

ENTIRE STATESVILLE EVENT CANCELLED

Labor Leaders Hail President's Speech On Pay And Prices

Reasonable Pay Boosts And Price Hikes Where Necessary Are O. K.'d

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Labor leaders today hailed President Truman's wage policy address as a "light of hope" for workers and as "setting a plain and simple course for us to follow."

The President in his speech last night approved generally reasonable wage increases to avoid deflation as well as unemployment, but price increases only where necessary.

Said Victor Alander, Chicago, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Federation of Labor, the "speech will be helpful in solving strikes."

Lissome Witch



HALLOWEEN SPOOKING holds no terrors for those who chance to encounter beautiful Barbara Bates of the movies, whom you see up there getting in some practice with that obviously delighted pumpkin-head scarecrow. (International)

Thomas Lauds Talk

R. J. Thomas, Detroit, president of the CIO-United Auto Workers union said: "He removed the last excuse the automotive companies have to refuse our proposed 30 per cent pay increase when he offered relief in prices after a reasonable period of production at ceiling levels if fair profits can not be reached."

Mr. Truman's policy, laid down last night in a radio address called for two things:

a—Approval of reasonable wage increases to avoid deflation and unemployment.

b—A "hold the line" attitude on prices, with increases to be allowed only where necessary.

The President told labor last night it can't have the same take-home-pay it got during the war. There will have to be a drop, he said, and he warned workers against making too great demands on employers.

But he said industry generally could stand some pay increases out of profits.

In six months, to those employers wanting higher prices before giving workers more pay for shorter hours—to make up for loss in war-time earnings—Mr. Truman said price increases might be entertained in six months.

And industry essential to conversion could ask price increases now if they must have them to pay better wages to recruit necessary manpower.

In a vigorous appeal for industrial peace and prosperity, Mr. Truman said labor needs higher pay rates with the change-over from a 48 to a 40 hour work week, and industry can afford to go part way in making up this loss.

Amounts Order But he also amended his August 18 executive order, relaxing controls on wage increases to add three classes of pay boosts for which compensating price increases could be approved by the stabilization chief. These were:

1—Cases where the percentage increases in average straight-time hourly earnings since January 1941 did not equal the percentage increase in the cost of living between January 1941 and September 1945.

2—Instances where increases were necessary to correct inequities in wage rates among plants in the same industry or locality, with due regard to normal competitive relationships.

3—Situations in which increases were necessary to insure full production in an industry designated as essential to reconversion, and in which existing wage rates are inadequate to attract necessary manpower.

Yanks Attempting To Beat Ban On Money Transfers

Berlin, Oct. 31.—(AP)—American soldiers in Berlin are sending cash home at the rate of about \$250,000 a day in a rush to beat impending restrictions on money transfers, expected about November 10.

Dozens of them sleep in front of army post office money order windows to be the first in line in the morning.

Each muskets bag, cigar box, or paper sack which the GI's dump on the counter crammed full of occupation marks adds to the headache building up here. Most of the occupation money originates on a Russian printing press. And in Berlin's black markets, the Russians and Germans are paying fantastic prices for American cigarettes, soap and chocolate bars.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Thursday.

Spats Keep Occupation Top Issue 261,000 Off Their Jobs

Machinists In West Coast City Remain Away From Plants

(By The Associated Press) The nation's post-war labor troubles which threaten to expand to key industries if approved strike votes are carried out kept about 261,000 persons away from their jobs today as labor and management studied President Truman's appeal for industrial peace.

Strike votes have been asked or approved in automobile, steel, electrical and packing industries with wages the major issue. CIO United Auto Workers ask a 30 per cent increase in wages for the automotive industry affecting about a half million workers.

The CIO steel workers also have asked for a strike vote after rejection of demands for \$2 a day pay raises for 600,000 employees. A CIO union also has authorized filing a strike vote which would affect 192,000 employees of Westinghouse Electric Corp. plants in 25 cities.

In the San Francisco Bay area the strike of some 10,000 AFL and CIO machinists for the second day kept idle about 40,000 others workers in 200 industrial plants.

Meanwhile, the major developments along the labor front was the ending of the 34-week-old strike of 7,000 employees of Hollywood movie studios. The workers were ordered back to their jobs today by Strike Leader Herbert Sorrell, who told them AFL officials in Washington had authorized their return.

N. C. Speed Limit Hiked To 50 MPH; Warning Is Given

Raleigh, Oct. 31.—(AP)—North Carolina's highway speed limit today was officially lifted to 50 miles per hour, with a warning from Governor R. Gregg Cherry that the State Highway Patrol will crack down on all drivers exceeding the new limit. The council of state recently adopted the new speed limit to replace the old wartime limit of 35 miles per hour.

