

AFL Seamen Cross CIO Picket Lines Without Violence

SHIPPING TIEUP IN ALL PORTS IS UNRELIEVED

Curran Believed to Have
Demanded Same Pay as
Given Others.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (U. P.)—A. F. of L. seamen and longshoremen passed through picket lines of the National Maritime Union (C. I. O.) at several ports today.

However, the N. M. U.'s strike effectively continued the shipping tie-up at coastal ports.

Although the threat of violence hung over many ports and several cities reported the situation tense, there were no disturbances.

Meeting Breaks Up

The N. M. U. striking yesterday as A. F. of L. maritime unions ended their eight-day strike which has paralyzed the nation's shipping, were to resume negotiations late today with the American Merchant Marine Institute.

No decision was reached at a meeting which lasted until early today, the N. M. U. demands were not disclosed, but presumably the C. I. O. unions sought wage increases to equal those won by the Seafarers International union and the Sailors Union of the Pacific (both A. F. of L.).

A new meeting was scheduled for late today after ship operators, headed by Frank J. Taylor, president of the American Merchant Marine Institute, have had time to study N. M. U. demands.

Incident to Be Reported

Between 25 and 30 A. F. of L. longshoremen crossed a N. M. U. picket line in New York this morning to dock the liner Washington. There was no attempt to stop them. The pickets said they were reporting the incident to union headquarters.

In Boston, however, A. F. of L. and C. I. O. seamen picketed the waterfront side by side. The A. F. of L. sailors decided to stay out until a C. I. O. wage agreement has been signed.

Joseph Curran, N. M. U. president, presented the C. I. O. wage demands to the ship operators during a two-and-a-half-hour meeting that ended at 2:30 a. m. today. The demands covered deck, engineering and steward classifications.

The decision of the operators will be the key to the ending of the 10-day maritime tie-up which has paralyzed shipping in every American seaport.

Half Support of 300,000

The maritime commission has indicated it will authorize ship operators of government-controlled vessels to grant the C. I. O. demands of "equal pay for equal work." The commission yesterday authorized the A. F. of L. wage increase.

A. F. of L. unions won wage increases for able-bodied seamen of \$5 and \$10 more monthly than the C. I. O. was granted three months ago.

The N. M. U. strike called yesterday has the support of the 200,000 members of the C. I. O.'s committee for national maritime unity, and will tie up a large percentage of American shipping, even if the A. F. of L. unions go back to work.

N. Y. Near Paralysis In Trucking Strike

NEW YORK, Sept. 14 (U. P.)—Mayor William O'Dwyer met today with union leaders, truck line operators and a committee of businessmen in an effort to settle the 13-day-old general truck strike which has brought New York City close to total economic paralysis.

As nearly 1000 business establishments, including 740 food stores, prepared to close for lack of supplies, at least one union official sounded an optimistic note on the mayor's renewed attempts to break an almost hopeless deadlock in negotiations.

"I believe something can be done today," John E. Strong, president of local 807, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (A. F. of L.), said.

The food stores, employing 11,000 workers, will close at 6 p. m. today. In addition, 45 chain candy stores will close today and many other establishments were faced with immediate closing if the walk-out is not settled.

1 DEAD, 9 INJURED IN HOT SPRINGS BLAZE

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Sept. 14 (U. P.)—A flash fire swept through the 50-year-old Great Northern hotel here early today, and at least one person was killed and nine badly injured in the holocaust that leveled the health resort landmark in 90 minutes.

Johnny Balma, 51-year-old veteran of the first world war and an almost helpless cripple, was fatally injured in a fall from a third floor window of the four-story building.

Mr. Balma, who wore a brace on one leg, was one of a number of cripples and sick persons who lived in the hotel while taking the baths for which Hot Springs is famed.

L. C. Ford Jr., assistant manager of the hotel, said the register was destroyed in the fire and there was no way of verifying the number of missing until ashes of the building cool sufficiently for firemen to make a search of the ruins.

