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RAILROADS OPERATING NORMALLY TODAY

Truman Denies Any Change In Europe Policy

Give Cold Shoulder To Russian Claims Of Peace Overture

Washington, May 11 — (UP) — President Truman and the state department today cold-shouldered Russia's claim that the United States has made "peace" overtures to the "cold war."

Truman assured Russia in a statement that this country has "no hostile or aggressive designs." But he made it equally plain that the United States is not backing down its determination to provide economic and military aid to western Europe.

Mr. Truman's statement was interpreted by various interpreters as a May 4 note delivered personally by U. S. ambassador Arthur H. Drexel Smith to Soviet foreign minister V. M. Molotov in Moscow.

Molotov interpreted the note as a U. S. offer for "peace" negotiations. That idea was given wide circulation by Moscow radio.

Mr. Truman put the chill on interpretation by saying that the note represented "no departure in American policy." The president said it was intended to make certain that Russia does not misunderstand the firm but peaceful intentions of this country.

The president completely ignored Molotov's interpretation that it was a prelude to conferences with Russia. Other officials here saw the hope of fruitful meetings behind the note unless Russia shows willingness to modify her stand on international matters.

The state department meantime made public a charge that Russia violated every provision, except one, of the Roosevelt-Litvinov agreement which reestablished diplomatic relations in 1934. The exception permitted the presence of an American clergyman in Moscow.

Mr. Truman picked out what he considered the two salient points of the Smith statement to Molotov, these were:

"The policies of the United States government in international relations have been made amply clear in recent months and weeks. They have the support of the overwhelming majority of the American people. They will continue to be vigorously and firmly prosecuted."

"On the other hand this government wishes to make it unmistakably clear that the United States has no hostile or aggressive designs whatsoever with respect to the Soviet Union."

This seemed in direct opposition to the Molotov assertion that the substance of American bases was producing tension between the two nations.

The state department avoided any official comment. But it made public a charge that Russia had violated every provision, except one, of the Roosevelt-Litvinov agreement which "re-established diplomatic relations in 1934. That one provision permitted the presence of an American clergyman in Moscow."

The charge was made in remarks of ambassador Smith in Moscow May 9 after hearing Molotov's reply to the original American note. At that time Smith made no mention of Molotov's proposal that the two countries begin discussions immediately for settlement of their difficulties.

To Molotov's charge that the United States was encircling Russia with bases, Smith said "our entire history was refutation of any suggestion of a policy which involved aggressive war."

Smith's May 9 reply to Molotov

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WEATHER

Cloudy north and becoming cloudy south portions with occasional showers or thunderstorms north and west portions today and most of the night. Cooler north and west portions. Wednesday cloudy with occasional rain south and central portion, cooler south and east central portions. High today 50 to 55 extreme north to around 80 south. Low tonight 45 to 50 northwest to 65 southeast.

Stockhandlers Call Off Strike Threat

11th-Hour Pact Is Signed Last Night

Chicago, May 11 — (UP) — Stockhandlers at Chicago's Union Stockyards reported for work this morning after an 11th-hour settlement averted a strike that would have tied up operations at the yards.

The stockhandlers, who were scheduled to walk off their jobs at 12:01 a. m. today, voted at a mass meeting last night to accept a six-cent wage boost.

The handlers are affiliated with the CIO United Packinghouse Workers Union, which has been on strike against the nation's major meat packers since March 16.

Frank Monaghan, president of local 44 of the stockhandlers union, said that the 400 members of the union had voted unanimously to accept the settlement reached in an eight-hour mediation session yesterday.

Other handlers still are scheduled to strike Friday at yards in South St. Paul, Minn., Fort Worth, Tex., Milwaukee, Wis., St. Joseph, Mo., and Fargo, N. D.

Officials of the five locals made no announcement as to what effect the Chicago settlement would have on their strike plans.

Handlers move animals into and out of the stockyards and it had been estimated that the strike would have tied up about 85 percent of the livestock marketing in Chicago.

