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## 200,000 ELECTRICAL WORKERS WALK OUT

### All Eligible Men To Be Out By July 1, Eisenhower Says

Invokes GI Bill



FORMER federal judge William Clark (above), Princeton, N. J., has invoked the GI Bill of Rights in an effort to regain the judgeship that he gave up in 1942 to join the Army. Lloyd Paul Stryker, Clark's counsel, said there was nothing in the GI bill that "warrants a contention that a judge of a high court is not included in the sweeping terms set forth in the law." (International)

### Slowdown Not Part Of Peace Draft

Also Denies Jobs Of Brass Hats Are Factor In Policy

Washington, Jan. 15—(AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower told Congress today every man eligible for discharge by July 1 will be out of the Army by that time.

Explaining the Army's demobilization policy at an informal Senate-House meeting at the Congressional Library, the chief of staff declared that the recently announced slowdown in demobilization was necessary to prevent the Army from being depleted by March 1.

But even with the slowdown, he said: "There is not a single man who is to be discharged by July 1 who won't be discharged by July 1."

He prefaced his remarks with a flat statement that demobilization is not tied in with the War Department's sponsorship of universal military training, or with any desire of high ranking officers to retain their positions.

Some officers and some GI's have suggested such might be the case. Such conclusions, Eisenhower asserted, are "utterly false."

Eisenhower said that of 1,500 general officers on duty on V-E, 789 already have been or are being reduced in rank or separated from service.

The meeting drew approximately 200 Senate and House members, whose complaint about demobilization led to the extraordinary session.

There were fewer than fifty congressmen seated when General Eisenhower, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, chief of naval operations, and several score Army and Navy officers arrived at 10 o'clock, but they began pouring in a little later.

### Action On Burley Leaf Is Delayed

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Governor Jim McCard announced today he would withhold temporarily any action toward bolstering sagging burley tobacco prices.

After a conference with State Agriculture Commissioner O. E. Van Cleave, McCard said he would delay action until a report could be obtained from a congressional meeting on the same subject in Washington today. He said he understood that officials of North Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky also would withhold action until receiving a report of the meeting.

The governor said yesterday, he would cooperate with governors of other burley producing states in "any reasonable plan."

Tennessee's burley market opened at an average of \$48 per hundred last month but have dropped to about \$37.

Addressing UNO



U. S. SECRETARY of State James F. Byrnes is pictured as he addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization in London's Central Hall. Byrnes' speech pressed for the election of the security council. (International Radiophoto)

### Ceilings On Cotton May Wreck OPA

Top Price Limit May Not Be Imposed, In Opinion Of Bowles

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A schedule of proposed price ceilings on raw cotton were announced today by the OPA amid predictions from southern cotton states senators that the action "may mean the end of the whole Office of Price Administration."

Southern legislators, pointing out that OPA's is due to expire June 30, unless Congress votes its continuance, said, however, they didn't believe the ceilings would seriously hurt the price, but might reduce cotton average this year.

OPA's announcement, according to Director Chester Bowles, said the agency's advance notice simply puts it in a position to impose the controls if it finds them necessary. The announcement added that "it may not be actually necessary to put the ceilings into effect."

The OPA notice fulfills a legal requirement that growers be notified of planned price schedules at least 15 days in advance of the normal planting season. In announcing it, Bowles said the rise of cotton prices threatens the whole stabilization program in the cotton textile field.

Saying continued increases would mean higher prices for clothing, Bowles added that OPA "intends to do everything in its power" to prevent this.

He asserted fabric manufacturers already are demanding higher ceilings "because they say the high cost of cotton is wiping out their profits."

### Communists Say Forces Of Chiang Disregard Truce

Chungking, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Chou En-lai, No. 2 Chinese communist, today sought a meeting with General Marshall. He was reported ready to complain against alleged government violations of the recent civil strife truce agreement.

Chou's move followed a communist charge that on Monday government forces "ferociously attacked" Kwangshan, communist-held highway center in southeastern Honan province. A government spokesman denied the charge and reported that federal forces everywhere had halted operations at the Sunday midnight deadline, "except where they were forced to fight in self-defense."

### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Rain and cool tonight, becoming cold in northwest portion tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy and colder.

### U. S. 'BIG SIX' CONFER DURING UNO SESSION INTERLUDE



SIX MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION to the UNO General Assembly are shown talking things over during a brief lull in one of the sessions in London. They are (l. to r.): John G. Townsend, former U. S. senator from Delaware, alternate; Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, the delegation head; John Foster Dulles, New York, alternate; Senator Tom Connally, Texas, delegate; Frank C. Walker, former Postmaster General, alternate; and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, only U. S. woman delegate. (International Radiophoto)

### Pearl Harbor Could Have Been Defended, Adm. Kimmel Says

### Washington Held Back Information

Might Have Made Pearl Harbor An Ambush For Japs

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel today contended Washington naval officers denied him information he said might have made Pearl Harbor an ambush for the Japanese.

