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Rails For Belgrade Protested

Sen. Bridges Asks State Department To Explain Action

Washington, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Senator Bridges (R) of New Hampshire protested to the State Department today a reported UNRRA decision to divert to Yugoslavia \$450,000 worth of steel rails originally destined for China.

The New Hampshire senator told a reporter he also is asking the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration for an explanation.

Saying he believes this country ought to shut off supplies to the Belgrade government until further amendments have been made for the shipping down of two American transport planes last month, Bridges added:

Ships In The Night.
"While ships are crossing the ocean beam: the copies of American boys shot down by the Yugoslavs, they're passing their ships carrying goods to Yugoslavia just as if nothing had happened."

Bridges said his information is that the rails were obtained after General George C. Marshall special U. S. envoy to China, made arrangements in March to have them declared surplus from army supplies.

The senator added that in taking over the task of procuring the rails, UNRRA obtained a special priority from the War Assets Administration "with an understanding they were to be sent to China and nowhere else" and proceeded to freeze all other available supplies.

AFL Seamen Won't Load Relief Goods

New York, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Joseph Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), said today his men would not load any relief supplies for Yugoslavia "until proper action is taken against those who were responsible for shooting down our planes" in that country.

Five American airmen were killed when the transport plane in which they were flying over Yugoslavia was shot down. Another transport previously had been forced down without loss of life.

Ryan asserted that even if the strike of AFL seamen were to end today, there still would be no loading of any vessel with cargoes bound for Yugoslavia.

F. H. LaGuardia, general director of UNRRA, said yesterday that Joseph Current, president of the National Maritime Union (CIO) had agreed to order his men to sail UNRRA relief ships to any country provided they were fully loaded.

LaGuardia said there were 37 UNRRA ships now in the nation's ports, some of them partly loaded. It was not disclosed how many were destined for Yugoslavia.

U. S. Planes Form Initials 'F. D. R.' In Athens' Sky

Athens, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The initials FDR were spelled out in bold relief today by 75 planes launched from the departing United States aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Thousands lined the streets of ancient Athens to see the demonstration shortly before noon while the 43,000-ton carrier was 40 miles at sea.

The initials were about a half-mile long at 2,000 feet. The plane flew other intricate designs. The Roosevelt departing for Malta, Algiers, Tangier and Casablanca, threaded through mine fields off Greece before launching her fighters and dive bombers.

British Cabinet Talks Squatters

London, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The British Cabinet met in special session today and mapped strategy to check a communist-led squatter campaign to seize public and privately owned buildings for housing 10,000 persons. ("Squatters' Seize Large Apartment," Page 2).

Officers Search For Assault Of Mrs. Ola Clark

Officers were conducting an intensive search this afternoon in the vicinity of the Townsville highway several miles north of town for a Negro fugitive wanted for attacking Mrs. Ola Clark and inflicting serious injuries about the head. She was being treated at Marla Parham hospital. Bloodhounds were brought from Wilson to aid in tracking down the suspect, whose identity was reported this afternoon to be known. The attack occurred in the forenoon.

Reparations From Italy Renounced By Great Britain

Glass Successor



THE VIRGINIA State Democratic Convention has named Rep. A. Willis Robertson (above), of Lexington, Va., to succeed the late Carter Glass in the U. S. Senate. He will be opposed in the coming election by Robert H. Woods, the Republican choice. (International)

Uniform Basis Is Sought For Tax Assessing

By LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau

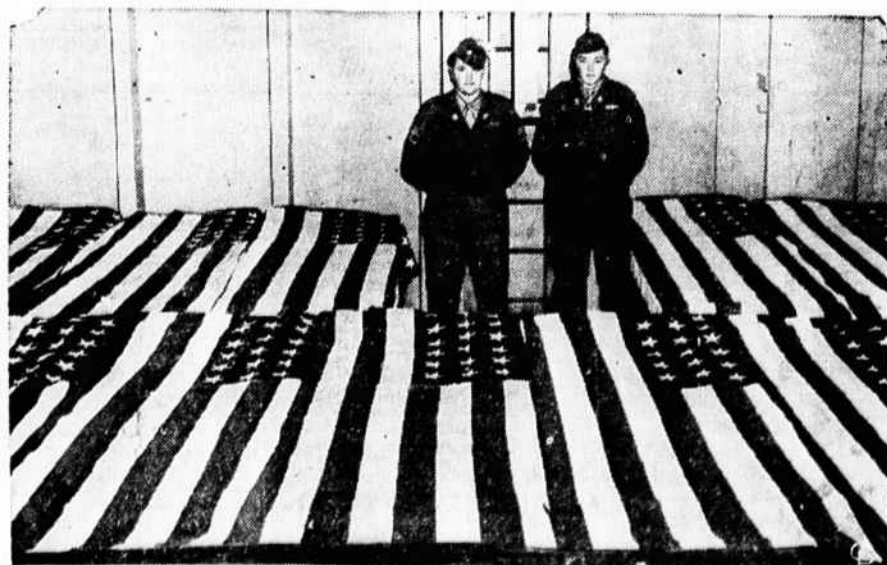
Raleigh, Sept. 9.—County commissioners at Wrightsville Beach last week listened attentively as Peyton Abbott of the Institute of Government explained the relatively new method of arriving at equality in real estate values for tax purposes.

