



Strikes and threatened strikes in defense industries are on the rise again, and chances are that they will continue to rise. The factors creating the trend are fairly well defined. Here are the major ones:

Quarterly reports of large corporations show bigger profits in 1941 than in 1940 despite higher wages and taxes.

The cost of living is on a sharp upgrade and threatens to eliminate whatever wage increases were granted during the past year.

Sales and excise taxes are rising. So are income taxes, which may soon reach a considerably larger number of union members than previously.

Last but not least is the large number of certificates issued by the National Labor Relations Board which shows that big and small plants throughout the country are being certified for the first time—and with the consent of the employer, thereby eliminating the necessity for an election.

These forces are creating unrest among workers and are proving strong arguments in the organization drives started by union leaders of late. This may mean more collective bargaining than before.

President Roosevelt has always believed that personal meetings between ranking officials of major powers could accomplish much in a short time. At one time he envisioned a meeting on the broad Atlantic with Hitler and Mussolini to try to clear up problems without resorting to war.

This is what made press correspondents in Washington last week believe that the President was taking part in a meeting with Prime Minister Churchill somewhere on the Atlantic.

The failure of Marshall Goering to bring out new models of warplanes in the Russian campaign is causing air officials both here and in England to wonder whether something is going wrong with the German air-craft industry. These officials are becoming more optimistic about longer range implications of Russian resistance.

In April last year the United States Government froze 267 million dollars of funds in the United States that belonged to Norway and Denmark. That was the beginning of "freezing"—which was a plan to keep the funds of the invaded countries from being used by Germany and others.

Today these foreign funds amount to more than 7½ billion dollars. Perhaps you may have forgotten some of those nations that were stormed and crushed by Hitler. Those unfortunate nations that are being defended by the United States are Denmark, Luxembourg, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Hungary, Austria, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Portugal, China, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania.

A lot of legislation before Congress is being promoted by a subterfuge under claims for National Defense. These issues include the St. Lawrence seaway, the Florida ship canal, excessive highway appropriations, and other questionable undertakings—questionable because they are straight-out proposals that have nothing to do with National Defense.

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Our world...

Trouble In France Is Growing

Vichy, France.—Marshal Petain yesterday called for a showdown with his political foes, many of whom are under arrest, and announced stern measures to crush opposition to his authoritarian French regime which is moving toward closer "collaboration" with Germany. "A decision must be taken. . . Either one is for me or against me," said the aged chief of state in a speech at Royal. Determined to wipe out admitted hostility to Petain's regime, the government simultaneously prepared to announce "extremely severe measures" for the crushing of Communists who are opposing the Vichy government's collaboration with Adolf Hitler.

Churchill Very Happy After Atlantic Talk

London.—Wreathed in smiles and cigar smoke, Prime Minister Churchill returned home yesterday from his historic Atlantic conference with President Roosevelt and in short order did all these things: Told the war cabinet about the meeting at sea and the agreement to speed the war of extermination against Nazism; arranged to tell the public about it in a radio address next Sunday; went to see a movie of the conference, had luncheon with King George and gave him a personal letter from Roosevelt.

U. S. Will Send Planes Direct To Africa

Washington.—In a far-reaching step to offset any German move to French Dakar and to strengthen British forces in the Middle East, President Roosevelt announced plans yesterday to ferry American war planes direct to West Africa and on to the Middle East front. The White House announcement, which quickly followed the President's return from his historic sea conferences with Prime Minister Winston Churchill, described the new service as "an important step to speed delivery of planes direct to the Middle East."

U. S. And Japanese Relations Very Tense

Tokyo.—Relations between the United States and Japan admittedly were near the breaking point following a long conference between the American ambassador, Joseph C. Grew, and Foreign Minister. Vice-Admiral Teijiro Toyoda at which Grew reportedly warned that American pressure on this country will be intensified unless Japan makes fundamental alterations in her foreign policy.

Japan Refuses Passage To British Subjects

Tokyo.—British subjects trying to leave Japan are meeting the same frustrations as are Americans, it was learned yesterday as the whole subject became more and more complicated. Responding to the official American statement that Japan had given no satisfactory explanation of the refusal to permit 100 United States citizens to leave aboard the liner President Coolidge, a Japanese government spokesman disclaimed any intention to hold Americans as hostages.

Draftees May Be Released Earlier

Washington.—Plans to release selectees and National Guardsmen from the army after they have served 14 to 18 months—instead of the 30-month maximum permissible under law—were announced by the War Department yesterday. It was emphasized that the program depends upon whether the international situation becomes more serious. The army hoped it would not be necessary to retain the men for the full 30-month term.

Oxford Orphanage Singing Group To Entertain

Once again that delightful group of singing youngsters from the Oxford Orphanage is coming to Allegheny county. They will sing and recite in the Piney Creek school auditorium on Friday night, August 29th at 7:30 o'clock (E.S.T.).

