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## Truman Waves Stick At Striking Laborers

Over 20,000 Are Targets of U. S. Work Directives

(By the Associated Press)

Chicago—The government, headed by President Truman, waved big sticks at thousands of the nation's idle workers today, prodding them to go back to jobs they had left over labor disputes.

More than 20,000 employees in vital war work in scattered sections of the country were the targets for directives from the president as well as from the war labor board and the office of defense transportation. Meanwhile, an estimated 18,000 glass workers in four states threatened to stop work tomorrow.

Transportation facilities in several areas appeared the hardest hit by the work stoppages in the east, south and midwest. The WLB acted to end five strikes while President Truman ordered army seizure of one war plant.

### Soldiers Man Trucks

In Chicago, some 1,200 soldiers manned trucks as the ODT sought to restore normal operations for the 1,700 government-owned trucking lines. Speedily drafting of union truck drivers remaining away from the jobs was being prepared by ODT officials. The number idle among the 14,000 members of the two unions involved in the five-day old work stoppage ranged from 6,000 upward. They quit work in protest of a WLB wage-hour decision.

Tri-state company officials in Jackson, Miss., estimated 60,000 passengers in nine states were affected by a strike of more than 400 bus drivers and mechanics. Union officials were directed by the WLB to use "full authority" to get the strikers back to their jobs and meetings were scheduled in several cities on the tri-state system. The strike began here June 9 in a dispute over wage rates, grievance procedure, seniority, and spread to Louisiana, Alabama, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas.

### Seizure Ordered

Army seizure and operation of plants of the Diamond Alkali company at Painesville, Ohio, was ordered yesterday by President Truman. Company officials said workers, 2,000 of whom struck Friday, were "filtering back" to their jobs.

Heavings were scheduled today and Thursday by the WLB in an effort to end strikes at two plants of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company and at half-thousand strikes at four of the company's other plants and four plants of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass company. The employees at the 10 plants voted to strike, effective 6 p. m. Thursday, after controversy over contract issues.

Walkouts at Chicago and Detroit war plants kept idle some 8,000 workers. More than 3,500 workers of the Ford Motor company's River Rouge plant were sent home after work stoppages by 500 United Automobile Workers (CIO) maintenance men and 400 AFL maintenance men were off the job at the Packard Motor company.

In Chicago officials of the CIO United Farm Equipment Workers union and the McCormick works of the International Harvester company were directed to appear at a show cause meeting today if a strike of between 4,000 and 5,000 employees is not ended.

## Substitute Oil to be Used on City Streets

Due to government restrictions, oiling of city streets will be completed with a medium curing oil rather than a slow curing type, according to Carl Cajanus, city engineer.

Cajanus said that the first of 15 carloads of oil was received last week and oiling was begun but since that time the government has restricted the use of the slow curing oil. The advantage in using the slow curing type is that it can be mixed more thoroughly with the road before it sets.

## Hold Everything



"He'd rather play the piano but his folks think he needs exercise."

## Parley Leaders Strive To Settle Last Measure To Keep Truman's Date

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

San Francisco, (AP)—Conference leaders striving to resolve the last of the issues between the great and small powers today so President Truman can keep his date to close this historic United Nations meeting next Saturday.

With the president already on the west coast at Olympia, Wash., and with time growing short to prepare for the projected Big Three meeting at Berlin next month, American delegates especially were hopeful that it would not be necessary to delay the closing session until early next week.

### Depends on Issue

But much depends on the remain-

ing issue—over the extent of discussion to be allowed a United Nations general assembly. It was supposed to have been settled yesterday and officials said there seemed no question the timetable would be thrown off if it was not settled finally today.

Russia is asking a stricter limitation of assembly debates than Australia, as leader of a group of small nations, considers acceptable. Several efforts at a compromise have failed to produce agreement.

Other conference work is speeding toward conclusion. Principles for the projected security league of the world organization were voted last night by a conference commission. This commission also agreed unanimously in a separate declaration that the Franco government of Spain, because of Axis support in coming to power, should never be admitted to membership.

### Supports Declaration

The United States, which like many of the other nations maintains diplomatic relations with Generalissimo Francisco Franco, supported the declaration after it was advanced by Mexico and strongly backed by France.

