

Great Cut Ordered In Railroad Service; Industries Hard Hit

50 Pct. Reduction Ordered By ODT

Washington, May 3.—(AP)—The Office of Defense Transportation today ordered a 50 per cent reduction in passenger service by coal burning locomotives, effective May 15, to conserve dwindling coal supplies.

From May 10 to May 15, passenger service will be reduced 25 per cent from the mileage operated on April 1.

Railroads were further directed to cancel reservations where necessary and to take such other action as may be necessary to carry out its terms and purposes of this order.

Utilities, Steel Slow Operations

Ranking Delegates See Little Hope Of Writing Pacts

Paris Meet Of Ministers A Failure?

Paris, May 3.—(AP)—High ranking delegates to the four power foreign ministers' conference expressed the opinion today that, barring some spectacular and completely unforeseen development, there was little hope that any peace treaties would be agreed upon at this session.

The ministers of the United States, British, French and Soviet Union were engaged in a meeting with a group of officials at Laxembourg Palace to discuss revisions of the Italian-Yugoslav frontier.

British, United States and French delegates said privately that it was still too early to predict flatly that the conference would break in a complete failure, but pointed out that after a week or more, the ministers appeared to have made no progress whatsoever.

Transport Strike

Los Angeles, May 3.—(AP)—Public transportation in this wide-spread metropolis was paralyzed early today when approximately 4,000 motor men, conductors, bus drivers and maintenance men went on strike for higher wages.

Industry Crippled

The presidential alarm over the strike's effects was echoed in high administration quarters where predictions were made that the "whole industrial economy will be seriously crippled within 20 days" if the mines continue idle.

The strike entered its 33rd day today.

Government Not Ready

Mr. Truman described the picture as a very serious situation. He said he viewed it with alarm, but he indicated the Government is not yet ready to take any new steps in the dispute.

In time, he said, the shutdown of the soft coal mines by 400,000 miners might be considered a strike against the Government. Should matters reach that stage, he added, the Government will act accordingly.

Meanwhile, several government agencies were surveying the extent of the industrial slow down forced by the strike. The forecast of widespread paralysis within three weeks came from an official interested in this survey.

On the passenger service reduction, the order left it to the individual railroads affected to work out their own methods for carrying out the 25 per cent passenger cut.

Rail Unions Seek Higher Wage Boost

Workers Ask \$1.20 A Day Plus \$1.28 Ordered By Board

Chicago, May 3.—(AP)—Three unions of railroad operating workers today notified management of demands for wage increases of \$1.20 a day in addition to the boost of \$1.28 ordered by an arbitration board last month.

Unless a satisfactory settlement can be reached, the union said, a strike vote will be taken among the union's rank and file and a strike will "actually occur."

Announcement of the new demands was made in a joint statement by Carl J. Goff, Cleveland, assistant president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers; Harry W. Fraser, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, president of the Order of Railway Conductors; and Thomas C. Cashen, Buffalo, N. Y., president of the switchmen's union.

The action followed by 24 hours the walkout of representatives of two other of the "big five" operating brotherhoods from a conference with carrier officials aimed at forestalling a strike of trainmen and engineers called for May 18.

The five operating unions—organizations of men who actually run and man the trains—and 15 non-operating unions of clerks, telegraphers, yardmen, etc., originally made a joint demand for higher wages and changes in working rules.

After conferences with the carriers all the unions except the trainmen and engineers agreed to set aside the working rules dispute temporarily and arbitrate on wages.

Mutiny On Alcatraz Continues

TOP HUNGARIAN NAZI EXECUTED FOR WAR CRIMES



RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASSACRE OF 600,000 Jews, former Hungarian Minister of the Interior, and a leading Nazi, Andor Jarosz, is pictured in these News of the Day newsreel pictures as he was executed in Budapest for his war crimes. At left, the guns of the firing squad bark, while right, Jarosz clutches his stomach as the bullets tear into his body ending the traitor's career. News of the Day Newsreel photo. (International)

Second Guard Slain On Rock; Marines Land

San Francisco, May 3.—(AP)—A second guard was slain today as embattled Alcatraz island, "The Rock," as it is called by desperate convicts, continued into the second day.

Guard William W. Miller died in a hospital as a result of an attack which was launched to dislodge six of the nation's toughest convicts from their stronghold in a prison cell block.

Meanwhile, the Marine Corps said that leathernecks were chipping a hole in the roof of a prison cell block to drop hand grenades on rebellious convicts.

Marine corps headquarters reported that 23 more battle-armed marines, some of them veterans of Pacific jungle fighting, went to the beleaguered island this morning bringing the force of leathernecks there to 33.

"Going After Them"

About 11:30 p. m., a guard at the prison reported by telephone to The Associated Press that he didn't have time to talk but "we're sure we'll get 'em right now."

