

U. S. Moves To Avert Shipping Strike Set For Tomorrow

PAY REJECTION RECONSIDERED BY WAGE BOARD

500,000 Maritime Union Members Pledged to Support Strike.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The government, faced with threat of a nationwide shipping strike within 24 hours, sped a decision today on union demands for reversal of the wage decision which provoked the scheduled walkout.

The wage stabilization board called a special session to decide whether to reverse itself and make the wage concessions demanded by the Sailors Union of the Pacific and the Seafarers International union, both A. F. of L.

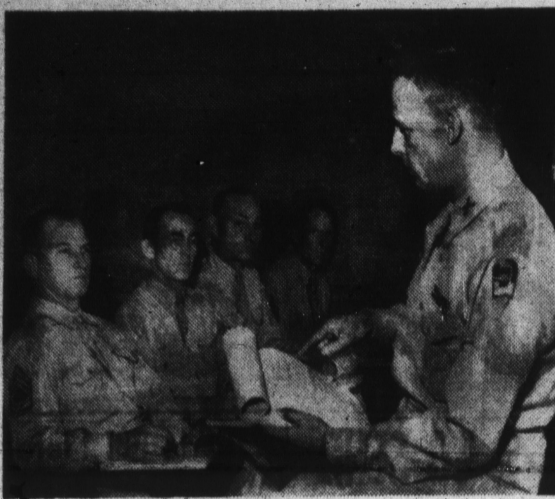
Spokesmen for the unions announced their men would start leaving their ships at all ports at noon tomorrow unless the board reconsiders its rejection of pay increases reached in union-company negotiations.

All A. F. of L. maritime unions, with a total membership of 500,000, were pledged to support the S. I. U. and the S. U. P. in event of a strike.

The disputed stabilization board decision disapproved only a portion of the wage increase granted the two unions. The S. U. P. received \$5 and the S. I. U. \$10 a month more from employers than the C. I. O. for the base job classification of able-bodied seamen. Other classifications were correspondingly higher.

PROBES FITZLOVE SHOOTING
ELWOOD, Ind., Sept. 4 (U. P.).—Coroner Robert L. Gackley yesterday investigated the death of Robert L. Fitzlove, 26, Elwood, believed to have died of self-inflicted gunshot wounds early yesterday. Mr. Fitzlove was the son of Calvin E. Fitzlove, former Elwood city clerk-treasurer.

ROTC Commandant Outlines Plans



Lt. Col. Paul T. Snowden, Indianapolis R. O. T. C. commandant (right), outlines plans for the current year to (left to right) Hershell R. Souder, Broad Ripple; Harold W. Jones, Manual; Ernest L. Stringfield and Leston Riley, both of Technical.

Lt. Col. Paul T. Snowden, Indianapolis R. O. T. C. commandant, today outlined plans for 1500 students who will engage in the junior reserve program this year.

Instructors from city schools met today with Col. Snowden in Washington high school for an orientation session.

Two new features of instruction will be classes in current world military activities and the history of the U. S. military organization. Students will receive instruction in the world war II 30 caliber M-1 rifle, the carbine and the bazooka.

Instructors attending the meeting today included Hershell R. Souder, Broad Ripple, a new unit; Harold W. Jones, Manual; Albert C. Fischer, Vernon V. Bunch, Shortridge; Ernest L. Stringfield, Leston Riley, Leo Lair Sr., all of Technical; Benjamin Paris, Washington; Ferrel B. Wiggins, Lewis Castner Jr., Crispus Attucks, and John E. Boric, headquarters.

as salvage laborer at both of the big fires and at another downtown fire two years ago.

2 SENT TO HOSPITAL AS TOW CHAIN SNAPS

Two men were in fair condition at Methodist hospital today after a chain snapped and struck them in the face at the Fall Creek Ordnance plant.

They were Gerald Jarrard, 42, of Noblesville, and Ed Richardson, 24, of 3102 Madison ave. Police said the men were pulling a crane behind a tractor when the chain broke. Both men were hit under the left eye by loose ends of the chain.

2 HOLDUPS NET \$225; ONE FAILS

Everybody Runs as Bandit Accosts 2 Women.

Bandits obtained \$225 in holdups here last night, while two women foiled the attempts of robbers who demanded their purses.

William Hawkins, 44, North Salem, attendant at a Shell filling station at 3060 W. 16th st., told police that two thugs robbed him of \$200 and fled in a black coupe after requesting a pack of cigarettes and offering a \$50 bill as payment.

Leroy Clevenger, 49, Brownsville, reported to police that two men held him up and took \$25, his wrist watch and fountain pen in an alley off of N. Capitol ave. last night.

"As I walked out of the Roosevelt hotel two men jabbed a gun in my back and made me walk four blocks up Capitol ave. and into an alley where they robbed me," Mr. Clevenger told police.

Two women thwarted a husky bandit with a foreign accent last night at Avondale pl. and Massachusetts ave.

Bertha Mees, 44, of 2186 Station st., and Aime Cutrell, 51, Bloomfield, were standing on the corner when the bandit approached with his hand under his coat as if concealing a gun.