Three other commission meetings, the largest number yet for a single day, were called for today to approve other charter sections providing for the big power veto voting formula in a security council, for measures by which the council could seek to enforce peace and for a system of international trusteeships for territories, such as league of nations mandates and various pacific islands, which may later be placed under it.

## Truman Holds To Original Trip Schedule

Olympia, Wash., (AP)—President Truman started a holiday today in the Pacific northwest but his thoughts were centered on the post-war security conference at San Francisco.

Associates said the chief executive's plans for the immediate future were predicated upon hope of quick action on the final form of the projected international peace charter.

A delay in the closing of the San Francisco meeting beyond this week, they asserted, might force the rearrangement of Mr. Truman's schedule for the period leading up to his departure next month for his first "Big Three" meeting, at Berlin.

The president already has all but abandoned thought of being able to attend the governor's conference in Michigan.

Any delay in the conclusion of the San Francisco conference may force a postponement of President Truman's date to see Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, 1944 Republican presidential nominee, next Monday.

The president spent last night at the 3-story Georgian home, which serves as the executive mansion, with Gov. Mon C. Wallgren, a pal of old senate days.

He slipped out after dinner to listen to a private organ recital at the nearby capitol.

## THREE HURT IN 50-FOOT TUMBLE

Marshfield—Three men were injured, one seriously, about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when a 50-foot scaffold on which they stood shingling a barn roof, collapsed and plunged them to the ground.

The barn is located on the Alex Derfus property, Route 4, Marshfield.

Albert Harter, 24, is at St. Joseph's hospital and was still unconscious this noon. X-rays will be taken as soon as possible, it was stated. A second workman, Frank Hoffman, 49, is also a patient, having suffered a broken left arm and scalp laceration. Frank Weber, 49, received treatment at the hospital for an injury to his right shoulder, and he was dismissed last evening. All are residents of Route 4.

This is the second time within the past two days that near tragedies have occurred on or near the Derfus property. Little Shirley Ann Derfus was taken to St. Joseph's hospital after being struck by a car on Highway 97 early Monday evening. She suffered a severely broken right arm, facial bruises and contusions, and a hand injury.

## Elm Trees Are Subjected to Annual Cankerworm Attack

Particularly rampant in the Wisconsin Rapids area is the spring cankerworm which has been attacking elm trees, H. R. Lathrop stated today in answer to queries on the condition of these trees.

He said that the worm, which is really a wingless moth, "skeletonizes" the tree, eating the "meat" from the leaves.

The moths emerge from the ground and climb the trees to deposit their eggs beneath the bark. A partial solution to this problem has been found by placing a ring of "tanglefoot" a preventative solution around the tree trunks. The worm, when reaching this area is stopped, if many of them are stopped in one

## Put Your \$\$ On Yanks in The Seventh

Washington—(AP)—The heat's on in the 7th war loan.

The biggest bond drive of all—so far as individual Americans are concerned—officially ends June 30, a week from this Saturday.

And here's the situation: Total sales have climbed past 10 billion dollars—\$10,483,000,000 or three-fourths of the total quota of 14 billions.

That includes \$4,538,000,000 invested by corporations and \$5,945,000,000 by individuals.

These individual investors have put \$2,674,000,000 into series E bonds. This figure is behind schedule.

The treasury expressed satisfaction with total sales to individuals. But not of the E-bond situation. Ted Gamble, national war finance director, told reporters:

"With less than two weeks remaining, several millions of Americans who have not bought their war bonds in this drive will need to do so if the 4-billion-dollar E-bond quota is made."

## \$50,000 Bequeathed To Son of Mrs. Hill

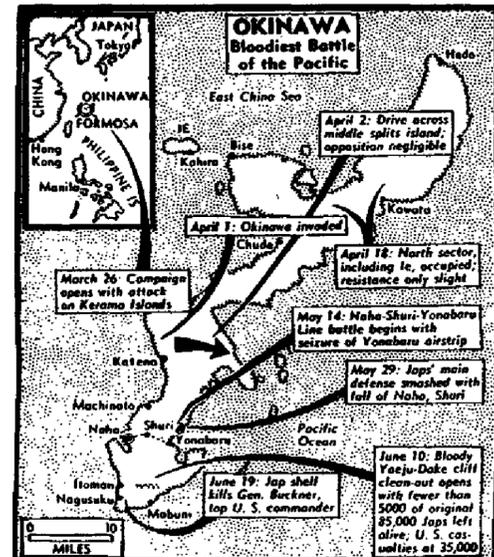
Petition for probate of the will of Mrs. Martha P. Hill, 511 Third street south, who died at her home Wednesday, June 13, has been filed in county court.

