

# Phone Strike's Director Plans Peaceful Methods

## Female Pickets Will Play Important Roles In Stoppage Strategy

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 24.—The man designated to direct what may be one of the most paralyzing strikes in labor history said Sunday he would resort only to "peaceful—but effective" methods to enforce the demands of his union membership for higher wages and shorter hours.

He's Carlton W. (Union cronies call him "Slim") Werkau of Washington, D. C. The six-foot, five-and-one-half inch Werkau, secretary-treasurer of the strike-bent National Federation of Telephone Workers, is the independent union's

strike strategy director. The federation, 250,000 strong, has set 6 a. m. of March 7 for a nationwide silencing of phones of the far-lung American telephone and telegraph system.

Female pickets and strike workers will play important roles in the planned work stoppage strategy. The federation's membership is 60 percent women.

"Just as the men, they will accept the responsibility of carrying out all strike duties," the towering, 38-year-old co-ordinator said.

Werkau feels that strategically and psychologically, the presence of women on the picket lines and in bargaining conferences will strengthen the labor organization's hand.

Strike action was voted by representatives of the 30 autonomous affiliates at a four-day session here. The federation, composed of operators, manufacturing and production workers, and craftsmen and clerical employees, demands a \$10 weekly wage increase, a minimum of 65 cents an hour and a 40-hour work week.

The executive board Thursday ordered a general walkout of 17 affiliates which had filed strike notices, simultaneously announcing the remaining affiliates would respect picket lines thrown up by the strikers.

Federation president Joseph A. Beirne, 35-year-old New Jersey Irishman, directed an immediate cessation of all individual bargaining. He said all company offers failing to meet the union's "not-to-be-modified" wage-hour demands would be rejected any settlement must apply to all of the 17 striking affiliates.

Werkau indicated a new picketing wrangle—using the wires of the telephone company, itself, as a picket line—may be unveiled during the strike. It's designed to ease the effect of possible anti-picketing injunctions.

"Suppose, for instance, we station one picket in front of the A. T. & T. building in New York. The wires from the building radiate throughout the United States. That, so far as our federation members are concerned, constitutes a nationwide, bona fide picket line and each one of us will respect it."

He predicted the strike would not be "an easy one."

"We're preparing for a tough struggle — and so are the companies."

### STUDENT GATHERINGS DEMAND WITHDRAWAL OF RUSSIAN TROOPS

SHANGHAI, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Agitation for withdrawal of the Russians from Manchuria, boiled up in North China Sunday as Moscow presented what appeared to be the first Soviet reaction to the storm of protest.

More than 1,000 students in a Peiping mass meeting heard speakers denounce "Russian imperialism" and assert that Chinese Communists were "Soviet puppets" leading a fifth column in Manchuria, Mongolia, and in China proper.

Students at Nanking, which will be restored as China's capital shortly, scheduled a demonstration for Monday in which merchants and representatives of labor promised to join.

Amid the uproar, the Moscow Radio declared that remnants of Japanese forces had made widespread "bandit" attacks on Russian troops in Manchuria and "many of the bandits, arrested by Soviet authorities, declare they are members of the Kuomintang (Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's party)."

The broadcast asserted the Japan had "the help and leadership of reactionary elements in China," which were sent into Manchuria "to develop their activity against the Soviet Union."

Chang Lan, leader of the middle-of-the-road Democratic League China's third party, told a press conference in Chungking "the integrity of Manchuria must be respected."

The ancient Egyptians are said to have performed amputations and various operations on the eye.

# This Funny World



"I'm sorry you're disappointed, Alfred, but we just couldn't wait for you to put on your bathing suit and rescue the man overboard."

# Tiny Mother Only Wanted Someone To Keep Johnny

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Congress will lend an ear Monday to the plight of an attractive 29-year-old brunette divorcee who gained some local fame by advertising for a husband.

Mrs. Verone Moreno, tiny, 89-pound mother of a four-year-old boy, Johnny, admitted Sunday night that her newspaper plea for a mate was "facetious." But it brought her hundreds of phone calls from interested males and a chance to testify before a Congressional committee.

Mrs. Moreno, who came here from Oklahoma and is a secretary at the Agriculture department, said this is her problem: The city's children center, where Johnny stays during the day while she works, is to close this week, along with others throughout the country because federal support is to stop. The question is what to do with Johnny.

"They told me that if I would advertise for a husband, it would be a good story for continuance of the nursery school," she said. "I agreed for the good of the cause."

The story, complete with pictures of the brown-eyed Mrs. Moreno, who is part Indian and a good rumba dancer, attracted several suitors, including a Latin with a ranch in California. It also brought her to attention of Rep. Ned R. Healy, (D., Calif.) who has asked her to be a witness Monday before the House District committee.