Mr. Ford said he had accounted for 30 guests and he thought there were approximately 50 in the building when the fire broke out. At least eight were known to be missing, but some of them could have wandered away in the excitement.

Mr. Ford said,

Tudor Hall Opens Wednesday; Faculty Adds New Members

Tudor Hall school will open at Middlebury, Naperville, Ill., is Wednesday for its 45th year with several new members added to the faculty.

Mrs. Mildred B. Korth of Ft. Wayne will join the English department. Mrs. Korth taught last at Ripon, Wis. She was graduated from Indiana university where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and has done advanced study at the University of Chicago.

The French department this year will include Miss Jane K. Sherwin who is a former corporal in the WAC with a record of eight months in the service. She taught French and Spanish to both civilians and soldiers; instructed French air cadets and was a translator in liaison work with the French air force.

Kindergarten Classes
Miss Sherwin has been a secretary of the school of French, Middlebury college, Vt., during the past year. After graduation from Rockford college, she did advanced work

at Head Art Department
Miss Maria C. Churchill of Wayne, Mich., will head the art department. She is a graduate of Michigan State Normal college and served formerly as a critic teacher in art, at the Western Kentucky State Teachers' college. She did advanced work at the University of Michigan and at the University of Mexico.

Mrs. Siddle Watson, who has been food director at Westminster college, Fulton, Mo., has accepted the position of dietitian. She is a graduate of William Woods college.

Dr. I. Hilda Stewart, principal, announces the first faculty meeting of the semester to be held Tuesday night followed by the assembly of classes at 8:30 a. m. next day.

Washington Calling
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point where it merely ratifies boosts necessitated by higher production costs.

Price, Wage Controls

Shipping fiasco will win support in congress for wiping out price and wage controls earlier than June 30, date now fixed by law. April 1 is suggested by some members for removing controls on everything but rent. Government subsidy program ends on that date.

But controls are sagging so rapidly now that they may be left to repeat when congress returns in January. Administration's main hope is to muddle through wage-price problems until after November elections.

But controls are likely to go higher despite threats of recontrol.

Pre-November Theme
FOREIGN AFFAIRS debate, muted somewhat in wartime campaigns, will become major pre-November theme.

Democrats are thrusting issue forward in guidebook to candidates which says: "In spite of paying lip service to internationalism, many Republican leaders still cling to old isolationist doctrines."

SENATOR Taft urges Republicans make issue of administration's "failures" in foreign field.

Some predict G. O. P. Presidential Candidate Stassen will return from Europe with less vigorous views on internationalism.

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Mr. Roosevelt insisted wages must be allowed to rise to attract labor to war plants. Spiral was well advanced when he issued hold-the-line order in April, 1943.

"Soft" wage policy made trouble for war stabilization board's predecessors. Defense mediation board folded in 1941 when John Lewis whipped it in fight for closed shop in captive mines. War labor board was forced to give ground in wage disputes until it was abolished last Dec. 31.

Truman order of August, 1945, termed collective bargaining "best and most democratic method" for handling labor relations. (A. F. of L. members say they followed this in current case.)

Wage-price pattern now disintegrating was fixed by Mr. Truman last February in granting 18½ cents an hour to steel workers and corresponding boost in steel prices.

Recession' by '47?
Stock market slump coincides with private predictions by some government economists that "recession" can be expected by spring of 1947. They think market traders smelled out dip in prosperity cycle as they did in 1929.

Not all experts agree boom is nearing its end. (Remember how forecasts of post-V-J day depression went sour?) And prophets of decline in 1947 disagree on its severity. But they do foresee deflation of buying power, hence loss of demand for goods, final drop-off of production and break in prices.

They point to such signs as replenishment of inventories, softening of consumer markets, curtailment of building plans due to high prices.

Stock exchange jitters are contagious, influencing buying habits of people who haven't a nickel invested. In time of bear market, ordinary buyer is inclined to be more cautious in investing in new home, automobile, radio, etc., at current prices.

Building industry committee advising Housing Expediter Wyatt will recommend six months' freeze on building trades wages.

