

LAVAL REFUSES TO ENTER COURT

Sulks in Cell After a Stormy Session.

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PARIS, Oct. 6 (U. P.)—Pierre Laval's treason trial was resumed tonight without the defendant or his lawyers after the former Vichy premier stalked out of court screaming "Liar" at the judge and refused to come back.

Judge Pierre Mongibeaux, who had thrown Laval out of the courtroom only an hour earlier and then permitted him to return, tried vainly to get the defendant back before resuming the trial.

Sulking in his cell, Laval stubbornly refused. "You can handcuff me if you want, but I won't come," he shouted defiantly.

The judge finally gave up and ordered the hearing to go on. At that point, Laval's lawyers decided they, too, would refuse to appear. "My client is not there, why should I go in?" the chief defense counsel remarked to reporters.

Lebrun on Stand
Mongibeaux then ordered the proceedings to go on without the defense and he called in the prosecution's first witness, former French President Alfred Lebrun.

Lebrun began testifying at 5:20 p. m. and after 20 minutes of routine questioning the judge gave up and recessed the trial until 1 p. m. Monday.

Laval appeared to have won the round, and his attorneys insisted he would stand by his announced intention not to come back or speak again in his own defense.

He went on his bizarre "strike" halfway through today's session, after Mongibeaux had ejected him from the court at the height of a noisy exchange in which defendant, judge, jurors and lawyers tried to outshout each other.

JAPAN TO RELEASE POLITICAL CAPTIVES

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authorities announced they concurred in yesterday's order temporarily retaining some police chiefs after Oct. 10. Gen. Douglas MacArthur had set that date for compliance with his directive abolishing restrictions on Japanese freedom.

A home ministry announcement said dismissal of the police chiefs and all "thought control" police throughout the country would take place after the new cabinet has been formed.

The government also directed that the political division of the metropolitan police be abolished along with the foreign affairs and censorship bureaus of the home ministry.

Shidehara gave up the Japanese foreign ministry 14 years ago in

TOKYO, Oct. 6 (U. P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today abolished military press membership for allied correspondents in the Pacific, American censorship of the Japanese press and radio will continue, however.

protest against Japan's seizure of Manchuria.

Hirohito gave Shidehara the imperial command to form a new cabinet at a 15-minute audience shortly after 12:30 p. m. (9:30 p. m. Friday, Indianapolis time). Immediately afterward, the emperor conferred with his protégé, Shigeru Yoshida, foreign minister in the Higashi-Kuni government.

Yoshida Retained
The Japanese Domei agency said Shidehara would retain Shigeru Yoshida as foreign minister. Completion of the cabinet may take two or three days.

Apart from Yoshida, the only holdovers from the previous cabinet probably will be Tatsuoka-Kawai, another liberal called out of retirement several weeks ago to become information minister, and Education Minister Tamon Maeda.

It appeared uncertain whether separate army and navy ministers would be appointed. These portfolios probably soon will be abolished in line with complete demilitarization of Japan. Shidehara may take over the two posts himself concurrently with the premiership.

Shidehara long has advocated Chinese-Japanese co-operation, and it was expected that he would seek an agreement with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in furtherance of this policy.

Shidehara's visit to Yoshida's residence immediately after his audience with the emperor indicated that he would rely heavily on the foreign minister for advice in forming his cabinet and in his later conduct of the government.

UNITED STATES TO SET FOR MRS. EVELYN GEE

Services for Mrs. Evelyn K. Gee, 815 Graham ave., an Indianapolis resident 32 years, who died this morning, will be at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday in the Moore Mortuaries Irvington chapel.

Mrs. Millie Gilmore will conduct Christian Science services. Burial will be in Washington Park cemetery.

Mrs. Gee, who was 38, was the wife of Gilbert S. Gee. She was born in Clarksburg, W. V., and was a member of Mt. Zion, P. H. C. Episcopalian society.

Survivors besides her husband are her mother, Mrs. O. J. Deal; a sister, Mrs. J. W. Pleener; and an aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Clark, all of Indianapolis.

