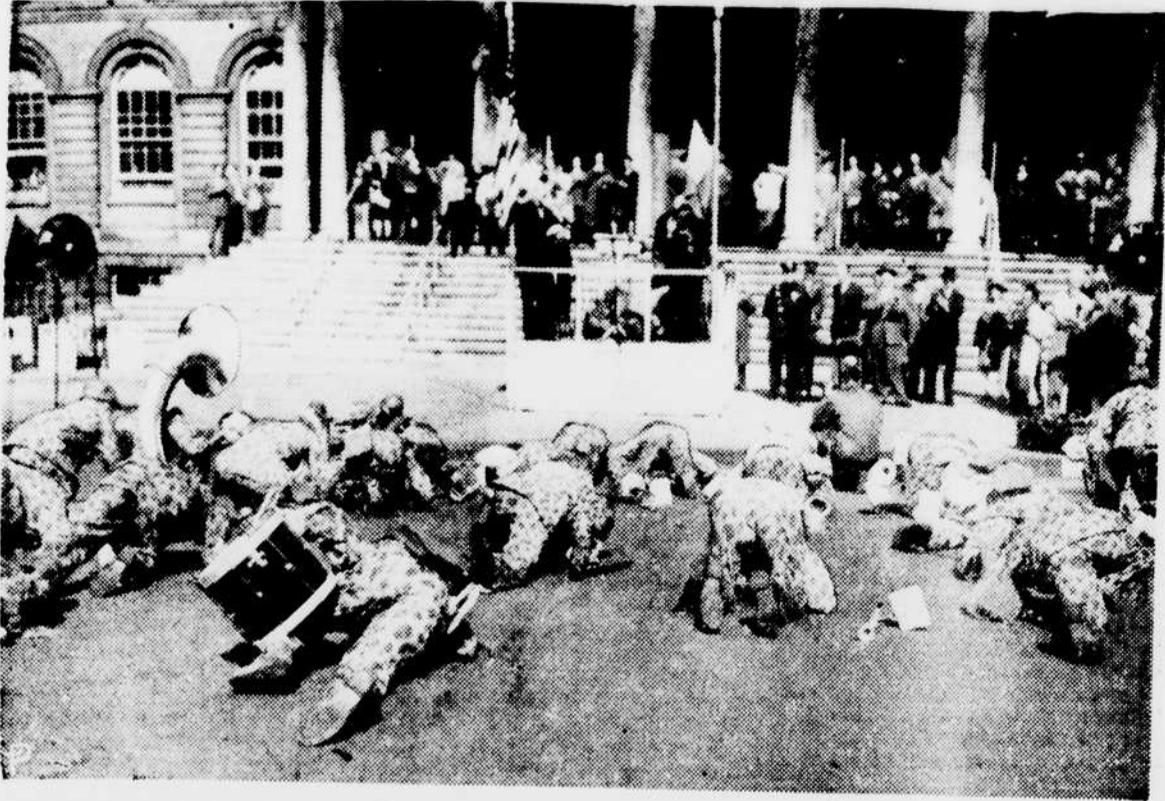


JUNGLEERS KISS CITY HALL GROUND AS PROMISED



FULFILLING A PROMISE THEY MADE to the 77th Division in the Pacific area that they would kiss the ground at New York's City Hall on their return to the U. S., members of the 29th Army Ground Force Band, known as the Jungleers, are shown doing just that. Tugged out in camouflage jungle outfits, the Jungleers also serenaded Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia and presented to him a form-fitting jungle suit. (International)

Gen. DeGaulle's Plans For France Approved

Japanese Zaibatsu Agree To Liquidate Themselves; School Program Revamped

Konoye Says Emperor Hirohito Is Anxious Strong Diet Be Developed

Tokyo, Oct. 22.—(AP)—The building of a democratic Japan, both financially and politically, occupied the center of the occupation stage today as government officials announced the powerful Zaibatsu would be broken up of their own accord and have the emperor's blessing to development of a stronger diet.

Constitution To Be Drawn By Assembly

Provisional Regime Will Retain Power During the Interim

Paris, Oct. 22.—(AP)—France's first general election in nine years placed an almost unqualified stamp of approval today on General Charles DeGaulle's plans to found a Fourth Republic on a new constitution drafted by chosen representatives of the people.

Indicted as Spy



BEAUTIFUL Czech screen star Lida Baurova, whose association with Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels caused a scandal in 1938 that rocked the Nazi hierarchy, has been indicted by the Prague People's Court on a charge of cooperating with the Gestapo. The actress was arrested in Munich on Sept. 22 by American forces. (International)

U. S. Strike Idle Almost Cut In Half

Soft Coal Miners Return to Pits; Glass Strike Seen

(By The Associated Press) The nation's strike total was cut almost in half today, despite a continuing ten city walkout of glass workers, as some 216,000 soft coal miners streamed back to the pits on orders of their union boss, John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers.