Members say wage adjustment board has granted increases liberally to commercial construction labor which homeowners must match if they want workers. But homeowners are held down by government ceilings on price of the finished building, while stores, garages, recreation centers, etc., can spend whatever they choose.

Absence of ceilings on non-housing construction also explains why most black market material goes into that kind of building. Homebuilders can't pay fantastic prices and stay within cost limits.

Adjustment board, labor department agency, has jurisdiction only on building wages, is separate from wage stabilization board, which operates in all other fields.

TOWNSEND HITS 'MEAT POLITICS'

Tells Editors GOP 'Tactic' Will Fail With Plenty.

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send said confidently he had the answer to that one, too.

Throwing aside reported intention of organization leaders to fight the coming campaign strictly at a state level, he said:

"By throwing the balance between meat and grain prices slightly out of line the government has been able to channel grain for hungry lands.

Food and Communism

"Hunger and communism go hand in hand. By alleviating hunger, preventing starvation, America has made many nations less susceptible to communistic infiltration. Stable countries are good customers for democracy, and food is helping us fight for the preservation of world peace.

"The administration is not yielding to communism, it is fighting it."

Mr. Townsend admitted that price control has been "not so good" since the end of hostilities, but said he could see little to choose between a temporary shortage of meat and the situation in 1932, when counters were piled high with rotting meat nobody could afford to buy."

Sentiment Values

The weekend meeting of the editors is generally regarded as the kickoff for the coming Democratic election campaign. The turnout was described as "good" despite the fact that few partisans were as sure of their ground against the Republicans as the psychology of being anti-New Deal was as the senatorial candidate.

Sentiment among other party leaders ranged from doubt that the party could win this year to a feeling that the cycle of sentiment was about to change in favor of Democrats. A few were so pessimistic as to have thought out the effects of a Republican victory in 1948.

In general, however, candidates were set to launch their campaigns as though they were going to win. Topping the schedule, Mr. Townsend faces two speeches a day from now until election day Nov. 5 and state candidates face similarly rigorous schedules.

Pledge Support of Winfield Denton

FRENCH LICK, Ind., Sept. 14.—The entire Vanderburgh county Democratic organization today was pledged to the support of Winfield Denton, the party's 8th district congressional nominee.

Giving the offer of support was Charles Eichels, county chairman, who announced a true he and Mr. Denton have effected.

For several months, since Mr. Eichels opposed Mr. Denton's nomination in the primary election, the two men have "feuded." Party leaders, attending the Indiana Democratic Editorial association meeting here, brought the Vanderburgh county men together "for party harmony."

This resulted in predictions by Chairman Eichels that the county organization headed by him will return a plurality of 25,000 for the Democratic state ticket in the November general election.

When Mr. Eichels showed himself opposed to Mr. Denton in the primary, the latter began a fight to prevent re-election of the county chairman.

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Feud—and 3 Seats

Three seats will separate feuds, Jackson and Black when Supreme court opens next term Oct. 7. Mr. Black, under seniority rule, sits on immediate right of new court pacifier, Chief Justice Vinson. Mr. Jackson sits three seats to left of boss, with Mr. Reed and Mr. Douglas between.

Housing Tighter
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The information is receiving more demands than ever for rooms, apartments and homes, Mr. Redding said. Contractors and veterans attempting to build houses are being delayed by shortage of supplies. One contractor has 47 houses with construction at a standstill for lack of materials.

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Railroader Retires After 44 Years



Charles L. Fairchild . . . Last day on the job.

It's farewell to the Pennsylvania Railroad today for Charles L. Fairchild, 64, of 44 N. Walcott st., and hall to Los Angeles, Cal. on Oct. 1.

Mr. Fairchild retires today after 44 years continuous service with the Pennsylvania railroad. He spent 26 years in Indianapolis yards

as yard master and conductor.

Previously he was on the St. Louis division as brakeman-conductor.

Planning on his Oct. 1 trip to California for some time, Mr. Fairchild bought some property in Los Angeles last winter. His wife, Florence, and three children are

living there now.