

WORK RESUMED AT FORD PLANT

700 Men Left Machines Seeking Cancellation Of 'Stagger System'

(By The Associated Press)

The Ford Motor company plant at Iron Mountain, Mich., was back in production yesterday after a two day shut down caused by what union leaders said was a "work cessation, not a strike."

The last of about 700 men who left their machines asking cancellation of a "stagger system" of employment and weekly instead of bi-weekly payments returned to their jobs. Officials of the CIO United Automobile workers said the "work cessation" had not been authorized by the union.

At Buffalo, N. Y., striking CIO workers at the American Magnesium Corporation plant voted to return after hearing appeals from union leaders and Army officers. They were told that the War Labor Board would open a hearing on Monday on their demands for wage increases. The strike had involved about 1,000 employees.

But at Providence, R. I., 800 workers in the Browne & Sharpe Manufacturing company remained on strike although leaders of the International Molders and Foundry workers' union had urged them to return. The strike followed discharge by the company of a shop steward, a member of the union.

The War Labor Board at Washington sent a request to Everett, Mass., for striking employees at the Monsanto Chemical company to go back to work pending arbitration of a dispute between the company and an AFL union which seeks a union shop and a wage increase of seven cents an hour with an additional three cents for rotating shift men. The company, which said the average hourly wage was 90 cents, offered five cents with an additional two cents for rotating shifts.

Eight hundred employees in seven Kansas City flour mills walked out yesterday after both management and labor had agreed a wage controversy was a matter to be settled by a Federal Labor conciliator.

A strike on Detroit's municipally-owned transportation system was ended, but the city ordered that between 300 and 400 workers who walked out be suspended indefinitely. Mayor Edward J. Jeffries said that "no one who was guilty of stopping the transportation system is going to be taken back and forgiven and forgotten." The city said normal service would be maintained on the system by using seven-day shifts until the suspensions ended or new workers were hired.

The strikers voted Friday night to end the one-day walkout. Members of an AFL union, the men struck because of what they called excessive delays in wage negotiations.

LARGE NEW ORLEANS SHIPYARD CONTRACT CANCELLED BY U. S.

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"the amount of steel required would best be diverted into existing construction."

NEW ORLEANS, July 18.—(AP)—A. J. Higgins, head of Higgins Industries, Inc., announced today that his huge shipbuilding plant being constructed under contract to build 200 liberty ships within two years was closed down today by order of the U. S. Maritime Commission.

About 10,000 men were employed in the plant at Michoud.

"They said it was a shortage of steel, that was their pretext," said Higgins in a statement.

"We have now working down there 10,000 men. It makes no difference to me personally, of course, but those grand groups are out."

"This action by the Maritime Commission has hung crepe on the biggest thing in Louisiana. It is worse for the state than if the river broke and flooded New Orleans."

"There may be more behind it than their bare announcement. It's my personal opinion that the decision in Washington was arrived at and enforced by dollar-a-year men."

"Maybe we were going to build ships too fast, maybe we were going to build too many ships and too cheaply."

"We regret the damage to Louisiana. We regret the disappointment to a grand bunch of men that were in the organization, many of them young who came to this staff at a sacrifice and at a lower scale of wages than they were getting elsewhere, many of them believes they could serve their country best here in this undertaking."

Higgins has other plants which manufacture torpedo and crash landing boats for the Navy.

The contract for the 200 liberty ships was awarded Higgins March 3, 1942 and ground was broken three weeks later on the sprawling plant, valued at \$42,000,000 and expected to employ about 40,000 workers by the time it reached capacity in the fall.

The process by which the ships were to be built involved a new method with assembly line technique in which pre-fabricated parts would swing into place as the ships moved down the line.

On this basis, Higgins said, almost a ship a day—24 a month—would be produced, the equivalent of 28 conventional shipyards. 4

Revivalists



The Rev. and Mrs. John Dorsey of Ohio, will conduct a revival at the Wesleyan Methodist church here beginning July 19. The public is cordially invited to attend.