Chiang's men to move to north forces, who are scheduled to be withdrawn soon. Only yesterday, a high American officer at Shanghai named Tenning said an explosive spot where the Central Government had better rush its troops, as the Americans were "walking a tight rope to maintain order."

Sino-Russia Pact Is Fixed On Landings

Fighting Continues In Northern China; Rail Junction Hit

Chungking, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Soviet and Chinese military authorities have agreed to arrangements for the landing of Chinese government troops in Manchuria, an official dispatch from Chang-chun reported today.

Discussions preceding the agreement were conducted in a very cordial atmosphere, the report said. Chiang Chi-kuo, eldest son of Generalissimo Chiang participated in the conferences, it added.

Fighting continued meanwhile in northern China and General Yen Hsi-shan, governor of Suihsi province, asserted without confirmation today that 100,000 Chinese Reds were attacking the railroad junction Tatsing in northern Shansi.

A military dispatch acknowledged the loss of Tenning in the Inner Mongolian province of Suiyuan, where an estimated 100,000 Communists were said to have launched an offensive aimed at gaining control of a railroad leading into Peiping from the northwest.

Comment Declined East of Peiping, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's central government forces were understood to have landed at Chin-wangtao to augment United States marines guarding a coal transporting railway, which has been cut 15 times recently by Communists. Official Chinese sources declined further comment, except to say the landing probably had taken place.

With China's railroad routes disrupted, movement by air is the only safe and sure way for Chiang's men to move to north

Troops of Other Powers May Soon Help U. S. Forces

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Russian, Chinese and British empire troops soon may take their place alongside American forces in the occupation of Japan.

American officials have been discussing for some weeks the best way to arrange for joint occupation and it is understood that General MacArthur has been kept informed and his views taken into account.

Some authorities here say the solution may be to assign the forces separate zones, possibly giving the Russians at least a separate island in the home group.

The biggest immediate need is an acceptable compromise on joint control machinery. The United States, Britain and China are reported near agreement with Russia on this.

Speculation here says that a four power council may be set up at Tokyo with MacArthur as chairman. He would have the deciding voice in case of disagreement.

It is expected that the Far Eastern advisory commission, which had its initial session here yesterday with Russia absent, will work out top policy.

President Wants Congress To Stay 'Til Job Is Done

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)—President Truman backed up some pointed criticism on Capitol Hill today with an expressed hope Congress will not recess until it acts on his legislative program.

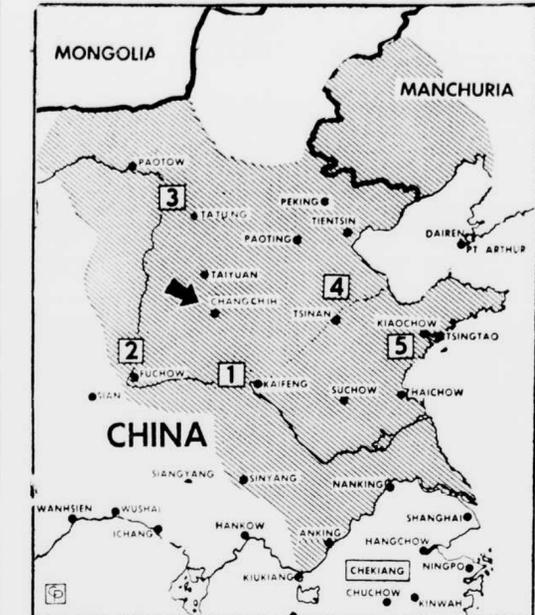
A reporter asked him at his news conference if he would agree to a recess.

His reply was that Congress, of course, has the authority to quit whenever it desires, but that he hoped it would not recess until it had finished with the legislation endorsed by his administration.

Some Stocks Hit Eight Year Peaks

New York, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Utilities, rails and assorted industrials led the stock market on an upswing today after much early hesitancy. Dealings showed after a lively start in the forenoon. At eight year peaks were Columbia Gas and American Power and Light, Favored were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, General Motors, Douglas Aircraft and American Waterworks. Laggards included Johns-Manville, American Telephone, Standard Oil and Allied Chemical.

