

Petrillo Threatens To Gag Radio; Navy Ready To Man Ships

BIG NETWORKS FACE POSSIBLE MUSIC CLAMP

Nation-wide Labor Picture Remains Unsettled; Talks Renewed.

By UNITED PRESS
The navy prepared today to man the American merchant fleet if the national maritime strike is called as scheduled on June 15.

In another major labor dispute, negotiations in the prolonged (C. I. O.) Farm Equipment Workers strike at Allis-Chalmers Corp. plants were renewed after Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach threatened government seizure if the company continued its alleged refusal to bargain.

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Musicians' Chair James C. Petrillo threatened to cripple the nation's radio industry next Jan. 1 if congress' "anti-Petrillo" bill is held constitutional.

Stand-by Basis

In the maritime dispute, which threatens shipment of vital food-stuffs abroad, Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal last night ordered all shore stations to line up reserve officers, former enlisted men and volunteers on a stand-by basis to "meet the imminent critical situation."

Shipowners offered a new proposal for settling the dispute, but it was rejected by the unions.

It was reported the unions' latest proposal called for a 42-hour work week at sea and in foreign ports and a 40-hour week in continental ports.

Plant Seizure Asked

Parties involved in the Allis-Chalmers dispute resumed negotiations in an effort to end strike which has been in progress since April 30.

Mayor Francis Wendt, Racine, Wis., appealed, meanwhile, to Mr. Schwellenbach to recommend government seizure of the strike-bound J. I. Case plants in Racine and Rockford, Ill.

Mr. Petrillo, who controls most of the music that moves over the airways, said that if the so-called anti-Petrillo bill is held constitutional he will not renew the American Federation of Musicians' (A. F. of L.) contracts with network stations in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles-Hollywood when they expire Jan. 1, 1947.

Granted Extension

This would mean, he said, that musicians in those three key network centers would not be allowed to play for any network performances.

At Vancouver, B. C., meanwhile, a government mediator granted the striking International Woodworkers of America (C. I. O.) a two-day extension of the deadline by which the union must either accept or reject settlement of the 19-day-old lumber strike.

In New York leaders of the six-day-old Hudson & Manhattan railroad strike refused today to appear before President Truman's newly appointed emergency fact-finding board.

The 118,000 New York-New Jersey commuters who normally use the H. & M. electric trains to get to work jammed busses and ferries.

4000 GIs STAY IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, June 4 (U. P.)—Lt. Gen. Alvin C. Gillem Jr., announced today that approximately 4000 American troops will remain in China during the second half of 1946.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TOMORROW

State Highway Commission, meeting, 11 a. m., Claypool. Military Club luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Claypool. Operatic Club, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Washington.

National Order of Police, banquet, 6 p. m., Ladd Auditorium.

National Association of Women, meeting, 7:30 p. m., Washington.

Federation of International Travel-Study Clubs, meeting, 8 p. m., Claypool.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph Kinnick, Wheeling, Ala., Mary Evelyn Smith, 142 N. Blackford st., were held in jail today on charges of child neglect after police found their four children, 3 to 13 years of age, living in filth in a two-room home.

The juvenile aid division of the police department described conditions in the home as the "worst case of child neglect here in many months."

The children, three boys and a girl, were taken to the children's guardian home for care pending disposition of the charges against the parents.

The father of the children said

"My wife doesn't like housework."

SPONSORS CARD PARTY

Women's auxiliary, 5. Indianapolis Typographical union I, will sponsor a card party at 2 p. m. Friday in Ayres' auditorium. The committee in charge includes: Mrs. James DeFrees, Thomas Parker, Thomas Chamberlain and Ray Comer.

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