

Radio Stars Threaten Strike In Contract Renewal Fight

DISPUTE MAY TAKE SHOWS OFF AIRWAYS

WASHINGTON Calling

A Weekly Sizeup by the Washington Staff of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers

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Unions Ask Four Networks For 35 Pct. Wage Increase.

By UNITED PRESS

The four major radio networks today faced a possible strike by 10,000 members of the American Federation of Radio Artists (A. F. of L.).

The strike would take big radio shows and big-name stars off the air.

A. F. R. A. locals in New York, Chicago and San Francisco voted last night to strike if necessary to enforce union demands in a contract renewal dispute. The Hollywood local voted Thursday to authorize the union's national board to call a strike at its discretion.

A. F. R. A. members include big-name radio actors, singers and announcers, and a strike would take them and their programs off the air. Jack Benny, Jack Haley and Penny Singleton were among those attending the Hollywood meeting. Ken Carpenter, National Broadcasting Co. announcer, is president of the union.

Fact Expired Oct. 31

The networks involved in the dispute are NBC, Columbia Broadcasting system, American Broadcasting Co., and Mutual Broadcasting Co.

Negotiations were started several weeks ago to replace the contract expiring Oct. 31, with the union asking a 35 per cent wage increase and a number of changes in working conditions.

George Heller, associate secretary-treasurer of the union, said negotiations were broken off Oct. 28 because of a dispute over a union-backed clause that the networks would not pipe programs using A. F. R. A. members to any of their 88 affiliated stations who refused to negotiate with the union.

The networks contended that the clause was a secondary boycott. The union said the clause was necessary to prevent "scabbing."

Under the Smith-Congnelly act, the union could not strike before Nov. 23, as strike notice was filed only on Oct. 23. Mr. Heller said the union had agreed to meet with the networks once more before a strike is called.

Hint Coal Decentrol

Developments in other labor disputes were:

ONE: The government sounded out private owners of the government-operated coal mines to see if they would be willing to resume negotiations with the miners. The owner-miner talks reportedly would coincide with decontrol of coal prices.

TWO: The international board of the C. I. O. United Auto Workers stepped into the dispute between its Ford local 600 and the Ford Motor Co. A letter signed by Walter P. Reuther, U. A. W. president, and other union officers ordered that the health hazards dispute over which the local has threatened to strike Nov. 30, be brought to the bargaining table. Ford has not had a major strike since V-J day.

Commissioner of Buildings Named

Times State Service

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Nov. 9.—The newly organized Hamilton county planning commission has selected O. F. Hammer, of Carmel, farmer and businessman, to serve as county building commissioner.

Mr. Hammer will be in charge of issuing building permits which are necessary for any type of construction in the county other than for agricultural purposes.

GROUP TO CONTINUE JUVENILE INTEREST

The Bi-Partisan Juvenile Court committee, closing its election campaign headquarters at 229 W. Washington st. today, will re-organize on a broader scale to seek improved child welfare legislation.

"We feel that Joseph Hoffmann's election (as juvenile court judge) presages a new and hopeful era for the children of Marion county," the committee said in a statement.

"We fully appreciate the vast implications of the election of a candidate supported by us . . . and wish to thank not only the team of volunteer workers . . . but those hundreds of citizens whose interest in juvenile welfare contributed vitally to the success of the campaign," the state ment concluded.

AROMA COUPLE TO MARK ANNIVERSARY

Times State Service

AROMA, Ind., Nov. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Haworth will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary tomorrow at their home, a mile northwest of here, by holding open house for friends and relatives from 2 to 4 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Haworth were married Nov. 7, 1896. They have three children, Mrs. Walter Miller, of Tipton; Mrs. Gerald Johnson, who lives on an adjoining farm, and Mrs. Haworth, at home.

CHINA REDS STILL FIGHTING

NANKING, Nov. 9 (U. P.)—China's Communists, although assured by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek that the Nationalist armies will observe a cease-fire order in the civil war effective Monday, engaged in heavy fighting today on several fronts.

One-Man Complaint

House committee of naval affairs has named Col. Melvin

FARM LEADER HURT BY BULL

Broken Pelvis Suffered By Crawfordsville Man.

Times State Service CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 9.—M. E. (Mort) Edwards, 80, veteran farm leader, is in Culver hospital with a fractured pelvis and other serious injuries suffered when he was knocked down by an enraged bull at the Montgomery county sales pavilion here Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Edwards, general manager of the sale, had just stepped out of an office door when the bull, being unloaded from a truck, made a rush at him and knocked him to the floor.

Mills Bratton, an employee of the barn, rushed to Mr. Edwards' assistance and finally drove the bull into a pen.

Mr. Edwards charges reserve officers with service-connected disability are not being retired as are regulars with similar disability. Regulars are retired if they cannot perform all duties of their rank, while reserves are denied retirement unless they are unable to perform any duties of any rank.

War department and American Legion expect to settle their differences on universal military training next week. Patterson conference with Legion Commander Griffith is due Tuesday. Best bet: Legion will go along with army's six-month basic training idea. It was ex-Commander Stelle who bullded through Legion four-month plan. Mr. Griffith wants to co-operate.

Byrd to Take 12 Ships

Adm. Byrd's South Pole expedition, to start in December, will be most ambitious ever undertaken. He'll take 12 ships including plane carrier; plans to remain in Antarctic throughout its "summer," returning here late in March. Navy will emphasize scientific rather than military aspects of operation.