Returns and new disputes left the total idle in labor disputes at 217,400, and, barring any fresh walkout, that figure was slated to drop another 16,700 during the week, with the return of laid off steel workers who had been forced into idleness when the coal shutdown deprived blast furnaces of fuel.

This was the general situation: Returning to work, a total of 228,990, composed, excluding the coal miners, of 2,000 at Packard electrical plants at Warren, Ohio, 5,000 AFL ship repair men in the Los Angeles area, 1,500 at the General Electric X-Ray Corp. in Chicago, another 1,000 at the Revco Copper and Brass Co., Chicago, and 2,000 Michigan utility workers.

Don't Merge Forces Says Navy's Head

Washington, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal today declared the proposed merger of the War and Navy Department is "revolutionary and unsound."

Bluntly opposing the War Department, the Navy cabinet head offered the Senate Military Affairs Committee a substitute post-war plan for the armed forces.

The navy plan calls for continuation of present War and navy departments and creation of a national security council. This would be composed of the present secretaries of state, war and navy with the chairman of a proposed national security resources board as fourth member.

The President of the United States would preside as commander-in-chief.

As Secretary Forrestal began his testimony he stepped forward to shake hands with Senator Johnson of Colorado, acting head of the Senate group.

"I suppose it's customary for all opponents to shake hands," Forrestal said with a laugh.

"From now on no holds are barred," the senator replied.

Backers of the merger count on President Truman's throwing his weight behind the idea. Two legislators have recalled that Mr. Truman was in favor of the merger when he served in the Senate.

Forget Labor Proposals Six Months, Solon Urges

Let Labor, Industry "Shake-Down" By Itself, Senator Ellender Says

Washington, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A suggestion that Congress side-track all labor legislation for six months and let labor and industry "shake down" into a postwar relationship came today from Senator Allen Ellender of Louisiana.

"They ought to be able to adjust their problems to themselves," he said. But, elsewhere in Washington, there were moves to extend a hand in helping establish labor-management relations for reconversion.

President Truman has promised a statement on the wage-price issue. Mr. Truman was reported ready to advocate collective bargaining rather than government controls to settling disputes. He may also elaborate upon his policy of allowing wage increases within the existing price framework.

Churchill Raps Labor Government

Demobilization Too Slow, He Declares; Wants RAF Cut

London, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Former Prime Minister Churchill, urging Britain's Labor government to accelerate demobilization of the army, forces said today that "the task of holding Germany down will not be a hard one—it will be much more difficult to hold her up."

Churchill, speaking in Commons, as the leader of the Conservative opposition said the occupation of Germany and the Low Countries should require no more than 400,000 troops with the same number required for the Mediterranean zone.

He contended that the RAF should be reduced to a personnel of 10,000 and asserted that the navy should be brought back to its pre-war strength of 1,320,000.

In his first major attack in Commons upon the policies of the New Labor Government, Churchill said he was disquieted by the slowness of demobilization policies—one of the issues upon which the conservative press has been concentrating.

"What ever view may be taken on socialism or free enterprise it is common ground that we should get the great wheels as well as little wheels of life and of industry turning as soon as possible. For this we need the men."

Recovered from a throat ailment which had stilled his voice on the floor, Churchill urged that speed be put into carrying out the demobilization program which was forged under his own leadership. It was as a minister of national service in Churchill's coalition cabinet that Ernest Bevin, now foreign secretary, worked out the demobilization plan which, with slight modification, still is in operation. Demobilization has been classed as the number one domestic issue.

General Walkout Threatens As British Strike Spreads

London, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Tom Powell, unofficial leader of Britain's dock strikers, threatened the government with a general strike today as the country's most critical dock walkout in 20 years spread to new piers.

"I am warning the government that, if they do not face up to the present national crisis, within a few months, they will be faced with a worse national disaster—a worse national strike—than there was in 1926," Powell declared.

"Bringing thousands of soldiers into this industry while strikers' wives and children are starving is no solution," he said. "This is no way to build a beautiful Britain."

Camp Butner WAC To Use Parachute As Wedding Dress

Camp Butner, Oct. 22.—T Sgt. Robert Nermes led a charmed life as he flew over Germany. He was never called upon to use his parachute.

But today it is serving a peace-time purpose. The aviator's bride-to-be, Pvt. Alma Power, of the Women's Army Corps, is fashioning it into a wedding gown at the WAC craft shop here. She's the first girl here to make use of the nylon for this purpose.

She will wear it at her marriage to Sergeant Nermes which will take place December 27 at the Sacred Heart church in Farmer City, Ill.

Blooms Honoring Scattered On Sea Navy's War Dead

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 22.—(AP)—Flowers sent from all parts of the country were scattered on the ocean near disk yesterday in memorial tribute to the 60,000 men of the United States Navy who died in the line of duty.