The yards were open for business today, but the threatened handlers' walkout and the possibility of a rail strike, both of which were averted only a few hours before midnight, combined to keep down receipts early today.

Meanwhile, conciliator Frank Walsh and two other members of the federal mediation staff prepared to meet with officials of the packinghouse workers and the big four packers in another effort to end the prolonged meat strike.

Local Legion Plans To Attend Meetings

Members of Adams post 43 launched plans last night at the regular meeting to attend two coming district Legion events. The local post, headed by commander Charles Morgan, will send a delegation to the district meeting at Logansport on June 3 and a large representation is expected from here at the annual fourth district picnic at Pokagon state park on June 13.

During last night's meeting commander Morgan presented Hugh Andrews, post athletic director, with the fourth district baseball trophy, won by the local team. Commander Morgan also made a report on the annual hospital day observance at Marion veterans' hospital, held last Sunday. The post at its next meeting will open nomination of officers for the coming year.

School Patrols To Be Honored May 21

To Honor Patrols From Four Schools

School safety patrol workers from Decatur, Berne and Ossian will be feted here Friday afternoon, May 21 at Worthman Field. Malcolm Locke, safety committee chairman of the Decatur Lions club, co-sponsors of the safety patrol in Decatur, made the announcement.

The event will be staged jointly by the Lions club, Adams Post 43 of the American Legion and the Chicago motor club, co-sponsors of the patrol.

Some 40 boys from the Lincoln and St. Joseph patrols in this city, the Berne and Ossian patrols will be invited to attend the outing, which will be held after the dismissal of school classes that day.

Games will be staged and prizes will be given winners. Details of the event will be announced later. The outing is to be staged as part of the observance of school safety patrol rally day, officially proclaimed for Saturday by Mayor John M. Doan.

Set Chrysler Strike Hour At 10 Wednesday

Auto Workers Union Sets Strike Time If Negotiations Fail

Detroit, May 11 — (UP) — The CIO United Auto Workers today set 10 a. m. tomorrow as the hour for 73,000 Chrysler corporation production employees to strike.

Norman Matthews, UAW director for the Chrysler department, said he was prepared to negotiate for a wage settlement with the company until 7:30 p. m. today on union demands for a 30-cent pay increase.

Matthews announced the strike deadline while federal and state labor mediators were closeted with Chrysler officials in an effort to reach a basis for renewed bargaining.

Both sides have clung to their positions since they reached a deadlock April 16.

"The union is prepared to negotiate until 7:30 tonight," Matthews said. "At that time, we have to report to the national UAW Chrysler conference on what has happened in negotiations."

"If this thing is not settled tonight, the strike will be called at 10 a. m. tomorrow," Matthews said.

In view of Matthews' statement, efforts of federal labor conciliator Leo Kotin to bring the company and union back to the bargaining table took on a last-ditch appearance.

Emil Mazey, acting UAW president, revealed that the international union has a general strike fund of about \$800,000 but that it would be increased to about \$1,500,000 before the end of the month when each member is assessed \$1.

He said that local unions have additional total assets estimated at more than \$7,000,000.

List Programs For Senior Exercises

Baccalaureate And Graduate Exercises

Complete programs for the annual baccalaureate and commencement exercises of the Decatur junior-senior high school were announced today by Walter J. Krick, city school superintendent.

The baccalaureate services will be held Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock at the school auditorium and the commencement the following Thursday night at the same place.

The baccalaureate program: Processional. Call to worship. Invocation. Dr. Charles E. White, Trinity Evangelical United Brethren church.

Hymn—"Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me." Scripture reading—The Rev. G. A. Eddy, Nuttman Ave. United Brethren church.

Prayer—The Rev. F. H. Willard, Bethany Evangelical United Brethren church.

Music—High school choir. Sermon—"This Waiting World"—Dr. M. O. Lester, First Methodist church.