There are 14 children in the group, and those who have heard them before will need no urging to hear them again. Tickets should be obtained in advance from some one of the local committees, headed by Ernest Hoppers in Sparta.

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Farmers Meet At Boone Next Tuesday

Farmers of Western North Carolina—men who "talk a language" different from the cotton and fuc-cured tobacco farmers of the rest of the State—will hold their annual meeting at Appalachian State Teachers college in Boone on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27. Several farmers from this county are planning to attend.

F. S. Sloan, of Franklin, district farm agent of the State College Extension Service, and R. W. Shoffner, in charge of the TVA-Extension demonstration farm program, have arranged the program for the Boone meeting. A minimum of speech-making, and a maximum of discussion, has been planned.

The only men invited to address the group are Dr. H. A. Morgan, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; Dean I. O. Schaub of State College; Dr. L. D. Baver, recently appointed director of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station; and J. C. McAmis, director of the TVA's division of agricultural relations. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian college, will welcome the group at the first formal session Tuesday afternoon.

The mountain farmers will have an opportunity to discuss their sectional problems—beef cattle, dairy, poultry, Burley tobacco and fruit production. Of course the growing of grass, necessary in feed production for livestock, will come in for a major share of attention. The demonstration farmers will tell of their results from the use of lime, and the superphosphate supplied them by the TVA.

The meeting will open with registration Tuesday morning, and an afternoon program of two talks and group discussions. A motion picture show and a barn dance are planned Tuesday night. Reports of the groups will be heard Wednesday morning, followed by two other addresses and adjournment after lunch.

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The Lion's Cubs Foregather



—Passed by Censor.

In this picture, typical of any of the air training schools in Canada, are seen (left to right) student airmen from Canada, Australia and New Zealand. They are enrolled in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, the most gigantic enterprise of its kind in the world. It is now turning out thousands of pilots, gunners and observers at about twice the rate originally planned for this time. The plan now has 118 establishments of all kinds including 83 schools from coast to coast. Its estimated cost for a period of three years is \$524,000,000 of which amount Canada will provide \$531,000,000 and also 80 per cent of the students. About 1,500 of the pupils trained or in training with the Royal Canadian Air Force are Americans and 600 American pilots are serving as instructors for the Air Training Plan. In addition to sending men overseas, the R.C.A.F. with planes on patrol duty throughout the Dominion and far out to sea on both coasts daily, is a powerful factor in Canada-United States Defense.

Estel Bedsaul Took Prize At Fiddlers Contest

Last Friday and Saturday nights the eighth annual Old Fiddlers Convention in Galax drew close to 10,000 people who love the old-time mountain music and the folk songs that have been handed down from generation to generation.

Contests were held in seven divisions. In the dulcimer contest five persons entered; in folk singing there were 16 entries; in guitar, 41; in banjo, 25; in fiddle, 36; in band contest, 33, and in clog dancing 19 contestants.

In the guitar playing, Estel Bedsaul, of Ennice and Sparta, was one of 41 contestants, and he took the 5th prize. Last year he was driving a school bus, and this year he is the able assistant to Mr. Roe in the new Western Auto Store in Sparta.

In the clog dancing contest Banner Barker, of Low Gap, took second prize in a field of 19 contestants.

In banjo there were 25 entries and Wade Ward, of Independence, took 1st prize, while M. B. Trivette, of Fleetwood, N. C., took 5th prize.

Among the bands the "Leaksville Entertainers" of Leaksville, N. C., took 1st prize.

And in the fiddles, D. C. Walker, of Leaksville, tied for 3rd prize.

Other prizes went largely to Virginia contestants. Dr. R. C. Bowie, of Galax, was master of ceremonies during both nights of the convention, which was held under the auspices of the Moose Lodge of Galax and the Galax Parent-Teacher Association.

Contestants were entered from Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and Maryland, and vied for a share of the \$132.50 offered in prizes.

British Admit Loss Of 28th Submarine

The British submarine Cachalot, which the Italian high command announced August 4 was rammed and broken in two by an Italian torpedo boat in the Mediterranean, was acknowledged by the admiralty last night to be overdue and considered lost. It was the 28th acknowledged British submarine loss since the war began.

Womans Club To Meet Today

The Womans Club will meet in the assembly room of the county office building on Thursday (today) at 3 o'clock, instead of Friday as scheduled.

Pauline Payne Shot To Death In Fries Theatre

A thorough search continues for Elza Cox, 25, married man of Fries, who shot to death pretty Pauline Payne, 18, in a crowded Fries theatre Saturday night.