Personal property valued at \$50,000 is bequeathed to a son, Stephen M. Hill, 35.

Mrs. Hill was born at Merrill, Wis., and married Earl M. Hill there in 1920. They lived in Wisconsin Rapids until 1945 when they moved to Wilmette, Ill., returning to Wisconsin Rapids in 1943. Mr. Hill died October 17, 1941. Besides the son, Mrs. Hill is survived by five brothers and three sisters.



SLAIN COMMANDER OF 10th ARMY AND SUCCESSOR—Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner (left) commanding general of the 10th army who was killed by Jap shellfire on Okinawa, is shown sometime before he met his death, conferring on Okinawa with Marine Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commanding general of the 3rd amphibious corps. Geiger will succeed Buckner as commander of the 10th army.



RECAPITULATION OF OKINAWA CAMPAIGN—The campaign on Okinawa, the bloodiest battle in the Pacific, is traced from the initial Kerama islands (west of southern tip of Okinawa, as shown on inset) invasion to the death of Gen. Buckner on the eve of complete conquest of the island.

## Early Action Is Sought On Change in Succession

(By the Associated Press)

Washington—(AP)—Advocates of legislation placing the speaker of the house first in the succession line to President Truman moved today for early consideration by congress.

Soon after Mr. Truman recommended such a course, Senator Bridges (R-N. H.) introduced a bill to make the speaker instead of the secretary of state the chief executive's successor in the event of an early White House vacancy.

Chairman Summers (D-Tex.) of the house judiciary committee said he would follow suit at once.

In a message to congress, Mr. Truman expressed belief that the speaker is the official "whose selection next to that of the president and the vice president can be most accurately said to stem from the people themselves."

At the same time the new house committee on un-American activities opened public hearings to investigate what a spokesman called "a move to stir the Bible and make every Irishman a villain." OPA's New York regional office will be the first subject of inquiry. Committee members said they have evidence indicating an employee of the New York office used his official position to disseminate material that "follows the Communist line."

Rep. Thomas of New Jersey, ranking Republican committee man, said the OPA probe is the first in a series of inquiries he will ask the committee to make of various federal agencies.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles told the house committee on un-American activities today he had heard no complaints about radio scripts written for the New York regional OPA office.

As the house opened debate on legislation extending wage price controls, Republican Leader Martin (Mass.) announced members of his party will present 15 or more amendments. The administration wants the price law extended for one year in its present form. One amendment, Martin said, will seek to limit the extension to six months.

## Simple, Isn't It?

According to information found in an almanac, the correct way of ascertaining the length of daylight is "to add 12 hours to the time of sunset and from that figure, subtract the time of rising. It says there . . .

As long as someone else has figured out this mathematical problem, this item serves only to remind the public that tomorrow is the longest day in the year, in addition to being the first day of summer. To be exact, 1:52 p. m. central war time. An unusual session of cold and wet spring weather has gardeners and sports enthusiasts speculating on what the summer months will bring.

## General Easley Is Killed In Okinawa Battle

Washington—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Claudius M. Easley, assistant commander of the 96th infantry division, was killed in action on Okinawa Tuesday, his wife was notified by the war department today.

The 53-year-old veteran of the first World War was the second high ranking officer to fall on the island this week. Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., commander of the 10th army, was killed by a Japanese shellburst there Monday.

The war department gave no details of the death of the general. The 96th division has been fighting in southern Okinawa.

General Easley had fought on Leyte island in the Philippines, where he was wounded by a Japanese sniper. He had won the Silver Star and the Legion of Merit for his action in the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns.

## Nips Fear Another Invasion of Ryukyus

## Russian Court Learns Pole Head Was in Dark About Anti-Soviet Acts

BULLETIN

Moscow—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Nikolai Afanasyev, chief prosecutor of the 16 Poles on trial for subversive activities behind Russian lines, asked the court today for no death sentences, but only imprisonment.