City Briefs

CLUB TO MEET

The Winter Park service club will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the school building. All members and visitors are invited to attend.

FOSTER TO SPEAK

Dr. Foster, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist church, will be the guest speaker at Calvary Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Chaplain White of Camp Davis will preach at the evening service.

RED CROSS CLASS

Mrs. C. B. Newcomb will teach a standard Red Cross First Aid class, beginning Monday, July 20, at 7:30 o'clock in the reading room of the Masonic Temple. Members are asked to bring notebooks, pencil, triangular bandages and money for textbook.

V.F.W. MEETING

The regular meeting of the James A. Manley Post 2573 V.F.W. will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock at the U.S.O. building at 2nd and Orange streets. All men of the armed forces who have seen service on foreign lands or on hostile waters in World War II are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Information may be obtained at the meeting or from any member.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Today's service at the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, Wrightsville Beach, will be conducted by the Rev. W. B. Healy, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Montecello, Ark.

PROMOTED

Lieut. Graham Edwards of Victoria, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Edwards of Forest Hills, has recently been promoted from the rank of lieutenant to Captain. Capt. Edwards is also squadron commander at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, at the Advance Flying school of the Army.

CROWLEY TO PREACH

The Rev. J. S. Crowley, evangelist, will preach the morning sermon at McClure Memorial church, Castle Hayne, today at 11 o'clock. R. F. Gibson, elder in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, will be in charge of the service.

VISIT CAMP DAVIS

Edgar C. Garrabrant, Wilmington, official of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, and Chesley Bellamy, Hendersonville, were guests of Col. Oscar C. Warner, training center executive officer, at Camp Davis Saturday. The visitors were taken on a tour of the camp.

SPECIAL OFFERING

The Methodist churches of the city will receive a special offering this morning for the proposed church plant to be erected in Sunset Park to care for the enlarged population of that area. The people are asked to use the special envelopes sent them during the week for this purpose.

METHODIST MEETING

The City Union of Methodist Youth will hold its July meeting at the U.S.O. club on Harbor Island Monday, July 27, instead of on July 20, the usual date for the session.

DEFENSE MEETING

A representative of the Area Civilian Defense organization will meet with Wilmington's negro citizens at the Central Baptist church Monday night at 8:30 o'clock for the purpose of explaining and organizing various classes in connection with the Civilian Defense program here.

REVF'S FIELD

AMESBURY, Mass., July 18.—(AP) Samuel R. Bailey, prominent machinery manufacturer, who announced earlier in the week that he would be a candidate for governor "to obtain political supplies of gasoline" reversed his field slightly today and became, instead, a Republican candidate for councillor in the Fifth district.

REDS DRIVE WEDGE INTO NAZI POSITIONS

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to cautious defense. Coordinated thrusts of Red aviation, huge tanks and ground troops gradually were wrenching the stubborn Nazis from their positions, dispatches said.

In the tense fighting based on Millerovo, the Germans appeared still to be about 175 miles from Stalingrad and around 100 miles from Rostov, both guardians of the prime oil region objective.

The main force of the German mass seemed to be aimed down the Moscow-Rostov railway in the direction of the Sea of Azov where the Don reaches salt water. The Germans were said to be striving mightily to capture a junction on the spur rail line to Stalingrad.

Dispatches said the Nazi advance was laying the countryside in ruins with aviation pursuing the familiar tactic of reducing towns and villages in the path of the mechanized German forces.

Orderly Retreat

But everywhere there was evidence that Timoshenko's retreat was slow and orderly and that he was exacting a terrible toll of attrition as he sold the rich wheat lands for German lives and material.

Henry C. Cassidy, Associated Press war correspondent, traveled for two days 200 miles behind the Don front and found Russian communications functioning superbly. He said there was plenty of evidence of Russian planes behind the lines and that no German air attacks had penetrated more than 100 miles beyond the fighting.