WHERE CIVIL WAR ROCKS CHINA



HOURLY MORE CRITICAL becomes the spread of undeclared civil war in China, with almost a million Communist troops fighting it out for the control of some 31 provinces. Shaded section in above map indicates the vast area generally involved, while numbers point to specific zones of conflict: (1) Kaifeng section, where trouble in Honan province is centered; (2) Fuchow, where rail lines are being contested; (3) Paotow, in the Shansi trouble zone; (4) Tsinan, important rail center, and (5) Kiaochow, toward which the fighting appears to be spreading. Arrow points to Changchun, in Shansi, reported taken by Communist regiments. (International)

Ultimatum Delivered To Soekarno Forces

British Officer Is Slain While Fixing Cease Fire Details

Batavia, Java, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Gen. Sir Philip Christy, Allied commander in the Dutch East Indies, issued an ultimatum today threatening to crush with force of modern weapons and Indonesian forces which commit unprovoked attacks upon British troops.

Christy acted swiftly after announcing that Brig. A. W. J. Mallard, commander of the 49th Indian brigade, had been murdered at Soerabaya last night "while arranging details of a cease fire order in the company of Indonesian leaders."

The British general summoned Soekarno, president of the independent Indonesian Republic, to his headquarters, acquainted him with the facts of Mallard's death and read his warning of the consequences.

Earlier, asked whether he held Soekarno responsible for the killing, he replied "these acts were done in the name of the republic set up by himself."

Four Nations To Get Share Of Jap Fleet

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes disclosed today that Russia, Britain and China would share equally with the United States in a division of that part of the Japanese fleet which is not destroyed.

The vessels to be divided among the four major powers include 38 destroyers and an undisclosed number of small, coastal defense ships of 300 to 900 tons.

Those to be destroyed—Byrnes spoke of scuttling them—are one battleship, four aircraft carriers, of which three are damaged; four cruisers, of which three are damaged and 31 submarines.

Asked whether the method of destroying them would allow a test to determine the effect of atomic bombs on naval units, he said he did not know the method to be used. Naval sources have indicated such an atomic bomb experiment might be made.

Mr. Byrnes spoke at a news conference.

CONTROLS REMOVED ON AMMUNITION

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The War Production Board today removed all restrictions on the manufacture, delivery and sale of ammunition to civilians. The WPB order sets aside quota restrictions which have been in effect for sportsman farmers, ranches and law enforcement officers.

Vinson And Patterson Are Advised

State Senators, All Invited Guests Are Told of Change

Statesville, Oct. 31.—(AP)—State Senator Hugh Mitchell, in charge of arrangements for the planned trip of President Harry Truman here announced today that the entire program for Thursday and Friday at Statesville had been cancelled.

Mitchell said Treasury Secretary Fred Vinson and War Secretary Robert Patterson as well as all State senators and other invited guests had been notified that the entire program has been called off.

"I have just heard from Representative Doughton that the President definitely will not be able to come," he said. "We have decided to cancel the entire program."

"We're very sorry that Mr. Truman could not be with us. And after all preparations we deeply regret having to cancel the program."

Mr. Truman had been invited several months ago and elaborate plans had been made for his visit. The State Senate adjourned its summer get together meeting last June in Hendersonville with plans to reassemble here Friday to hear Mr. Truman speak.

TRUMAN'S GOAL

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)—President Truman today set next June 1 as a goal for transferring the German government from military to civilian hands.

HAW HAW APPEALS

London, Oct. 31.—(AP)—William Joyce, the American-born Lord Haw Haw of the Berlin radio today appealed his conviction for high treason, asserting that as an American citizen he does not owe allegiance to the British Crown. He had been sentenced to hang.

Brazil Calm After Revolt

Rio De Janeiro, Oct. 31.—(AP)—All Brazil was calm today as a new government, headed by a civilian jurist and supported by the nation's armed forces began its first day in office following a bloodless coup which ended the 15-year reign of President Getulio Vargas.

The new regime has pledged itself to step down after the December 2 elections. Chief Justice Jose Linhares, who formally assumed the presidency yesterday, announced he would hand over his office to the chosen representatives of the people.

The government began its task with a full cabinet, which included only one holdover from the Vargas regime.

Jap Labor To Increase Its Political Activities

Tokyo, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Japanese labor, reactivated under American occupation policy, currently has united a 4 plans to use politics as a vehicle of advancement.

The agreement for united action was reached at a meeting of Matsuzaki, head of the conservative trade union congress, and Kato, head of the left-wing national council of Japanese labor unions. They will sponsor a meeting Friday to create a socialist party.

Dozen Nazis Jailed On the occupation front, American counter-intelligence officers jailed a dozen Nazis, including a number of Gestapo members and aides of Joseph

BABY WITH PERFECT BALANCE



Five-month-old Barbara Senn of Paw Creek, N. C., near Charlotte, displays her perfect sense of balance as her father, W. P. Senn, holds her in his palm. Needing no support, she can hold the position indefinitely. But she won't do it for anybody but Daddy. (A.P. Photo)