

LAVAL REFUSES TO ENTER COURT

Sulks in Cell After a Stormy Session.

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PARIS, Oct. 6 (UPI).—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 Mongeaux, 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

Mongeaux 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 defense.

He went on his bizarre "strike" halfway through today's session, after Mongeaux had ejected him from the court at the height of a noisy exchange in which defendant, judge, jurors and lawyers tried to outdo 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 ministry 14 years ago in

TOKYO, Oct. 6 (UPI).—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 baron conferred with his protege, Shigeru Yoshida, foreign minister in the Higashikuni government.

Yoshida Retained

The Japanese Domesi 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 Tatsuji 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.

RITES ARE SET FOR MRS. EVELYN GEE

Services for Mrs. Evelyn K. Gee, 65 Graham ave., an Indianapolis resident 32 years, who died this morning, will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Moore Mortuaries in Washington 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 Clarksville, W. V., and was a member of Mu chapter, Phi Chi Epsilon sorority.

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

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Baron Kijuro Shidehara

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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 laughingly, "since my home 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 war effort in one way or another. "I shall do my best," he said, "to lead the nation back to self-respect and the ways of righteousness, and I hope to receive the support of all right-minded Japanese."

3-Point Program

While it obviously was too early to foresee the exact lines of Shidehara'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.

Would Extend Pacts

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, Crawfordsville.

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 Ford cars 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 send and operate 52 strikebound plants of 26 companies.

Long-distance communications were back to normal today after a four to six-hour tieup 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-dial 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.

Dicks Under Control

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.

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 as 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 "P. M."

Mr. Green was striving to satisfy, but the topcoat drew a gun, assuring "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.

Local Briefs

Women employees of the Morris plant of the Indianapolis Power & Light Co. will have hayride and wiener roast next Wednesday evening. Mrs. Hazel Knickerbocker and Miss Mary L. Sharp are in charge for party harmony, but neither has

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

Russian Rivalry

SHIP OPERATORS foresee Russia as a new maritime competitor. That's one reason for their vigorous opposition to Reconstruction Director Snyder's pro-

K. C. 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 club house. The initiation will be directed by Degree Master Henry Hasley and the team of Ft. Wayne.

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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 to the Rio conference of Western Hemisphere nations doesn't help. It paled 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 sour 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 "colossal of the north," even though all Braden was condemned Nazi infiltration in Argentina and destruction there through dictatorship.

His position will be vindicated by confirmation, but Braden will be made to understand that policy is formed here by the