There was no evidence that Timoshenko had yet hurled any of his reserves into the battle, or that Russian troops had been shifted from other sectors. In contrast, Russian reports have said repeatedly, as they did today, that Von Bock was constantly feeding new reserves — many of them from other sectors and many from far rear — into his supreme bid to seal off the Caucasus for winter campaigning and to cut the Allied life line to Russia via the Persian gulf.

The cities of Likhaya, Sulin and Shakhly lie directly in the path of the German juggernaut aimed south from Millerovo.

CONTINUE ADVANCE

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts) July 18.—(AP)—German tanks and motorized infantry have reached the lower Don river east of Rostov on a broad front in a continuing southward thrust, the German high command reported today.

Infantry divisions also have gained territory to the east in a frontal attack and have annihilated encircled Soviet forces, a communique said.

Since the beginning of the current drive a fortnight ago from the Kursk and Kharkov areas, military quarters said, the German advance has covered a distance of about 400 kilometers (250 miles), depriving the Russians of one of their most valuable breadbaskets and an important industrial section.

CHANGE INDICATED

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts) July 18.—(AP)—A dispatch from Ankara said diplomatic circles there receiving reports today from Kulyshov, Soviet Russia, indicating a change in command of Russia's southern armies was "imminent or already has been carried through in the past 24 hours."

This dispatch also one report was that Marshal Semeon Timoshenko would be succeeded in the south by Marshal Boris Shaposhnikov, chief of staff of the Red army.

(There was no substantiation of the German report from any other source.)

RED REVERSES MAY PROMPT 2ND FRONT

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most often mentioned because it is axiomatic that no invasion can be attempted beyond the range of fighter planes. An essential condition to success would be the occupation of German airdromes along the French coast by American and British forces. Without these, the invading Allies' air support would be extremely limited.

Enormous Hurdle

Shipping of course is an enormous hurdle since German submarines have greatly reduced the Allied pool and every ship is needed to supply and reinforce fronts throughout the world. Northern France offers the shortest avenue for invasion on which small Allied ships could be used repeatedly as at Dunkerque, under constant Allied air protection.

Two French peninsulas are advantageous for amphibian offensive operations. If either the Cherbourg or Brest peninsula were occupied—as suggested by one newspaper—the sea would be secure on both flanks.

The German spearhead which burst into France in May, 1940, comprised eight armored divisions. It is difficult to believe that the Allies could break the coastal defenses with less, together with about 22 supporting infantry divisions each with artillery. Thus the initial Allied invasion force would comprise 450,000 men at least.

A reserve force of 15 divisions, including two armored divisions, would have to stand ready to make good initial losses which military men say would be heavy.

Transporting and maintaining such an army would require a minimum of 200 medium merchantmen, 1,500 barges, 1,500 tank lighters.

Alternative

Landing heavy equipment would be extremely difficult, particularly if small ports were chosen as bridgeheads. The alternative would be to capture a strongly protected base such as Lorient or St. Nazaire, which would be a major operation in itself.

Another difficulty is the need of reserve ships, barges and lighters.

OPA Film Find



Dallas-born Mary Bryne, secretary in the OPA office, will play the role of a secretary in Bob Hope's new picture, which has a Washington background.

SOLONS APPROVE FLORIDA CANAL

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cated advance approval of the proposal.

Asserting that passage of the bill had established precedent for spending money on projects which would not contribute immediately to the war effort, Senator Gerry (D-R.I.), said he expected the St. Lawrence project, which he also opposes, to be brought up soon.

Expressing the same viewpoint, Senator Austin of Vermont, the assistant republican leader, said he thought a \$44,000,000 outlay for a high-level lock canal across Florida would be "wholly contrary to the policy of putting our money in to resources needed for the war effort."

He had no doubt, Austin said, that efforts now would be made to push the St. Lawrence project, involving an outlay expected to exceed \$500,000,000 before a deep water route could be completed to the Atlantic from the Great Lakes and attendant hydro-electric power developments carried out. Engineers have estimated it might take four years to build the seaway.

On the other hand, Senator Clark (D-Mo.), who supported the Florida canal proposal but vigorously opposes the St. Lawrence project, said he thought no comparison could be made between the two.

