no."

Presumably it will be given union representatives when closed-door negotiations on a contract to replace the one expiring March 31 are resumed. They began yesterday, apparently without a decision on any of Lewis' 18 demands.

Last night's operator conference reportedly was called to dispose of the royalty issue, which the mine owners say would involve payments up to \$60,000,000 a year into a union fund over which the operators would have no control.

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