Warden J. A. Johnston named the six ring leaders who, he said, seized arms and shot several officers the convicts had held for more than seven hours as hostages in a desperate attempt to break from the "rock."

Ten hostages were rescued, all but one of them injured, three critically. Guard Harold P. Stiles was killed yesterday. The coroner's office reported he was machine-gunned, apparently from close range.

The list of injured on the embattled island totaled 14, and the gun fire continued into the second day there was possibility of more.

Situation Precarious

The latest report from the rugged island prison in San Francisco Bay indicated the situation is still precarious, although the convicts had been pinned down to a series of cells within the concrete building, which had been their fortress in the bitter war-tare.

Johnston said the men who took hostages "in their plot to make a mass escape" were:

Joseph Paul Cretzer, 35, serving 25 years for bank robbery, five years for escape from McNeil Island prison for murder of a U. S. marshal at Tacoma, Wash.

Bernard Paul Coy, 46, serving 25 years for armed robbery in Louisville, Ky.

Miran Edgar Thompson, 29, serving 29 years for kidnaping and life for murder of a police officer in Amarillo, Texas, with a record of eight previous escapes.

Sam Shookley, 36, serving life for kidnaping and bank robbery in Muskogee, Okla.

Mayo Franklin Hubbard, 34, serving 30 years for possessing stolen firearms, kidnaping and transporting a kidnaped person, sentenced by Chattanooga, Tenn. He had a record of three escapes and participating in a mutiny last summer in Atlanta penitentiary.

19-Year-Old Involved

Clarence Carnes, 19, serving 99 years for kidnaping, holdup, murder and escape.

The break was reported to have started about 3 p. m. (EST) yesterday when a guard, Bert A. Borch, armed with a rifle and a .45 pistol, was overpowered. Borch was quoted as saying he was accosted by Coy and possibly others and was struck over the head.

Coy's prison job was to clean gun galleries. It was reported he overpowered the guard there, helped himself to weapons and threw a master switch to open all cells in the block.

Run-Away Bride Of N. C. GI Wants To Go To Britain

Bliss N. Y., May 3.—(AP)—Miss Evelyn Caroline Poston, 16-year-old English war bride who spent only 30 hours at her husband's Salisbury, N. C., home says she is anxious to return to England.

Mrs. Poston came here to live with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Shisher, because she said, she had become disillusioned with life at her husband's farm.

"I think it's grand here," she said in an interview. "I would like to stay in one way, but in another I'd like to go home. . . . It's just homesickness, I guess. I haven't made a plan yet. It's the problem of getting transportation."

Mrs. Poston said she had received a letter Wednesday from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Alfred Cripps, of Crickley, about a 22-minute ride from London.

"They said they missed me but as long as I am content with living with my aunt and uncle it was all right," she related. "I'm going to write to them today and tell them that I want to come home."

Mrs. Poston said she had not heard from her ex-soldier husband whom she married in England six months ago.

Truman Puts Food Issue Up To People

Arab Chiefs Warn Holy Land Might Erupt In Warfare

Washington, May 3.—(AP)—President Truman, saying he had invoked all the drastic food measures he can think of, put it up to the American people today to counter with self-denial and generosity the threat of widespread famine abroad.

It is too late for rationing to meet the emergency between now and harvest time in hungry foreign nations, he told a news conference.

He said it is up to the heart of the people to meet the situation, and that he thinks they will.

The president thus indicated he favors the voluntary cooperation policy of Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson, as against that of Dean Acheson, acting Secretary of State, who has mentioned such drastic measures as government seizure of wheat.

Mr. Truman said he would not hesitate to order rationing if a disastrous crop failure developed.

Russia To Float Domestic Loan Of About \$33 Billion

London, May 3.—(AP)—Soviet Russia will float a domestic loan of 20,000,000,000 rubles (nominally \$33,774,000,000) for restoration and development of her economy, to be repaid from the proceeds of a lottery. The Moscow radio announced the loan today.

Explosive Palestine Problem Moves Swiftly Toward Crisis

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London, May 3.—(AP)—The explosive problem of Palestine mounted swiftly toward a crisis today amid warnings from Arab leaders that the Holy Land might erupt in bloody strife if recommendations of the British-American inquiry committee are adopted.

The powerful Arab Higher Committee in Jerusalem called a one-day general strike of Arabs for today to protest against the inquiry committee's report and banded the British high commissioner "the next thing to an ultimatum" stating that Arabs would prepare all means "to resume the national struggle" unless the report is rejected.

The secretary-general of the Arab League, Abdul Rahman Pasha, declared in Cairo that he had been informed that the "ultimatum" demanded abandonment of the inquiry committee's recommendations for all Arabs in Palestine will begin their war immediately.

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Intense Activities By Labor Unions Center In South

Atlanta, May 3.—(AP)—The fast-changing South moved today into a period of intense labor union activities.