Hymn—"I Need Thee Every Hour." Benediction—The Rev. Ralph Carter, Church of the Nazarene.

Recessional. Musical selection under direction of Miss Helen Haubold, supervisor of music.

The program for the commencement: Processional. Invocation—The Rev. William Feller, Zion Evangelical and Reformed church.

Music—High school choir. Address—"Citizens of Tomorrow"—V. C. Freeman, dean of agriculture, Purdue university.

Army Rail Heads Map Strategy



WHEN PRESIDENT TRUMAN seized the nation's railroads and directed Secretary of the Army Kenneth Royall (left) to operate the carriers, Royall chose the Army's transportation chief, Maj. Gen. Edmond H. Leavelle (right), to be his operating agent. They are pictured as they pored over a map of their problem on the lawn at the Pentagon in Washington.

Arabs Ask Jaffa Be Declared Open City

British Mandate To End Friday Midnight

Jerusalem, May 11 — (UP) — Arab military leaders in Palestine, rocked by two major defeats within the past 24 hours, have sought to save the big port city of Jaffa from Jewish capture by declaring it an open city, it was reported today.

A dispatch from Tel Aviv said the Arab emergency committee sought British intervention with Jewish Haganah commanders to declare Jaffa an open city. It was understood the Jews refused.

Under the Arab plan, Jaffa would be removed as an objective from any final struggle for Palestine after the British lay down their mandate at midnight Friday.

Jaffa, a city of 161,580 before the partition plan was announced, has been ringed by Jewish forces from neighboring Tel Aviv. It has been reported completely evacuated by Arab civilians. Jaffa was saved from Jewish capture by British troops who halted a combined Haganah-Irgun Zvai Leumi offensive.

The Arab proposal to declare Jaffa an open city reportedly stated that there were no Arab military forces left in the city.

Within the past 24 hours the

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Ralph Conrad Hurt In Traffic Crash

Seriously Injured Early This Morning

Ralph Conrad, 26, of Preble, was reported in a serious condition today at the Methodist hospital in Indianapolis suffering from injuries sustained in a traffic crash.

At the last report from Indianapolis, the young man was still unconscious, suffering from head injuries.

Only meager details of the accident were available here. His mother, Mrs. Frieda Conrad, Preble, and a brother, Arnold Conrad, Decatur junior-senior high school teacher, were called to his bedside about 3 a. m. today.

It is known that Conrad has been driving for the Security Carriage company, a trucking firm, and it was reported that the accident occurred near Shelbyville.

Indiana state police at the Indianapolis headquarters were able to confirm the fact that Conrad is in the Indianapolis hospital but were without details concerning

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Two-Year-Old Boy Killed By Coach

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 11 — (UP) — Michael Balough, 2, was killed instantly late yesterday when he was struck by a trolley coach.

The child was playing in front of his house and stepped off the curb.

Rail Strike Threat Caused Heavy Loss

Freight Embargoes Costly To Nation

Chicago, May 11 — (UP) — The railroads ran on schedule today with the government at the throttle.

The scheduled rail strike had been called off in time to avoid any major confusion, congestion or delay. Almost all railroads reported they were operating normally.

As the 6 a. m. strike deadline passed in each time zone, the 150,000 engineers, firemen and switchmen who had threatened to tie up the nation were on the job.

At the big rail centers across the country—New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, San Francisco and elsewhere—the scene at railroad stations was the same as on any other day.

People caught their trains on time and arrived at their destinations on schedule. But it had been a close call.

The strike threat had caused millions of dollars of loss to industry and agriculture. Perishable food shipments and livestock had been embargoed by the railroads. Some food had spoiled.

Railroad officials said it would be several days before they could catch up on the backlog of perishables and goods piled up while the freight embargoes were in force.

All the way to Los Angeles, railroad depots posted "on time" notices as the deadline for the cancelled strike progressed across the nation.