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SHIDEHARA TO PUSH REFORMS

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for the war or classed as a war criminal," he said.

"I do not know but that I may be under suspicion myself," he continued laughing, "since my home in the country was seized by the military and gun emplacements could be used for a charge that I aggressively helped the war party."

He added soberly that there were few Japanese who did not help the emperor's policy, it seemed likely that in view of his record he would adopt the following course:

ONE—A strong effort to democratize all phases of Japanese life as speedily as possible with a view to obtaining the end of allied military control at the earliest possible date.

TWO—An early effort to improve relations with China, in view of his lifelong belief that Japan and China must co-operate in the interests of both nations.

THREE—The most complete possible co-operation with Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the allies, not only because this was the only practical course to follow but also because Shidehara gave every evidence of believing that the future of Japan lies in following the paths of the western democracies.

World Extent Plans
With regard to India, the Philippines and other Asiatic nations, Shidehara was expected to try to restore some sort of economic and cultural relations as soon as the United Nations permit.

I saw Shidehara immediately after he had accepted Emperor Hirohito's mandate. Later he saw the Japanese press, and then held a general press conference for United Nations correspondents.

Shidehara looked thinner than he did the last time I saw him 10 years ago. He said he was feeling fine, and had been in perfect health. He asked to be remembered to "my many old American friends, to whom I am looking for honest judgment of the new Japan which I expect to serve the remainder of my time."

"Don't Ask Forgiveness"
"We Japanese are not asking sympathy or forgiveness. We merely ask to be judged on what we do henceforth, since we are confident we can demonstrate that militarism and the old ultra-nationalism are buried forever."

Shidehara recalled that a picture taken in 1931, before he left the foreign ministry in protest against the seizure of Manchuria, showed him and this correspondent sitting beside a small circular table in the old foreign office, both faces clearly reflected in the glass table top.

Prediction Proven
Recalling that I interviewed him when he resigned over the Manchurian seizure, he repeated a statement he made at that time: "Japan is taking the wrong direction, and you can expect much bad news henceforth."

"This time he added: "I think events since then have proved amply the accuracy of my prediction."

"I have been a long-time student of Japan's foreign affairs," Shidehara said, "but I never paid much attention to the domestic problems with which I must be concerned largely if I form a cabinet."

"Frankly, I am approaching the task with some trepidation and will need all the co-operation I can get from everybody."

He said he had watched the career of MacArthur for years, and was confident he would be able to "get along with the general."

BOY SCOUT LEADERS ATTEND CONFERENCE

The commissioners' staff of the Central Indiana Council of Boy Scouts are attending their second annual conference today and tomorrow at Camp Rotary, Crawfordville.

Under Frank C. Evans, general chairman, the 100 commissioners will spend the two days preparing to improve their scouting work.

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SEEK TO HALT MINE STRIKES

Oil Workers Returning to 'Work for Navy.'

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a brief "work stoppage," a New York waterfront strike appeared at an end, and production of 1946 model Fords was to be resumed as Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. workers called off a 44-day-old strike in Detroit.

THREE—Walkouts continued among 61,000 Pacific coast lumber workers, 3,000 striking Hollywood film craft unionists and Greyhound employees in seven western states.

FOUR—President Truman acted to avert for at least 30 days a threatened strike which would have paralyzed railway express shipments in nine key cities.

Members of the C. I. O. Oil Workers International union were asked by union officials to return to work late yesterday, almost 24 hours after the navy was directed to seize and operate 52 strikebound plants of 26 companies.

In the northern Indiana Calumet area, a telegram from Union President Knight arrived too late for consideration at a mass meeting, and strikers were to meet again today. Pickets were removed from the various struck plants, however, with the exception of a few men who remained in the role of "ob servers."

Phone Workers Seek Raise
Long-distance communications were back to normal today after a four to six-hour slump when 250,000 telephone operators and mechanics stopped work to authorize union leaders to petition for a strike vote.