It was agreed that no mathematical formula will include every case and the human equation must be recognized. Abbott insisted, however, that 80 per cent of the cases will fall into a few recognized patterns. Proposal is to establish a value map on which is shown a basic value for a standard lot or farm on county average scale. For buildings, cost of replacement less depreciation should govern tax valuation. There are fixed rules for reducing odd-sized lots to basic values, and percentage additions and deductions for particular seasons such as especially good or bad location, accessibility to highways and other transportation facilities and similar considerations.

Abbott admitted that in some instances individual judgment of appraisers had to be counted upon. The include high cost residences on cheap lots, business buildings designed for special purpose and later converted to other uses and values affected by changing rights of way for roads.

He cited Winston-Salem as one North Carolina city which has found the standardization rule to be effective. When first applied some valuations were lowered, some increased, the aggregate not greatly changed.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE DELAYS REMOVAL OF U. S. DEAD



BECAUSE OF THE NATIONWIDE STRIKE of seamen, the removal of flag-draped coffins of 56 soldiers and War Department civilians from the troopship Wilson Victory was delayed temporarily after the vessel docked at Brooklyn, N. Y. army base. They died overseas from natural causes or in accidents. S/Sgt. Sol Alpinier (left), of Detroit, and T/S Jack Dickman, of Kalamazoo, Mich., stand guard over the caskets as they waited for longshoremen to receive permission of union leaders to cross seamen's picket lines. (International)

Byrnes Address Debated

One World Or Two? Capital Diplomatic Officials Wondering

Washington, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Diplomatic officials locked horns in sharp debate today over whether Secretary of State James Byrnes' speech at Stuttgart will help establish one world or two.

The line up generally is the same as it was when the big argument was whether the Allies should impose a "hard" or a "soft" peace on Germany.

The debate also pits those who favor patience and conciliation toward Russia against those who believe a working basis with Moscow—if possible at all—can be achieved only by bold diplomacy.

The one time "hard" peace advocates are sharply critical of the Byrnes speech. So are those who favor a conciliatory attitude toward Russia.

Abandons Big Three Pact.

These persons, saying that Byrnes virtually abandoned the Potsdam big three pact at Stuttgart, center their criticism around these chief points:

1.—Byrnes may have erred seriously in attempting a collective, four-power approach to German problems; with his assertion that the U. S.—in the absence of a big four agreement to treat Germany as an economic unit—will proceed to unify its zone economically with any others willing to go along.

2.—Some of his statements were made primarily for political purposes—to curry German favor for the United States against Russia.

3.—The effect of the speech may be to drive Russia into deeper economic and political isolation from western countries, thus increasing probability of an eventual east-west showdown.

Stocks Take Sharp Drop

New York, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Stocks again broke sharply in today's market as heavy selling hit all departments and tumbled leaders to new lows for more than a year.

Commitments were dumped following a fairly active opening, and for a good portion of the first hour, the high speed ticker tape was as much as three minutes behind floor transactions. Leaders generally ranged from one to five points with a few "thin" issues down eight or so.

Dealings tapered before mid-day, and near the fourth hour, extreme set-backs were reduced here and there.

Prominent casualties were Hiram Walker, U. S. Steel, Chrysler, General Motors and American Telephone.

Bonds dipped with stocks.

BRITISH PLAN PLANE FASTER THAN SOUND

London, Sept. 9.—Plans for a "winged bullet" airplane designed to travel faster than sound have been completed by the Miles Aircraft company of Reading. It was announced today.