No trace has been found of the fugitive who was last seen late Saturday night at Anderson Funk's home at the foot of the mountain, about four miles from Fries.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Fries Baptist church for the victim. Mayor Harvin B. Sutherland, of Fries, indicated that officers had reason to believe Cox had fled into North Carolina. Cox is known to have several relatives in the vicinity of Elkin and knows that section well, he said.

The young girl was shot Saturday night while watching the movie, "The Invisible Woman," with her escort, Virgil Marshall, Baywood CCC enrollee. Among those witnessing the tragedy were Lois Payne, 16-year-old sister who was sitting with friends about three rows back.

She told officers that Cox walked up and down the theatre aisle four or five times and asked her if she and the girl with her wanted to go to Wytheville with him. She answered "no." Then, she related, Cox said he was going to shoot two persons before he left the theatre and asked her if she knew where Pauline was sitting. Again she answered "no," afraid that he would "start something." Cox was an uncle by marriage of Lois and Pauline. He has been living with his wife and two little daughters on Top street in Fries.

Cox finally found her sister, she reported, and sat down beside her, spoke a few words and then shot twice and ran out of the theatre.

One bullet pierced her heart, the other was found imbedded in the floor nearby. Death apparently was instant.

Cox, according to information given to officers, fled with a brother-in-law, Neal Vaughan, in a car parked in front of the theatre. Vaughan later told officers that Cox had said there had been "some trouble" and had driven near the Funk home where he got out and told him to take the car back to town.

Bloodhounds were soon placed on Cox's trail by Sheriff W. C. Kincer, of Wythe county, working with Sheriff Muncey T. Wingate, of Grayson county, but to no avail. Wingate said jealousy evidently prompted the shooting.

The girl is survived by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ballard Akers, Fries; the sister, Lois Payne; a brother, and her father, Roy Payne. Her mother died several years ago.

Ten Should Have Gone, But One Was Detained

Yes, ten men were to have gone to Fort Bragg last Friday, to be inducted for their term of army training. But among the ten was one whom Sheriff Bryan insisted on holding in Sparta on suspicion that he knew much about the break into the sheriff's office a few weeks ago. Not only did someone break in, they took the sheriff's keys to the jail, and turned loose three prisoners, who have not been heard from since. So Sheriff Bryan held Robert Fortner from going to Fort Bragg, and is planning to tell Judge Warlick about the loss of his keys and his three prisoners when court week opens in September.

Court Week Will Open September 29

Court week promises to be another light week when the fall term opens on Monday, September 29, with Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, N. C., on the bench.

The jury for the fall term will be chosen from the following:

C. C. Reeves, Everett Handy, W. L. Edwards, Estuce Black, W. F. Doughton, Glenn Richardson, J. C. Wilson, J. H. Pettyjohn, F. A. Porter, O. Hurst Higgins, W. E. Hoppers, Millard Mabe, J. H. Miller, J. L. Duncan, Howard Bryan, R. G. Cox, R. M. Mabe, Fred Collins, Robert Taylor, L. C. Joines, Jones Tilley, Smith Nichols, Paul Smith, Carlis Lee Mitchell, Garnett Brown, Elbert Crouse, J. K. Taylor, John R. Edwards, W. Mack Roberts, John M. Cheek, John R. Halsey, W. C. Edwards, Will Jones, Coy McCann, S. O. Gambill, Lester Woodruff.

School Opening Postponed Two Weeks

Superintendent of Education W. C. Thompson announces that schools will not open before September 15, because of the fear regarding the spread of infantile paralysis. Further announcement will be made regarding a definite opening date.

Dr. King, health officer, reports that there are nine definite cases of infantile paralysis, all of which are mild, and which he expects will be released from quarantine in ten days.

Baseball League Standings

Herewith is given the standings of the teams in the New River Baseball league through last Saturday's games. Results of Wednesday's games between Galax and West Jefferson are included, however.

Teams:	W	L
Fries	18	3
Ivanhoe	12	7
Austinville	12	8
West Jefferson	10	10
Galax	12	12
Independence	8	12
Sparta	2	18

Next Sunday At The Churches

August 24, 34th Sunday

Baptist Churches:
Sparta at 11 o'clock.
Laurel Springs at 8 o'clock.
Chestnut Grove at 11 o'clock.
Scottville at 11 o'clock.

Presbyterian Churches:
Sparta at 11 o'clock.
Rocky Ridge at 3 o'clock.

Methodist Churches:
Cox's Chapel at 11 o'clock.
Potato Creek at 3 o'clock.
Nathans Creek at 11 o'clock.

Primitive Baptist Churches:
Crab Creek.
Antioch, Communion service, and please bring lunch.

Union Baptist Churches:
Cherry Lane, Communion service, Elder John Toliver preaching.
Welcome Home.

Regular Little River Churches:
Landmark.
Mt. Ararat.
Saddle Mountain.
South Fork.

Church of the Brethren:
Mt. Carmel at 11 o'clock.