Twins Suffocate In Chicago Home Monday

Chicago, May 11 — (UP) — Thelma and Velma, nine-month-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Gordon suffocated in their crib yesterday while their mother was visiting a neighbor.

Mrs. Gordon told police she left the infants in their crib for an hour while she went to her neighbor's home in a south side trailer court. They were dead when she returned, she said.

Four Persons Killed In Italian Wreck

Venice, May 11 — (UP) — Four persons were killed and 60 injured last night when the Trieste-Venice express jumped the track on a hairpin curve near Treviso, 18 miles north of Venice.

Railroad Union Leaders Call Off Strike After Court No-Strike Order

To Use Vacant Lots For Fair Exhibits

Plans Progressing For Fair In July

Tentative location of display and exhibit tents was made last night at a meeting of all chairmen of committees for the Decatur free street fair and agricultural show, to be held here July 26 to 31. The meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the library.

Plans were made to use several vacant lots near the business section for the cattle and hog exhibits, thereby getting away from the hazard of housing the animals on paved streets. Leo Kirach, chairman of the 4-H show, which is the feature exhibit of the fair, stated that he would contact the various farm groups immediately for approval of sites for the tents.

The present plan is to have the retail and automobile shows on Liberty Way, starting at a point 100 feet west of the Second street intersection. The show will extend north on Third street and will be followed by the manufacturer's show, which will extend from Madison street north to Monroe.

The farm equipment show will be held on Monroe street, east and west from Third street to First street. The Girl Scouts will have a tent on Madison street, east of the Second street intersection.

Livestock will be shown in tents erected on the lot between Macklin's and Kocher Lumber Co., the Miss lot on North Second street, just south of Knapp's Service station, and on the lots north of Monroe street west of the river bridge.

Other exhibit tents will be located at a later date. The 4-H club home economics show will be held in the Decatur junior-senior high school gymnasium.

The carnival midway will extend up and down Second street and

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List Program For Social Conference

Regional Conclave Here On Thursday

Following is the complete program for the Northeastern Indiana regional conference on social work, which will be held here Thursday.

The speaking program and business session will be held at the American Legion home. The noon luncheon will be served at the Masonic hall. Reservations should be made with Miss Bernice Nelson, director of the county welfare department.

Registration: 9:15 to 9:45 a. m. Morning session: Mrs. Helen F. Lauer, Fort Wayne regional chairman, will preside at all sessions.

Greetings: Mayor John M. Doan. Speakers: Miss Jane Morgan, director of social service of University hospital, Indianapolis. "The Emotional Factors of Illness," Miss Virginia R. Becker, director of public relations Community Fund of Milwaukee, Wis. "The public relations aspect of social work."

Noon luncheon: 12:15 p. m., Masonic Hall.

W. Guy Brown, principal Decatur high school, presiding. Invocation: Rev. Edgar P. Schmidt, pastor Zion Lutheran church.

Music will be furnished by the male quartet of Berne high school. Speaker at the luncheon will be Everett C. Shimp, professor school of social administration, Ohio State University, on "Community Planning."

Afternoon session 2 p. m. at Legion home. During this session, Mrs. Letta Schoule, executive sec-

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House Passes Bill To Step Up Air Power

Final Approval By Senate Is Expected Later During Day

Washington, May 11 — (UP) — The 70-group air force took a long hop toward reality today.

The house put its final approval on a bill to pour \$3,198,000,000 into a plane buying program designed to build up the country's military air power.

Final senate approval was scheduled for later today. Then all that will be needed to make the bill a law is President Truman's signature.

Orders for new planes are all ready for placing as soon as the president acts.

Meanwhile, the senate armed services committee was touching up its combination military training and draft bill. It had a last-minute conference with defense secretary James Forrestal before winding up the job. Overwhelming committee approval of the bill seemed certain.

With both houses in session, congressional developments included:

Communists—Congress got two appeals to do something about the communists before it is too late. The house un-American activities committee urged communist-control legislation. Movie producer Cecil B. DeMille asked for a bill giving everybody the "right to work."