In a 25,000-word statement submitted to the Senate-House inquiry committee, the retired commander-in-chief of the fleet called "misleading" the "war warning" message sent to him by Adm. Harold R. Stark, then chief of naval operations, ten days before the attack of December 7, 1941.

Kimmel also contended: "I was not supplied information available in Washington from intercepted messages "which told when and where Japan would probably strike."

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### Sinking Of Liner Told By Doenitz

Nuernberg, Jan. 15.—(AP)—An affidavit by Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, introduced before the international military tribunal today, extended the German myth that the British liner Athenia was sunk by the British themselves in 1939 in a "plot to push the United States into the war."

Great Britain demanded the conviction of Doenitz successor to Adolf Hitler as "murderer" for U-boat attacks on helpless sailors in lifeboats and for ordering the ruthless shooting of commandos.

Colonel H. J. Fillimore a British prosecutor, told the tribunal today Doenitz and 21 other top Nazis as war criminals, that Doenitz "was no plain sailor" and was a key cog behind Nazi preparations for aggressive war.

The affidavit signed by Doenitz on November 17, 1945, said the Athenia was sunk by the German submarine U-30 on the day Britain entered the war. On board were 1,500 passengers, some of them Americans. German propaganda at the time tried to lay the blame on Winston Churchill.

Bolstering the case against Doenitz, Lt. Com. Karl Heinz Moehle, a German submarine commander who sunk 20 Allied ships, testified against the admiral, asserting that he did not want to be blamed for his former chief's order to shoot up lifeboats.

### Congress May Take Over Controls In Big Strikes

Quick Action Seen Upon Fact-Finding Asked By President

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Congress, back on the job after a recess that saw industrial strikes spread to new peaks, showed signs today of moving swiftly into the strike picture.

Two members of the Senate Labor Committee, a Republican and a Democrat, forecast quick action on President Truman's request for a fact-finding measure. The committee resumed hearings, with William H. Davis, former War Labor Board chairman, and economic stabilizer, as its lead-off witness.

"I think we can have the fact-finding measure ready after brief hearings," Senator Ellender, Louisiana Democrat, told a reporter. "It may be even stronger than the President asked."

Senator Aiken, Vermont, Republican, said he was willing to make the hearings "short and sweet," adding in an interview, "I think Congress is entitled to have a vote on this question."

Under Mr. Truman's proposal, such fact-finding boards as those in the General Motors and steel cases would be armed with legal authority to subpoena corporation books, and unions would be barred from striking for 30 days while fact-finding was under way.

Two other senators, Eastland, Mississippi Democrat, and O'Daniel, Texas Democrat, south Senate action without waiting for the labor committee to complete its hearings. They noted that Mr. Truman has asked immediate action early in December and announced they would ask the Senate to discharge the labor committee and act as soon as the chamber meets again on Thursday.

### Atomic Weapons In Keeping Peace Urged At London

London, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The suggestion that atomic weapons be used to aid the world peace force in keeping the peace was made today by M. J. O. Martin, Australian minister and head of the Australian delegation to the United Nations Assembly. He issued a statement on the subject as an Iranian representative told the delegates that conditions in his strife-ridden country, now jointly occupied by Russia and Britain, might present the new world peace agency with a test of its ability to maintain friendly relations among nations.

### COTTON SEED CRUSHING

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The Census Bureau reported today that cotton seed crushed in the five-month period August 1 to December 31 totaled 1,924,282 tons, compared with 2,120,749 tons in the corresponding period a year ago.

### 16 States Affected By New Strike

### Three Big Concerns Tied Up By Newest Labor Disturbance

New York, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Two hundred thousand electrical workers in 16 states from Massachusetts to California struck today against their companies, which produce the major part of the nation's home and industrial electrical appliances.

Albert J. Fitzgerald, international president of the C.I.O.-United Electrical Workers, announced at 8 a. m. that the walkout in plants of General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors was "one hundred per cent effective," according to all bulletins received at UE national headquarters up to that time.

Fitzgerald said 57,000 women and 25,000 salaried and white collar workers were among those who left their jobs. He said this was the largest number of women to strike in recent years. Women and white collar workers will be represented in picket lines, he said.

The union president declared the walkout was 100 percent effective at 8 a. m. in plants in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa., Lynn and Springfield, Mass.; Schenectady, N. Y.; Broomfield, Newark and Jersey City, N. J., and Dayton, Ohio. A total of 98,000 workers are employed in these plants.

International headquarters of the union announced shortly after 6 a. m. that "the walkout began on schedule," Fitzgerald said.

"Because of the refusal of the General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors Corporations to grant the union's \$2 a day wage demand, 200,000 employees have been compelled to go on strike."

Approximately 20,000 workers left their jobs in four Massachusetts cities, Fitzgerald announced at 7 a. m. that G. E.'s big plant at Lynn, Mass., employing 16,000 persons, was shut down. Several thousand pickets were at the plant, he said.