The operators, members of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, assembled in nationwide mass meetings to protest a national labor relations board ruling that the union's Kearny, N. J., affiliate is company-dominated and must be dissolved.

Early returns showed almost unanimous sentiment favoring the strike call.

Non-ideal service, except for emergency calls, was discontinued from coast-to-coast during the walkout.

Henry Mayer, N. F. T. W. attorney, disclosed today that "an average wage increase of 30 per cent will be demanded generally at the time the strike vote is taken. The demands will vary in different parts of the country, but most of them will ask for 30 per cent."

Docks Under Controls
Solid fuels administrators acted to conserve dwindling coal supplies by bringing dock operations on the upper Great Lakes and at tidewater and river docks under emergency controls. Similar controls already are in effect throughout the entire Appalachian coal mining district.

A pessimistic note was sounded yesterday by retiring War Production Board Chairman J. A. Krug, who told a news conference that rationing for industrial use might be instituted if the coal strike were not ended.

Krug said that the current rash of strikes was seriously hampering reconversion and warned the WPB reconversion estimates would be "pushed back" all along the line if the situation did not change in the next two or three weeks.

Car Lines Roll Monday
M. L. Bricker, general superintendent for the Ford Motor Co., said in Dearborn, Mich., last night that assembly lines would roll Monday as a result of the resumption of production at the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. A total of 50,000 Ford workers were laid off because of the strike at Kelsey-Hayes, a Ford supplier.

Acting under the railway labor act, President Truman last night created a special board to investigate grievances of Railway Express employees. The move postponed for at least 30 days a strike scheduled for Monday morning in New York City, Philadelphia, Newark, Jersey City, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Cleveland and San Francisco.

Bus service to eastern Oregon and Idaho points resumed today pending negotiations between Union and Pacific Trailways officials, but some 2700 other bus drivers and employees curtailed transportation in seven other western states.

Local Briefs
Women employees of the Morris st. plant of the Indianapolis Power & Light Co. will have a hayride and Wiener roast next Wednesday evening. Mrs. Hazel Knickerbocker and Miss Mary L. Sharp are in charge of arrangements.

A meeting of Marion county officers and members of groups of the Indiana old age pension program will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. in the church at Noble and E. Ohio sts. A report of Indiana and national activities will be presented.

K. C.'s TO INITIATE 70
Seventy candidates will receive 2d and 3d degrees in the Knights of Columbus at 1 p. m. tomorrow in the Knights of Columbus clubhouse. The initiation will be directed by Degree Master Henry Hasley and the team of Ft. Wayne.

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WASHINGTON

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on the jump since he became secretary. He's had no time to get his department rolling.

Congressional huff over Undersecretary Acheson's abrupt move calling off the Rio conference of Western Hemisphere nations doesn't help. It piled new fuel on fire begun when Acheson was critical of MacArthur's Japan policy.

Failure of the senate foreign relations committee to act on nomination of Spruille Braden as assistant secretary of state is part of it. Braden will be approved eventually, perhaps at the committee's next meeting, and then confirmed by the senate. But meanwhile committee members hope to teach him a lesson.

Trouble is this: Several senators are sore at Braden for his plain speaking in Argentina and, since then, fear he has been trying to make our foreign policy. They argue that at this time, above all others, we must be careful about intervention in the affairs of our Latin American neighbors.

They predict other good neighbors, believing that Braden's actions in Argentina set a pattern, will begin again to damn the "colossus of the north," even though all Braden did was condemn Nazi infiltration in Argentina and destruction of liberty there through dictatorship.

His position will be vindicated by confirmation, but Braden will be made to understand that policy is formed here by the administration in co-operation with the senate.

Hint Agreement in China
LONG-BOUGHT agreement between Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese Communists probably will be announced shortly. According to informed sources the agreement already has been reached.

Tip-off that the generalissimo (called the gee-mo in China) is in a strong position was his action this week at Kunming. Before Japan started war against China, the gee-mo was liquidating the war lords, one by one.