No—The house appropriations committee turned down a proposal to give each house member up to \$450 of the taxpayers' money to pay for his long distance telephone calls. A subcommittee recommended the allowance, which already is enjoyed by senators.

Next—After it gets through with the \$5,300,000,000 European recovery bill, the house appropriations committee probably will take up President Truman's request for \$818,000,000 with which to help China, Greece, Turkey, Trieste, and the war orphans of Europe.

Oleo—Sen. George A. Wilson.

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Mrs. Robert Moser Is Taken By Death

Funeral Services Thursday Morning

Mrs. Marjorie Lucille Moser, 28, wife of Robert C. Moser, of 316 Stevenson street, died at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Adams county memorial hospital after an illness of three weeks of heart disease.

She was born in Decatur July 3, 1919, a daughter of William H. and Georgia S. Anderson-Foughty, and was married to Robert C. Moser Aug. 13, 1944.

A lifelong resident of Decatur, Mrs. Moser was a graduate of the Decatur high school and a member of the First Baptist church, where she was a active in church work.

Surviving are her husband; her mother, and four sisters, Miss Georgia Foughty, Mrs. Wilma Ross, Mrs. Walter Kiess and Mrs. Charles Feasel, Jr., all of Decatur.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Thursday at the First Baptist church, with the Rev. G. T. Rosselot, a former Decatur pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. Friends may call at the Zwick funeral home after 7 o'clock this evening until time of the services.

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Rail Union Leaders Assert Wage Boost, Better Conditions Of Work Necessary

Washington, May 11 — (UP) — Rail union leaders said final settlement of their quarrel with the railroads can be brought about only by higher wages and better working conditions.

They said at a press conference that government seizure of the roads did not settle the fundamental issues involved, even if it did keep the nation's rail traffic moving.

The railroads were running normally under supervision of the army. And the army was prepared to stay in charge as long as necessary for the unions and private operator to make a settlement.

Army secretary Kenneth Royall set up a small organization to direct operations. Army control is largely a "token" with actual operations left to the private managements of the carriers.

Leaders of three unions called off a scheduled dawn walkout last night after the government obtained a federal court no-strike order.

At first it was feared the strike-cancellation came too late to keep all of the country's 150,000 engineers, firemen, and switchmen on the job.

But reports from over the country showed the trains were manned and rolling.

In seizing the roads and placing them under army control yesterday, President Truman asked the unions to keep their members on duty. But they did not call off the strike until the court order was issued.

Alvanley Johnston, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, stated the case today for his union and for the Switchmen's Union (AFU), and the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen. "We have complied with the restraining order of the court and we have been compelled to work," Johnston said. "But we have not retreated from our previous position that our wages must be increased and our working conditions improved as requested."

Johnston disclosed that the unions had offered at emergency White House conferences before the seizure order to call off the strike for certain work rule changes plus a general wage increase of 15 1/2 cents an hour.

The rule changes sought by themselves would have meant more money in pay envelopes of many of the 150,000 engineers, firemen, and switchmen involved in the dispute.

The railroads had agreed to the 15 1/2 cent increase and some other rule changes recommended by a presidential board which tried unsuccessfully to mediate the dispute. But they resisted the further rule changes and the White House conferences failed.

Johnston said the strike would have gone on as planned if the government had not obtained a court restraining order. He said he believed government seizure of the roads was unnecessary but that the unions did not object to it.

David B. Robertson, head of the firemen and enginemen, added: "We don't care who runs the railroads as long as we are getting fair treatment. We don't think we are getting it under the present setup."

Robertson said he was not referring specifically to army operation of the roads but to the situation generally.

The White House said today the rail negotiations are now out of its hands and are a matter to be pursued by the unions and the operators.

Secretary Charles C. Ross said that John R. Steelman, assistant to the president, had scheduled no additional meetings with the contending groups, but would be