BY EDDIE GILMORE

Moscow—(AP)—The military collegium of the Soviet supreme court had before it today evidence indicating that Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, former premier of the Polish government in exile in London, had been kept in the dark concerning alleged anti-Russian operations of the Polish underground army.

Testimony to this effect was offered by Yevgeny Charnowski, chairman of the Polish Union of Democrats, who appeared last night as a witness at the trial of 16

Polish underground leaders accused of subversive activities.

In Moscow Mikolajczyk is now in Moscow taking part in discussions looking toward the reorganization of the present provisional Polish government in Warsaw.

Charnowski said that when Mikolajczyk came to Moscow last year for fruitless conversations on the formation of a provisional government.

### Denies Activities

London—(AP)—The Polish Telegraph agency, official mouthpiece of the Polish government-in-exile, denied today that the Polish home army had committed diversionist activities in the rear of Red army forces.

This was the first direct repudiation here of the Russian indictment under which 16 Polish leaders are being tried in Moscow.

## Another Says He Saw Hitler Body in Berlin

Montgomery's Headquarters—(AP)—A German policeman from Berlin said today he saw the bodies of Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun burning at the exit to the Reich chancellery shelter on May 1.

(This is another of a series of reports and rumors concerning the fate of Hitler which started before the fall of Berlin. Marshal Zhukov told Allied correspondents in the German capital June 9 that "we have found no corpse that could be Hitler's" and suggested the father had a good opportunity to escape by air with Eva Braun, his companion in the siege.)

Hermann Karrau, 22, the policeman, told Allied correspondents: "I saw Hitler lying on the ground about two meters from the exit, in the open air."

"Hitler was on his back with his knees slightly drawn up. Eva Braun was beside him with her face down. Both bodies were on fire and beside them were four empty gasoline cans. There was an incredible odor."

"I turned about and encountered Prof. Stumpfegger, chief medical officer of the chancellery, at the main entrance to the bunker. I believed he poisoned the fuhrer and Fraulein Braun, for four nights earlier he had poisoned the fuhrer's favorite Alsatian dog, Blondie."

"I entered the bunker, which was 20 meters deep underground, and met Hitler's valet, Linge."

## Services Sunday For Pfc. Verlyn Ebert

There will be a memorial service at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Immanuel Lutheran church at Alpin for Pfc. Verlyn William Ebert, who was killed in action in Germany March 26. The Rev. Wilbur C. Hagobusch will have charge of the service.

Pfc. Ebert entered service May 28, 1941. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ebert are residents of Alpin and his wife is employed in Marshfield.

## Paper and Pulp Mills Cut Accident Average

Chicago—(AP)—Paper and pulp mills in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, North and South Dakota, which participated in a U. S. department of labor safety drive, cut their accident average by more than 10 per cent between October 1944 and March, the department said Tuesday.

## Prentiss Wabers to Begin Erection of New Warehouse

Prentiss Wabers Products company today announced that construction of a new \$150,000 warehouse, 125 by 300 feet, will begin within a week.

Plans and specifications for the warehouse were prepared by A. F. Billmeyer and Son, architects and builders, and a contract for construction of the warehouse was awarded to the Ed Meyer Construction company of Oshkosh.

The structure will be built of concrete, steel and brick and will match the general architecture of the company's building. The new building will contain some heating units, lighting and will be fireproofed with a sprinkling system. The building will be erected in the rear of the plant, on the east side of the company's property.

A new railroad siding will be installed for loading along with a truck dock and a crane for unloading and handling sheet steel. The capacity will be 75 to 80 carloads of finished merchandise which will relieve the storage problem, as it has been necessary for the company to rent eight warehouses throughout the city in the past.

R. S. Willrout, general manager of the company, pointed out that the new warehouse will cut down on manual labor and will facilitate shipments of the output of the plant as well as being more economical and satisfactory.

The company also owns two other warehouses, not situated on the plant property. They are the former Ragan furniture warehouse and the old Battery E. stables on Second street north.

## Japanese Leap To Death From Okinawa Cliffs

BY LEONARD MILLIMAN

Associated Press War Editor Tokyo broadcasts hinted today at another possible American invasion of the Ryukyu islands 200 miles southwest of Okinawa, where Japanese troops jumped off the southern cliffs and surrendered by the hundreds, marking the virtual end of the campaign.