A company statement said the plane was designed to travel 1,000 miles an hour by order of the British air ministry, but that contracts were cancelled when the war ended.

The company said the plane, known as the M-52, would be 35 feet long with a wing span of 27 feet and would have a 23-foot jet power plant capable of producing the equivalent of 17,000 British horsepower.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Tuesday. Widely scattered showers in mountains late this afternoon.

Shipping Strike Slowly Is Strangling Industry; N. Y. Food Stores Close

PREPARE KILLER FOR PRISON TERM



BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION to prison life at State Prison, Joliet, Ill., William Heirens, convicted slayer of three, is given a haircut. At left, the electric clipper shears a path through his thick black hair. Moments later (right), he is completely bald. (International Soundphoto)

Seamen Continuing Greatest Maritime Tie-Up In History

By The Associated Press.
The greatest shipping strike in the nation's history continued its strangulation of international commerce and many domestic industries today after hope for a truce was given up by a Labor Department mediator in San Francisco.

Harry Lundberg, leader of the 90,000 striking AFL seamen whose picket lines are being respected by another 400,000 AFL and CIO seamen, stevedores, teamsters, and other maritime workers, reiterated late last night that his men would not return to work until wage cuts ordered by the Wage Stabilization Board are scrapped.

Lundberg, president of the striking Sailors Union of the Pacific and the Seafarers International Union said that the walk-out would continue "until the politicians in Washington" approve the wage increases that the CIU and SUP negotiated with the ship owners.

Assistant Secretary of Labor Philip Hannah, who flew from Washington to see Lundberg in the hope of arranging a truce, announced after the last of several meetings with the union leader that he had been unsuccessful in his negotiations and was leaving for Washington.

The Wage Stabilization Board is scheduled to meet Tuesday to consider its Aug. 23 ruling limiting AFL seamen to wage increases of \$17.50 monthly—the amount awarded to CIO seamen. The AFL union had negotiated increases with ship owners of \$22.50 on the west coast and \$27.50 on the east coast.

Between 1,500 and 1,600 deep water ships were paralyzed by the strike as it went into its fifth day and 400 tug boats in New York harbor were tied up at their piers.

The cessation of tug boat activity was an added blow to industries and consumers in New York, already crippled by a strike of truck drivers which has slowed industrial activity and reduced food supplies.

Truck Strike Halts Deliveries Of Food

New York, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The strike of 25,000 truckers in the New York area gave New Yorkers a sharp new blow today when a large sugar refinery firm suspended operations for a chain store predicted 2,000 retail chain food stores would shut down completely by Tuesday.

The National Sugar Refining Co., which claims to be the largest processor in the metropolitan area, said it suspended operations at its Long Island City plant and another sugar firm disclosed it had made no deliveries in the New York area for a week.

The chain store spokesman, who declined to be named, said shelves of the 2,000 chain stores were bare and there was no hope of replenishing them. "There's nothing to do but shut up shop. You can't tell what you haven't got," he said.

Union members yesterday refused to accept a compromise settlement plan to end the week-old strike.

A spokesman for National said the plant normally processed 4,000-6,000 pounds of sugar daily. However, because of the trucking strike it is unable to make deliveries. Also, he added, the strike of seamen has prevented the firm from getting raw sugar.

Two Vets Killed In Plane Crash

Elizabethtown, Sept. 9.—Two war veterans, neither of them a licensed pilot, were killed about 4:30 p. m. Sunday when their hedge-hopping silver Stinson crashed in a peanut field a mile and one-half west of Elizabethtown.

Those killed were Albert Cross, 23, and C. D. Colman, 26, both of Elizabethtown. Police said Colman was piloting the ship.

Eyewitnesses told police the plane was flying "almost on the ground" when a flock of crows suddenly appeared in its path. The pilot apparently tried to dodge the crows, they said, and crashed as a result.

They had taken off a short time earlier from the airfield at White Lake, 10 miles from here.

NEGRO HELD IN MURDER OF VIRGINIA WHITE GIRL

Charlotte Court House, Va., Sept. 9.—A Negro who tried to kill another but shot a 17-year-old white girl to death instead was held in an undisclosed jail today to prevent possible mob action. Commonwealth Attorney R. Pace Morton announced. Morton said that 23-year-old Negro Henry Harris, of Saxe, Va., shot and killed Gladys Gholson of Red Oak, Va., a waitress, at Barnes Junction Saturday night.