When he demanded their purses, they turned and ran up the street. The holdup man fled in the opposite direction.

James Russell, 25, of 2827 Kenwood ave., fired a shot at a prowler who was peering in his window last night. Mr. Russell told police he was certain that he hit the man who ran into the alley behind the house.

Notre Dame Host To U. S. Scientists

NOTRE DAME, Ind., Sept. 4 (U. P.).—More than 150 of the nation's leading scientists are at Notre Dame university for a special four-day session on organic chemistry.

Speakers at last night's opening meeting included Dr. Paul Bartlett, professor of chemistry at Harvard university, and Dr. Charles Price, head of Notre Dame's chemistry department. Both spoke on the results of wartime research in mustard gasses.

Also on the program was Dr. Sual Weinstein, professor of chemistry at the University of California.

OFFICER OF MOOSE DIES IN PARADE

ANDERSON, Ind., Sept. 4 (U. P.).

A Labor day parade in Anderson's down-town business section was halted temporarily when the treasurer of the Anderson Moose lodge dropped dead while marching with fellow lodge members.

Physicians said James Ware, 42-year-old Anderson garage operator, died of cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Ware moved to Anderson from Huntington seven years ago. Survivors include his wife and two daughters of Anderson, two sisters in Mishawaka, and three brothers.

EATON DIES OF INJURIES

VALPARAISO, Ind., Sept. 4 (U. P.).—Joseph Eaton, 70, died in a Valparaiso hospital yesterday of injuries suffered when his automobile was struck by a Pennsylvania passenger train at Hebron, Ind.

POLIO DECLINE BEGINS EARLY

Slight Indiana Gain Counter To National Trend.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (U. P.).—The nation's worst infantile paralysis epidemic since 1916, has apparently reached its peak and is on the down grade two weeks earlier than expected.

The U. S. public health service said nation-wide statistics showed a slackened rate of increase in the last few weeks.

The total of new cases for the week ending Aug. 24 was slightly below the previous week. Generally, Labor day marks the peak and the decline comes about mid-September.

Health service officials warned that new cases would continue to crop out until cool weather sets in. They pointed out that 17 states, including Indiana, reported an increase in new cases during the week of Aug. 24, the last for which complete national figures are available.

No Preventive Found
Dr. Charles H. Armstrong, head of the public health service's infectious disease section, said that the service had received no reports of practical methods of combating causes of the baffling malady as a result of this year's epidemic.

Up to Aug. 24, state health departments had reported a total of 10,648 polio cases, the largest number for this period since 1916 when the all-year total was 27,363.

The total of new cases for the week of Aug. 24 was 1806, a slight drop from the previous week's 1815. Indiana, however, had 20 new cases, compared with 18 the previous week.

Othman Never Has Any Fun, That's Beauty of His Job

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EN ROUTE TO ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 4.—Why my employers do things like this to me I don't know. They didn't ask me. They told me to spend the rest of this week communing with the most beautiful girls in America.

This is gruelling work. I have got to gaze upon 49 of the loveliest of the nation's lovelies in high-heeled shoes and 1947-model bathing suits. Look at them in evening gowns. Take it while they sing sentimental songs in my direction.

BY SATURDAY night they'll all have been eliminated by the judges except one. She will be Miss America. The most beautiful woman in the country.

I will have to buy her an ice cream soda and let her talk to me. Othman never gets a break. Never has fun. Just labors day and night. And another thing, I don't know how to act around a Miss America. I never met one.

An ex-Miss America used to dance precariously on the revolving stage of Earl Carroll's salon de luxe in Hollywood.

SHE WORE pearl beads and rose-colored light, but I never was introduced to her. I can't even remember her name. The nearest I ever came to a Miss America, involved a couple of also-rans.

One of them was Miss Dallas Tex., of 1927. I never understood why she didn't make the grade. Maybe she wasn't pretty enough, or wasn't a capable actress. Her name was Joan Blondell.

The other was Miss New Orleans of 1931. I knew her in Hollywood, too, and while I never did see her in a bathing suit, I spent many happy hours watching her in a sa-long, escaping the technicolor tigers in Paramount studio's private jungles. Dorothy Lamour must have

been too homely to win the prize at Atlantic City. Poor gal.

THIS BEAUTY contest to which I am rushing as fast as the Pennsylvania railroad can take me has gone highbrow. The proper curves in the proper places are not enough. The winner also has got to have brains. One of the judges is a college chancellor; another is Mrs. Henry Grattan Doyle, president of the Washington, D. C. board of education.

The winner collects \$5000 in cash, not to buy herself a mink coat with raglan sleeves, but to complete her education.

THE CONTESTANTS must be ladies. They've got to retire early every night with their chaperons. They can't drink, smoke, or chomp spearmin except possibly in their own boudoirs. They are what you might call dignified queens.

They must do more than let their teeth glisten in the spotlights. They will entertain the customers by plunking zithers, tootling trombones, singing that song about the gypsy, and reciting passages from the orator's books.

Submitting to all this will be tough, but it isn't all. My bride handed me a going-away gift. Smoked glasses. Double-smoked. Fellow husbands, what do you think? Am I also to have trouble at home?

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