The committee, Healy said, will not help Mrs. Moreno get a husband but it wants her as a "real life example" of what will happen when the child-care centers close. As to getting a husband, she added, she will have to "work out her own methods for that."

She is hopeful, that Congress may provide funds to keep the district centers open. She said that on her government salary of \$2,300, she cannot afford to send Johnny elsewhere or hire someone to take care of him.

As for the telephone suitors, Mrs. Moreno said she was not and does not intend to see any of them. She added that while waiting for six swains who made dates by phone last Sunday, "I ran a temperature of 101 and had to go to bed."

# Queen Mary Sails With War Brides, Bank Leader

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Queen Mary sailed Sunday for New York carrying 2,000 American soldiers' wives and children and Lord Keynes, a governor of the International Monetary Fund and of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Lord Keynes will attend the first meeting of the governors, March 3.

# Japan's Silk Industry Now 12 Per Cent Normal

TOKYO, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Japan's 2,000-year-old raw silk industry, trying a comeback after a nearly complete blackout in the Pacific war, now is operating at about 12 per cent of its best pre-war capacity.

A representative of the industry said Sunday Japan expected to produce 150,000 bales of raw silk next year. Pre-war Japan shipped about 420,000 bales yearly to the United States and elsewhere.

Supreme headquarters reported that 50,000 bales of raw silk were ready for export now and first shipments to silk manufacturing countries were expected to begin shortly under Allied supervision.

U. S. Army engineers devised a wide track for tractors, for use in rice paddies of Japan, that practically eliminated the anger of getting stuck or turned over. Track was made of planks four inches thick, six inches wide and five feet long.

# Your Gi Rights

Questions and Answers On Servicemen's Problems

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—

(NEA)—Veterans are intensely interested in the all-out emergency program proposed by Government Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt. Here are some questions regarding the practical aspects of the program and how it will directly affect the individual veteran:

**Q.** My wife and I are interested in getting one of these ready-made houses the Government is talking about. We have a lot out in the country where my father lives. When we can get a house about how much would one with three bedrooms cost?

**A.** Under the proposed program the house you want shouldn't cost more than \$5000. This doesn't include freight from the factory and cost of erecting it, however.

**Q.** Suppose a veteran has the money and can buy a prefabricated house. How will he be able to put it up alone if there is nobody available to help him?

**A.** It is proposed that before a manufacturer is allowed to offer a prefabricated house for sale he must guarantee to have the services available for delivering it as well as putting it up.

**Q.** Both my brother and I are veterans. We have several acres of land just outside of town. We want to have it used for emergency veterans' housing but it doesn't have sewer or water connections. Will the Government help us get the utilities to our land?

**A.** As the Government program now stands, it will be up to the community to help get utilities to outlying lands and generally to provide the space for the houses. But if your particular problem, as applied to the rest of the country, becomes serious, the Government will probably have to step in on that angle also.

# James B. Hamilton, Jr., Said Killed In Action

BURGAU, Feb. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hamilton, Sr., of Atkinson, have been notified by the War department that their son, First Lieut. James B. Hamilton, Jr., who was reported as missing in action on December 16, 1943, has been presumed as having been killed on that date.

Lieutenant Hamilton entered the Army Air Corps during the summer of 1941, after having completed his junior year at N. C. State college. He served for 28 months in the States, then was sent to the southern New Guinea, being based in southern New Guinea. Here he served for one month with Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney's Fifth Air Force.

Information in the hands of the War department indicate that Lt. Hamilton was a crew member of a Liberator bomber on an armed reconnaissance mission to Gasmate, New Britain. The plane was to patrol the coastal area and kept radioing its position at intervals. The eighth report was broken, no further contact was made.

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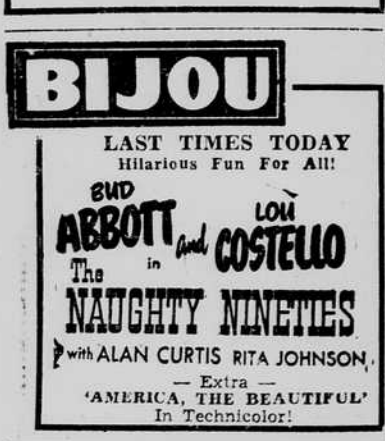
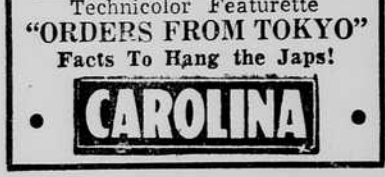
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