A hundred transports were concentrated, Tokyo said, at U. S. island bases near Okinawa, while two task forces, including five carriers and four battleships, moved toward Miyako island in the almost daily raided Sakishima group.

Tokyo also reported Allied minelayers were sweeping a channel off Balikpapan, South Pacific oil center, for a third Australian invasion of Borneo.

These reports were without confirmation. In announced American naval activity a destroyer shelled and sank three Japanese vessels in the Bonin islands, between Iwo Jima and Tokyo, while other surface ships joined air forces in bombing and by-passed Jaluit island in the Marshalls.

The enemy reported 30 fighter planes from Okinawa raided Omura in the Japanese homeland during daylight today, following up devastating pre-dawn raids by 450 Superforts on three industrial cities and three mine-laying expeditions by 60 other B-29s.

American ground forces in the northern Philippines advanced so rapidly it appeared the enemy might not have a chance to organize for the long-expected major battles of Cagayan valley.

Chungking reported Chinese columns have driven to within six miles of Luichow and three miles from the former U. S. Luichow air-base.

Two regiments of marines cracked through rapidly diminishing enemy resistance on Okinawa yesterday to reach the southern shore and cut Japanese survivors into three disconnected pockets. The Eighth marine regiment, Tarawa veterans who entered the Okinawa battle this week, were the first to reach the beaches. They made it standing up.

Menace Mabuni Marines and two army divisions were closing in on Mabuni, where the Japanese general is believed to be directing the three remaining cores of resistance from fire-burned caves.

In the 7th division sector alone 200 soldiers and 2,000 Okinawa See—PACIFIC—Page 7

## Band Concert Is Scheduled for Thursday Night

The Wisconsin Rapids city band will play another in its series of weekly summer concerts at Witter field Thursday evening. The concert will begin at 8 o'clock.

The band will play the following: March, "The Morristown Independent," H. C. Miller; descriptive overture, "The Fall of Jericho," J. Maulochand; caricure, "The Fairies Flirtation," F. H. Losey; waltz, "My Isle of Golden Dreams," W. Blaufuss; baritone solo, "The Water Witch," concert polka, C. Smith, played by Everett Jamniet.

Overture, "The Cloth of Gold," F. Jewell; march, "Passing Review," Chas. Phillips; selection, "The Merry Widow," Franz Lehay; waltz, "Spirit of the Dance," G. E. Holmes; selection, "Folly-Five Minutes From Broadway," Geo. M. Cahlan; march, "87th Regiment Band," R. Crumling; Star Spangled Banner.

### ARRESTS SUSPECT

Police Chief R. J. Exner at the request of La Crosse authorities this morning arrested Harlan Lunde, 26, 900 First street north, who is charged with grand larceny. Lunde is accused of taking \$1,300 from Charles Schaefer, La Crosse, before coming to Wisconsin Rapids, about a month ago, the police chief was told.

## Slavs and Allies Agree on Terms Of Occupation

Rome—(AP)—Allied headquarters announced today that a program for implementing the Allied-Yugoslav agreement on the occupation of Venezia Giulia had been signed.

The official announcement said: "The discussion covered detailed delineation of the boundary agreed upon at Belgrade, arrangements for placing certain Yugoslav troops under command of the supreme Allied commander in the Mediterranean theater, the use of the ports of Trieste and Pola and other administrative matters of mutual interest to the Allied and Yugoslav military authorities."

As provided in the Belgrade agreement, the western area will be occupied by Anglo-American troops and the eastern area by Yugoslav troops. The whole area of Venezia Giulia will be held in trust by respective countries pending final settlement at the peace conference.

"I have checked with wholesale houses and found that there will be an adequate supply to last through the entire canning season," Bushnell pointed out, "so there is no need for canners to apply in advance."

"We have issued coupons entitling each person to five pounds of sugar for early canning and another allotment will be issued at a later date. Everyone will get the same amount regardless of when application is made," he concluded.

## Sweet News

"Residents in this territory need not worry about obtaining canning sugar as is the case in other sections of the country," W. Fred Bushnell, chief clerk of the south Wood county war price and rationing board said today.

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