Picketing began at 6 a. m. at the Westinghouse lamp plant and the G. E. air conditioning and industrial controls plant in Bloomfield, N. J., and within two hours had swelled to proportions of a mass demonstration.

By union estimate, 3,500 pickets, including four on horseback, patrolled the Westinghouse gates and 1,500 marched at G. E. entrances.

### South Carolina Declines Repeal Of Poll Tax Act

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 15.—(AP)—The South Carolina House of Representatives rejected today a Senate-approved resolution looking toward poll tax repeal. The vote was 69-40.

Meanwhile, the first horse-racing bill proposed in the General Assembly since the war began greeted legislators as they returned for the second week of the 1946 session. The bill to legalize pari-mutal betting on a county option basis was introduced by Representative Cleveland of Greenville. Racing had now prohibited but not commercialized because of the anti-betting ban would be licensed and regulated.

### 190 Men May Be Trapped In West Virginia Shaft

Welch, W. Va., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Seventy-five coal miners miraculously escaped alive today after a tremendous blast in the No. 9 Havooco mine on the outskirts of Welch, but the fate of 192 others was in doubt as rescuers dove into the smoke and dust-filled shaft workings.

E. L. Chatfield, an inspector-at-large of the State Mines Department said he was informed that 167 men were in the workings when the explosion occurred around 9:30 a. m. The force was so terrific that Negro pupils in a school house and workers in the store and office of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Company, from 500 to 1,000 feet away, were injured by shattered glass and debris. The mine is operated by New River and Pocahontas.

Unofficial estimates said from a third to one-half of those coming from the mines alive walked up the shaft steps, which somehow remained intact, although the tangle appeared to be a total wreck. The shaft is about 400 feet deep.

Hospitals of Welch, a city of 7,000 population, and the county seat of the biggest bituminous coal producing county in the United States, were quickly filled to overflowing with injured miners and children from the school house.

Edward Mullins and his son, James, who apparently were not hurt, told newsmen they were the first to reach the surface from the inner workings. The father said they

were at work about one mile from the shaft in No. 3 entry when they heard the blast and immediately started running.

They said the workings immediately became so dark from smoke and dust that they had to stoop over and trim their lights on the steel mine rails in order to find their way to the opening.

Welch, W. Va., Jan. 15.—(AP)—An explosion apparently deep in the workings belched from the opening of the Havooco No. 9 coal mine today with such force Negro children in a grade school 500 feet away were injured, and the fate of 250 to 300 workers was immediately in doubt.

Before leaving Charleston for the scene, State Mine Chief G. R. Spindler said he was informed by one of his inspectors that 250 to 300 men were believed to have been at work in the No. 9 mine of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal Company when the terrific blast occurred.

Spindler left Charleston for the scene, which is about one-half mile from the outskirts of Welch, a coal mining city of about 7,000 population, accompanied by John H. Hansford, State director of mine rescue work.

The chief said he was informed by E. L. Chatfield, an inspector-at-large stationed at Welch, that rescue crews already were started in the sloped mine,

### Robt. Nash Is Accused Of Murder

Former Henderson Man Admits Killing Woman In Raleigh

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Robert L. Nash, 42-year-old movie or projectionist, a former Henderson resident, was formerly charged with murder today in connection with the shooting of pretty Mrs. Maggie Parker, 22, on a downtown street corner early last night.

Nash viewed preliminary hearing before Justice Judge Paul F. Smith early today, and was ordered held for grand jury action without privilege of bond.

Detective Captain W. E. Goodwin said Nash freely admitted the shooting, but gave no reason for it.

The comely red-haired Mrs. Parker, wife of a war veteran recently returned from overseas, died in an ambulance en route to a hospital shortly after she was shot twice on Raleigh's busy Fayetteville street about 6:50 o'clock last night.

### Asheville Leaf Market Arranges Sale Resumption

Asheville, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The Asheville burley tobacco market arranged to open today after sales were halted yesterday following a vote by growers to close "and prevent possible friction between those who wished to continue and those who voted to stop sales."

R. S. Witherington, market supervisor, said those who desired may sell today and others, if they wish, may turn their tags. Sales were halted yesterday after 13,636 pounds were sold at an average price of 39.60 per hundred, an increase of 3.21 cents over Friday's average, when sales were also stopped.

### U. S. Group Divided Over Keeping Nippon Islands

London, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Official sources disclosed today that American civilians and military officials at the United Nations general assembly were split over whether American-conquered Japanese islands should be placed under UNO sovereignty.

The delegates themselves were said to favor a trustee plan for the Pacific islands, while their special military advisor, General C. Ken-

ney, argued that the United States should retain any islands of military value.

Delegates said that if any held out, the disagreement could be considered as tantamount to an issue between the State and War Departments and would have to be referred to President Truman for settlement.

Kenney, chief of the Pacific staff, could not be reached immediately for comment.