"We certainly have not established any precedent for the St. Lawrence proposal by voting to build a barge canal across Florida," he declared.

JAPS BLASTED OUT OF WENCHOW AREA

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Nanchang, Kinki itself has changed hands several times.

In eastern Kiangsi, the high command said attacks upon towns by Japanese striking from Kwang-feng had been repulsed and that other enemy units attacking Santou, north of Canton, in Kwangtung, were routed and sent retreating toward Yuantan, on the Canton-Hankow railroad.

Central News reported that in northern China the Japanese had occupied Siaoqi, central Shansi province, following bloody fighting lasting several days.

Large merchantmen suitable for trans-Atlantic convoy service would be useless in small ports. They present a large target anywhere. Small tugs, freighters and coastwise vessels which brought one British army away from France would have to be employed to land another.

All these problems are dwarfed by the task of supply. Much of the equipment for U. S. Forces must be brought across the Atlantic.

For instance, an armored division includes from 3,000 to 5,000 vehicles. Gasoline, tires and spare parts must follow closely behind each division. Moreover, huge tank repair shops must be opened as soon as a division is in action.

Supplying invading riflemen likewise is a major problem. Each American, British or Canadian carries about 100 rounds into action. Experts estimate at least 75 percent of a landing force would exhaust its entire supply on the first day.

Food is another worry because the Germans already have stripped France of all its edibles beyond immediate civilian minimums. All Allied food would have to be moved across the channel, much of it transhipped from the United States.

CARD OF THANKS

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ACTION IS TAKEN AGAINST ALLEGED PRICE BOOSTERS

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cents, and declaring that the raise was the result of a "misunderstanding."

In a signed statement to OPA Inspector James C. Green, one of the Clinton dealers said the beer vendors there had signed an agreement to raise the price of the beverage five cents.

In the case of the Famous Club and Grill, witnesses declared that they had been charged a dime for a nickel bottle of grape soda. Camp Davis soldiers said that they had been charged 25 cents for a bottle of 7-Up at the Cape Fear Sandwich shop and 25 cents for a bottle of 16-cent beer.

George Kontollas, one of the

three proprietors of the sandwich shop, submitted a statement in which he declared that waitresses in the place paid for orders over the counter and collected from the customers in turn and that the overcharging had resulted from the employment of inexperienced help. The shop was recently declared out-of-bounds for Camp Davis soldiers by Maj.-Gen. Fred. Eric Smith, commanding officer of the camp.

In issuing the orders, Judge Meekins declared:

"The acts and practices of the defendants, as alleged, tend to produce an inflationary spiral, as well as tending to result in the exploitation of members of the armed forces and of citizens of modest means whose functions and activities are vital to the war effort."

The case came after numerous and widespread complaints that beer retailers were flagrantly vio-

lating the price regulations. Shepard said in Raleigh. He added that investigations were being made in other towns as to beer, and also that inspectors were ready to crack down on dealers who are reported to have gone up on the price of soft drinks.

"Scarcity of bottled drinks is being used as an excuse to mulct the public," said Shepard. "This, of course, is the very germ of inflation. Without scarcity and a concurrent heavy demand, such price increases could not be possible, and scarcity can hardly be pleaded as an excuse, since the GMPR were set up to stop just this sort of run-away prices."

Shepard revealed that investigation of a large drug chain in North Carolina had been made and the findings forwarded to regional headquarters for disposition. Two violations were charged—failure to

post prices properly, and failure to file cost-of-living items with the OPA.

TEST FARM SITE

HENDERSONVILLE, July 18.—(AP)—A committee from the State Department of Agriculture will inspect several sites in Henderson county Monday in their search for a farm in this section. P. M. Cahill, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce has announced.

"NATIONAL DISGRACE"

DETROIT, July 18.—(AP)—A letter to employees in the Detroit area striking at the tank plant operated by the Fisher Body division of General Motors Corp., near Flint, Mich., E. F. Fisher, the division's general manager, appealed today for a return to work and termed the strike "a national disgrace."

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