You're no longer making policy. Republicans will do that; you carry out orders. Protect the dollar's integrity, guard U. S. solvency, resist proposals which would unbalance budget. But beyond that you don't go."

Vandenberg Too Busy?

ARTHUR VANDENBERG may be too busy with United Nations and chairmanship of senate foreign relations committee to become president pro tem of senate. Post may go instead to Minority Leader Wallace H. White Jr. of Maine, with Robert A. Taft taking over floor leadership. Mr. Taft, however, would have to be drafted for the job. Also he may turn down the finance chairmanship for education and labor, a committee post where he could push his federal education bill, his version of the health program.

Brewster for President

ADD SENATOR Owen Brewster of Maine to those coveting G. O. P. Presidential nomination in 1948. He toured country this year, stumping for Republicans. Local leaders got impression he's willing to be the compromise candidate in a deadlock.

Note that Governor Earl Warren of California is more available now than formerly. With a Republican Lieutenant governor safely elected, he could leave the gubernatorial post in midterm.

SAM RAYBURN'S refusal to be minority leader in the next house irritated friends, but seems to confirm belief this is his last term. He'll be under pressure to change his mind, but some strategists, knowing the solid south is safe, will be satisfied with selection of John W. McCormack (Mass.).

90,000 Communists

BIG G. O. P. GAIN in New York City leaves American Labor and Liberal parties holding the balance of power, more strongly than before; now Democrats can't expect to elect any one there without them.

James N. Mead carried the city by only 190,000 votes over Mr. Dewey, and he got more than 500,000 of his votes as nominee of A. L. P. and Liberals. Several Democratic congressmen from city districts would have been defeated without support of these parties.

Communists rolled up 90,000 votes, a new record, for nominees for two minor state offices. They supported Mr. Mead and A. L. P. nominees for other posts.

Budget Worries Army

TAFT-KNUSTON economy program cause fear in war and navy departments. Substantial budget cuts may jeopardize universal military training, could force reduction of thinly spread occupation forces in Europe and Asia. The army is asking additional \$350 million to finance occupation through rest of fiscal year; has no alternative but to present bigger budget when Congress convenes.

BILATERAL OIL treaty with Britain, still pending in senate, is now dead. Coup de grace was administered when the Independent Petroleum Association of America went on record against it at recent Ft. Worth meeting.

Outlook for Germany

STATE DEPARTMENT believes France will join American-British economic union in Germany after Sunday's national elections. French already have made one major concession in agreeing to treat Rhine traffic as unit. After the elections, Americans think the French will make the same agreement on railroads, highways. France has no alternative, can't exist in her zone without outside help. Russians are still adamant, but the state department is encouraged as "they are at least talking to us about it." Once Germans in our zone reach economic self-sufficiency, the state department expects Stalin to yield. With goods flowing out of Hamburg and Bremerhaven, they say Russian pride will not permit them to lag.

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Plan Dance



Miss Hermann James Shevin

UN TOLD ELECTION MEANS NO CHANGE

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Nov. 9 (U. P.)—The United Nations had the assurances of Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R. Mich.) today that the Republican rise to power in congress would not diminish the United States support of the United Nations.

Meanwhile, indications were that Overton, who has been unavailable since yesterday morning, had left his home near Wilkinson for an indefinite period of time.

An insurance agent, he also is employed by Paul F. Vandenberg, living near Overton, in the operation of two Hancock county farms.

Mr. Vandenberg, refusing to discuss Overton's activities, stated that the Indiana klan "has gone away," declining to elaborate.

Copy Klan Ritual

Creeds of several of these organizations are taken direct from the klan, secret ritual of the klan.

Application blanks for membership in these organizations request the same type of information required by the klan membership application blanks.

The klan resurgence was brought to light several weeks ago when a package addressed to Overton from Dr. Samuel Green of Atlanta was revealed to contain application blanks for reinstatement in the klan.

So far the organization has been limited to attempts to re-establish the old klan nucleus which functioned here in the 1920's.

In Indianapolis Too?

A reliable Georgia source reports that on Sept. 9 Dr. Green told members of klan post 1 in Atlanta that the klan then was reorganizing a klan in Indianapolis and that they would spread from here throughout the state.

Investigation in other parts of the country has revealed that some part of the reorganization move is being

Groups With Klan 'Tinge' Also Face Inquiry by State

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accomplished by "front" organizations.

Officials believe there is a definite connection between most of the groups being formed under different names. Membership drives have been heaviest in the southeastern states.

Seek Veteran Support

One of these groups is seeping into southern Indiana from Louisville, where a violent anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic and anti-Negro former klanman is organizing veterans into groups with the same interests and purposes of the klan. Indiana representatives have attended some of these organization meetings.

These organizations place heavy stress on inconveniences the veteran has faced since he returned from the war.

Other groups apply offers of sick and accident benefit plans to entire members.

The literature of all the organizations follows closely the tone of literature published by the klan in the 1920's.

NAME SPEAKERS FOR LEBANON CONTEST

Times State Service

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 9.—Crawfordsville high school's representatives in the Central Indiana high school oratorical contest were selected in a series of eliminations conducted this week.

Barbara Little, speaking on "Beggars on Horseback" was picked for the girls' section of the contest, while Oka Nichols, whose oration was entitled "Our Military Policies," will represent the boys.

The contest will be held at Lebanon high school on Nov. 21. Six schools in this section of Indiana will compete, with cups to be awarded from winners in both the boys' and girls' sections.

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