Either he would make a deal taking them into the central government or he would out them by force. During the war years he had to cease that. The Japs took all his time, all China's energy.

Now he has resumed the old program. He routed out Yunnan's governor, Lung Yen, one of the strongest of the old war lords. Lung was given a face-saving job as "head of the military councilors." That's probably just a title, with no duties.

Is Bradley Choice Going Sour?
IS ONE of President Truman's most widely praised appointments—that of Gen. Omar Bradley to be veteran's administrator—going sour?

Some congressmen think so. They've heard colleagues complain about "arbitrary" treatments in visits at the veterans administration. Some think the general intends to run the agency as he would his army group, with little reference to congress. They want to see a civilian in charge there.

These and other complaints have reached the White House and at least one White House attaché has heard the suggestion from a congressman that the President ought to shake up the VA again, soon.

Stormy Signals Seen
LOOK FOR stormy weather in the interior department with Secretary Ickes back from London.

His petroleum administration limitations in the interior department for war had handled all previous labor troubles involving oil, expected to be put in charge of oil plants taken over this week by the government.

Instead navy was given the job. Ickes and his PAW deputy, Ralph E. Davies, will try to find out why. Good sources say navy was chosen because unions opposed turning over plants to PAW.

Ickes also comes back to find that he faces another wrangle over interior appropriations. Last year President Roosevelt appointed Rep. Ted Johnson, chairman of the interior appropriations subcommittee, to the customs court.

Johnson had blocked Ickes' policies at every turn by writing limitations into the appropriations bill, denying funds. Johnson accepted the judgeship but never resigned from congress to take it. Now Truman has invited him to remain in the house and Johnson has consented.

Ickes may wonder if it's an administration plan to needle him into resigning.

Collection Row
INDIANA Republicans are having a hard time meeting state's \$28,000 quota for Republican national committee. Those in charge of collections blame it on National Chairman Brownell.

The say Hoosiers think Brownell is working for renomination of Thomas E. Dewey in 1948, and most of them don't like Dewey—and never did.

Less than half the state total has been collected although Republicans have more than 3000 state jobs and have cut themselves in on the beer and whisky business in a big way.

Tobin Riles Democrats
DEMOCRATS were so disturbed at Teamster Dan Tobin's attack on administration for failing to pass a labor reconversion program that Oscar R. Ewing, vice chairman of the Democratic national committee, went to Indianapolis to talk to Tobin.

Day he arrived there State Democratic Chairman Fred Bays let loose a blast against Indiana National Committeeman Frank McHale. Bays suggested they both quit for party harmony, but neither has.

Now Ewing and others wonder how to settle intra-party row before National Chairman Hannegan's scheduled address to Hoosier Democrats at French Lick Nov. 17.

Russian Rivalry
SHIP OPERATORS foresee Russia as a new maritime competitor. That's the reason for their vigorous opposition to Reconversion Director Snyder's proposal.

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Struck by Train
Joe Cecil, 37, of 2749 Madison ave., was hurt seriously last night when hit by a Big Four passenger train as he was throwing a switch at Leota st. and the Big Four tracks. He was taken to Methodist hospital.

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HOLD-UP MAN FINDS THE CUPBOARD BARE

Elson Green, proprietor of the Old Trails liquor store, 2840 E. Washington st., thought two stick-ups last night within two hours made one stickup too many.

And the second bandit to try the trick was inclined to sympathize with him.

Mr. Green's busy night began at 6:42 p. m. when a "man with an eagle beak" requested a bottle of Seagram's. Mr. Green was striving to satisfy, but "eagle beak" was a tough customer.

"I'm hard up and need money," he said, displaying a blue steel revolver. Mr. Green nodded meekly. The bandit calmly took \$30 from the cash register, ignored the change, departed and hopped into a car driven by a woman.

Second Arrives
Mr. Green had barely recovered from the shock at 8:24 p. m., when another man, this one nattily attired in a snug topcoat, sauntered in to buy a bottle of "F. M."