The blooms, sent by rail, air, and even delivered in person, were tokens from those wishing to honor either some one individual or all of the dead.

On to the step of a chrysanthemum was tied a small sack of soil, red earth from the mountains of Virginia. Four letters from from Ohio town, each contained a pressed flower.

WINSTON HONORED. Detroit, England, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A plaque honoring Edward Winslow, one of the pilgrim fathers who sailed in the Mayflower in 1620, was unveiled here Sunday.

POLITICAL BAN DROPPED. Buenos Aires, Oct. 22.—(AP)—The Argentine Government said last night that a decree was signed Saturday restoring all political parties in the nation.

New Cabinet Takes Over In Venezuela

Bettancourt Says He Will Try To Be Good Neighbor

Caracas, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A cabinet pledged to democratic ideals took over the reins in oil rich Venezuela today under sponsorship of a revolutionary junta which stamped out all importance to its coup d'etat, as a week end of armed conflict.

Respected Romulo Bettancourt, 37, a former newspaper writer assumed the dual role of president and minister of the interior with a pledge that his government had assumed power only to provide the nation with free, direct, universal suffrage by secret ballot.

Bettancourt promised the nation would take an energetic part in preserving hemispheric unity.

"We want to be good neighbors not only on Pan-American Day, with flowery words and phrases, but in deeds as well," he said.

The new president, a one time communist who later renounced the party, announced that his government would respect the rights of foreigners.

He installed a cabinet dominated by the democratic action party, which is considered left of center.

JOHN D. GREETS 'GOOD NEIGHBOR'



NOT SINCE JOHN D. SR. dispensed dimes on Sunday mornings has there appeared so informal a picture of a Rockefeller as the one above. It shows John D. Jr., one of the world's richest men, extremely happy as his son, Nelson (right), is embraced by President Juan Antonio Rios of Chile in New York. Rios presented him with the Order of Merit. (International)

Stacy Will Preside At Labor Meet

N. C. Supreme Court Justice Is Chosen By The President

Washington, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy of the North Carolina Supreme Court has accepted President Harry S. Truman's invitation to preside over the forthcoming labor-management conference to be held here.

The White House announced today that Mr. Stacy had agreed to serve at the meeting, scheduled to start November 5, at which a new understanding between management and labor will be sought.

Meanwhile, Elen Ayers, assistant White House press secretary said Mr. Truman was studying the labor-price situation with a view to issuing a statement later.

The President, Ayers said, expects to see during the next two weeks virtually all the people who will participate in the conference.

It had been indicated that a Presidential statement on post-war wage-price policies—subject of a cabinet session last week and of subsequent conferences with other government officials—might be forthcoming today, but Ayers said he did not know when the statement would be issued.

Justice Stacy has long been identified with government studies of labor problems. In 1941 he was an alternate member of the National Defense Mediation Board. Later he was an associate member of the War Labor Board and the National Railway Panel.

There had been reports that former Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson had been selected for presiding officer of the conference next month.

The reduction may not come soon as the Senate has rejected a House move to cut the liquor tax from \$9 per gallon to \$6.

But the provision will have a two fold purpose: to grant tax refunds to legitimate dealers when the tax slips back to the lower rate, and to make sure that the effect of the refund is passed on to the consumer.

Suppose a dealer buys a quart of 100 proof whiskey for resale. If he bought it while the \$9 rate is in effect, actually \$2.25 of the cost was tax. Unless a refund was provided, if the tax should go down to \$6 per gallon or \$1.25 per quart, before he sold the liquor, the dealers would stand to lose 75 cents.

A dealer who has allowed his stock to get low just before the change could fill his shelves with the lower taxed goods and sell them at a competitive advantage over other dealers—if there were no refunds.

To eliminate the inequity Congress proposes to grant refunds on floor stock, equivalent to the tax reduction only when the dealer proves that his prices will reflect the refund to the customer.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Increasing cloudiness and continued warm today; showers tonight followed by clearer weather Tuesday; cooler in northwest portion tonight; cooler in all sections Tuesday.

TO DECLINE OFFER.

Paris, Oct. 22.—(AP)—France will politely decline any offer of the United States to help settle her troubles with rebellious Indochinese natives, an official source said today.

Market Leaders Continue Climb

New York, Oct. 22.—(AP)—As sorted stocks continued to display moderate bullish leanings today although many market leaders were unable to overcome slight selling.

In the advancing division the greater part of the time were Bethlehem, Sears Roebuck, Chrysler General Electric and John-Mansville. Laggards were U. S. Steel, General Motors, Montgomery Ward, U. S. Rubber, American Telephone and Westinghouse.

Bonds were mixed.

New York Lint Prices Are Up

New York, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 50 cents a bale higher.

Table with columns for cotton futures prices: December, March, May, July, October (1946), December (1946). Rows for Close and Open prices.