Southern CIO leaders—probably more than 100—were assembling here to meet with Van Bittner, grizzled boss of the CIO southern organizing drive.

Mr. Bittner arrived in Atlanta yesterday and will set up his general headquarters in Atlanta.

George Goetz, southern representative of the AFL, returned here after a hurried trip to Washington, he plunged into preparations for a meeting next week in Asheville, N. C., at which several thousand AFL leaders will open their own southern organization drive.

'Hot' Issues Avoided By Convention

Attendance Is Far From 4,000 Figure That Was Expected

By LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, May 3.—The platform adopted by the state Democratic convention was just about what most people had expected. A well-written document, it cleared air of any issue upon which Democrats are likely to be divided.

Early rumors that a desperate fight would be made to include demand for a state-wide vote on liquor and a plank that would have condemned the Billville bill respecting railroad rate raising failed to materialize.

There was a proposal for the referendum plank, vigorously supported by Joseph Daniels, but when the 12-man committee had voted the record stood ten to two against mentioning the subject.

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ARMY SAVES BREAD AT FORT BENNING

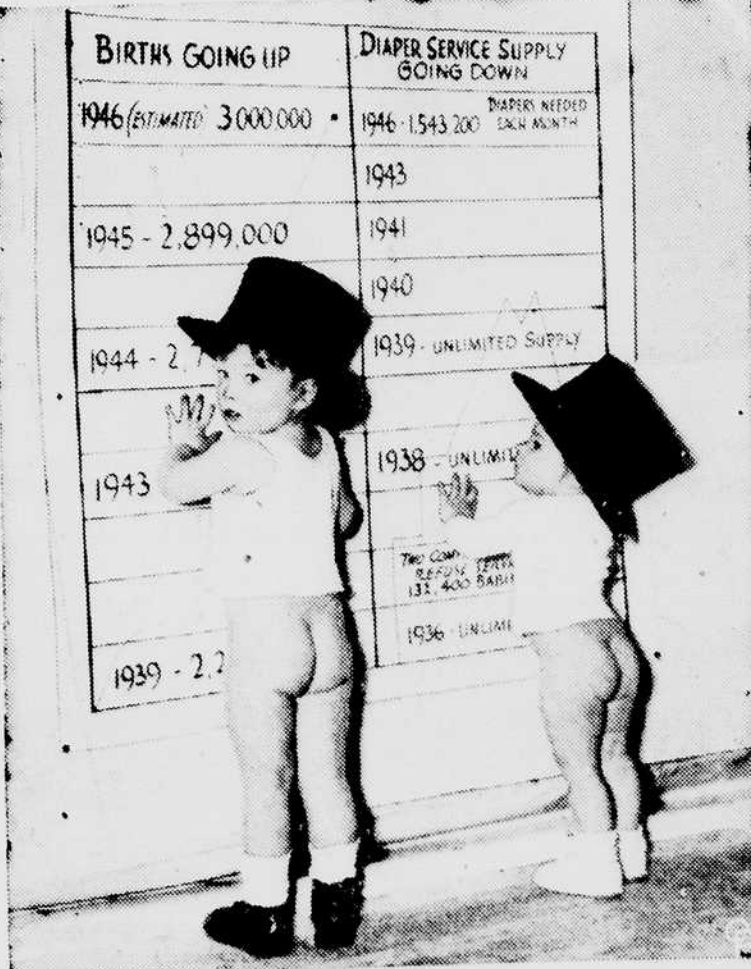
Atlanta, May 3.—A saving of approximately 30,000 pounds of bread in April over the preceding month at Fort Benning, Ga., is shown by reports in the office of Colonel Matthew H. Jones, Quartermaster, 4th Service Command, here.

The reports show that in March, with 523,000 rations served, 294,662 pounds of bread were used, and in April, with 526,300 rations served, the amount of bread used dropped to 175,181 pounds.

The saving was accomplished, Col. Jones says, by reducing the weight of the loaf from 20 to 18 ounces; by close control in the cutting and serving of bread at all messes; cutting thinner slices and cutting each slice in two with a resultant waste reduction and by the careful use of bread left-overs in puddings and the like.

This strict food conservation program is being carried out at all Army posts in the Fourth Service Command, Colonel Jones points out.

REVEAL PLENTY IN DIAPER SHORTAGE



GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS, little David Rothman (left), 22 months, and Marianne Peck, 13 months, prove with a chart, some very alarming facts: That the birth rate is going up and the supply of diapers going down. Their display in New York City aids the campaign for more and better diapers calls attention to the shortage. (International)

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Rain and cooler this afternoon and tomorrow.

Worth Waiting For



AN AUSTRALIAN BRIDE and her 7-month-old son, John, are fondly welcomed in New York after their long trip from Down-Under by GI groom, John Mitchell of New York City. Although the train that carried them was many hours late, it's quite evident that the wait was worth while. (International)