Mr. Green was striving to satisfy, but the topcoat drew a gun, asserting "It's a holdup."

Mr. Green, who must have had a funny feeling it had all happened before, replied: "But I've just been held up. . . You can't do this to me."

"O. K., I'll take your word for it," said bandit No. 2. And he strolled from the Old Trails liquor store with nary another gesture.

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RETIRED FURNITURE DEALER DIES HERE

Omer C. Boone, Indianapolis resident 34 years, died yesterday at his home, 1322 Bellefontaine st. He was 67.

Mr. Boone was a native of Greencastle, Ind., and a retired furniture dealer.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Cox Boone; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Egger; a son, Robert D. Boone; his mother, Mrs. Mary Boone; four sisters, Mrs. Ethel Tillison and Mrs. Louise Farmer, all of Indianapolis; and Mrs. Josephine Fisher, Greencastle; a brother, Edgar Boone, Silvertown, Ore., and three granddaughters.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday in the G. H. Herrmann funeral home, and at 2 p. m. in the McCurry funeral home at Greencastle. Burial will be in Boone cemetery, Greencastle.

INDIANA CIO TO PAY CONGRESSMEN VISIT

An Indiana C. I. O. delegation, 50 to 125 strong, will descend on the Hoosier senators and congressmen next Tuesday to tell them they want President Truman's reconversion program passed.

According to State C. I. O. Director Powers Haggood they are going to Washington by "plane, automobile, bus and train."

The trip is part of a nation-wide C. I. O. program which has been going on for several weeks.

Truman Starts 4-Day Trip For Wedding, County Fair

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as best man at the Berryville, Va., wedding of his old friend Bennett C. Clark, former Missouri senator and now an appeals court judge, to Violet Heming, British-born actress.

To Attend County Fair
Then the chief executive was to fly west, landing in the late afternoon at Blytheville, Ark., from where he will motor to Caruthersville, Mo., for a two-day visit.

It is county fair time in Caruthersville and Mr. Truman has missed this fair for 12 years.

Early Monday morning the President will proceed by automobile and boat to Reel Foot Lake, Tenn., and private fishing lodge, where he will rest for two days before going to Gilbertsville, Ky., on Wednesday morning to dedicate the Kentucky dam in a speech which is building up as one of his important ones.

The Hunt country wedding in Virginia this morning was to be one of the biggest social events of the season for Washington and Virginia society folk.

An Old Friend
Clark is one of the President's oldest friends and was recently appointed by Mr. Truman to the court of appeals for the District of Columbia.

Miss Heming, born in 1895 in Leeds, England, where her father owned a theater, was a leading lady of the British stage at 15. She first played in this country as Wendy in Peter Pan in 1908.

Her most recent plays in this country were "Yes, My Darling Daughter" and "There's Always Juliet."

This was the second marriage for Clark, his first wife having died several years ago, and the first marriage for Miss Heming. With the President was Mrs. Truman and their daughter Margaret. The rest of the wedding guest list read like a blue book of Washington society combined with the congressional directory.

Ostrom in 'Triple Role' Warns Council on \$40,000 Repairs

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business. . . They can't give me anything, and I'm not trying to sell anything."

Mr. Ostrom yesterday told the council the idea of pouring \$40,000 worth of county funds into a building owned by someone else might be poor political strategy. He said it might give the Democrats

something to shoot at in the next campaign.

The annex is at 148 E. Market st. So far only the top three floors are occupied. The remaining four floors will house juvenile court when they've been remodeled.

"Too Many Rats"
Mr. Ostrom explained today he didn't intend to block transfer of juvenile court to the annex by opposing the repairs.

"Juvenile court has to be moved from the courthouse, that's imperative," said Taxpayer Ostrom. "There are too many rats running around there now."

He suggested the county obtain either a renewal lease on the building, giving it opportunity to extend its occupation another 10 years, or should acquire a lease with an option to purchase.

"Something like that at least would assure the county continued occupation after the original lease expires and