U.S. Troops Patrol Trieste; Jews Cut Palestine Railway

British-Arab Talks Started In London

Jerusalem, Sept. 9.—(AP)—A British information officer announced today the Palestine railway had been cut in 50 places, the flow of oil to the port of Haifa disrupted and two persons killed in a series of outbreaks coinciding with the opening of British-Arab talks in London.

Explosions and gun shots broke out in various sections of the Holy Land. The information officer said these incidents were "apparently part of a large Jewish terror campaign which partially failed because of a break in timing."

The officer said he believed the campaign was planned by either the Hagana or Irgun Zvai Leumi (Jewish underground groups), probably Irgun, as a demonstration of strength to coincide with the opening of the London conference, which the Jews so far have shunned.

"We believe this morning's blastings of the railway at several points was planned to coincide with yesterday's explosions of the Haifa port area," he said, "but something went wrong."

(An authoritative source in London said Britain might soon have to invite the Jewish Agency to participate in the Palestine talks) on its own terms—"stated within an adequate area"—to prevent failure of the conference. He added that the British would not make such a move, however, before making every attempt to persuade more moderate non-agency Jews to attend.)

Hodge Reaffirms Korean Freedom

Seoul, Korea, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Sharply criticizing but not directly naming communist agitators, Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge declared today that the United States is determined to help Korea "stand alone." "We do not intend to stand by and idly watch a self-interested, venal segment of the people impose their shadowy power," Hodge, commander of the American-occupied southern half of Korea, said in a radio statement on this first anniversary of the American landings that he favored attempts to reopen a joint U. S.-Soviet commission to unite the country which is Russian-occupied north of the 38th parallel.

The efforts broke down some months ago, and the two halves of the country remain isolated under widely different administrations.

"Democracy," Hodge said, "endures on the principle of compromise, but not on the compromise of principle."

FINLAND MAY ASK SWEDEN FOR LOAN

Stockholm, Sept. 9.—(AP)—The newspaper Svenska Tidningen said the Finnish government intends shortly to ask Sweden for a large credit, possibly about \$75,000,000. The foreign office said it had discussed the question of a loan with Finnish officials, but that no specific request for credit had been made.

The Helsinki correspondent of the newspaper Aftenbladet said in a dispatch that Finnish industrialists told him Finland could not fulfill reparations payments to Russia without foreign credits.

Seven Americans Hurt In Disorders

Trieste, Sept. 9.—(AP)—Armed United States and Allied military police patrolled the streets of troubled Trieste today following an outbreak of violence yesterday during which they opened fire to disperse a pro-Yugoslav demonstration held in defiance of a military government order. Seven Americans and one Briton were injured during the melee.

Trieste was declared off limits to all Allied military personnel not on duty in the disputed city. All shore leave was cancelled for men of the U. S. cruiser Huntington and of several smaller British ships in the harbor.

Police Patrol Gorizia.

Police also patrolled Gorizia, 25 miles north of here, where U. S. troops broke up a similar demonstration Sunday. The crowd scattered without serious incidents.

The Trieste demonstration, staged in defiance of AMG refusal to grant a permit, was scheduled to coincide with the anniversary of the Venezia Giulia partisan uprising on September 8, 1943—and incidentally with the anniversary of Italian surrender.

For several days prior to the incident, the communist press had openly declared an intention to defy the prohibition.

The seven Americans—six soldiers and a photographer—were wounded when a hand grenade was tossed from a window in the San Giacomo district. A British officer was also reported to have been injured.

Midnight Nears For N. C. Beauty

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 9.—It's almost midnight for a North Carolina Cinderella. Nineteen-year-old Trudy Riley, who represented her state well at the Miss America Pageant, will be starting home tonight.

Today she was still smiling despite the fact she was not among the 15 finalists, and she was interviewed by several talent scouts, including one from Howard Hughes' productions.

A.B.C. network officials here have also asked for a complete script of Trudy's skit, and have asked for a recording of it to see if she has possibilities for radio and television.

Trudy has definitely made a hit up here. This morning she put a private yacht at her disposal and has told her she may take as many as 20 guests of her own choosing out with her.

One person died by drowning, and five in auto accidents.

Eight Persons Die During Week-End

(By The Associated Press.)
At least eight persons were killed in accidents in North Carolina over the week-end—two in a plane crash. Albert B. Cross, 24, and Dexter C. Coleman, Jr., 28, of Elizabethtown, died instantly Sunday when their Ford plane crashed into a peanut field.