

General Strike By A.F. of L. Paralyzes Oakland, California

All Industries Are Tied Up By Walkout

Called as Protest To 'Strikebreaking'

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 3 (U.P.)—The American Federation of Labor struck this city's industries and businesses at 7 a.m. (Indianapolis time) today. It threatened virtual isolation of one million residents along the eastern shore of the San Francisco Bay.

Early risers found themselves without morning newspapers or public transportation. But the full impact of the strike would not be felt until later in the day when stores, offices and factories opened. James Galliano, attorney for the A. F. of L. labor council, would not disclose how long the walkout would last. Many union members earlier were instructed that they were to take a 25-hour "holiday." A general membership meeting of the A. F. of L. possibly will vote tonight on how long the strike is to continue.

Holds Transit Systems

The immediate effect of the strike halted key system buses, trains and streetcars which carry 120,000 Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda and San Francisco commuters a day. The transit system ceased all operations 15 minutes before the strike officially became effective.

Greyhound bus dispatchers in San Francisco said they were not accepting passengers, express, baggage or newspapers for destinations in Alameda county. Passengers to points beyond the strike-bound area were being carried.

Oakland police said they had received no reports of disturbances growing out of the strike during the first hour. The toll sergeant at the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge said west-bound motor traffic from Oakland to San Francisco was "above normal but not congested yet."

Protest Police Action

The strike was called to protest police protection given "imported strikebreakers" unloading merchandise at two picked department stores last Sunday.

It was expected to involve the city's two afternoon newspapers, restaurants, retail stores, shipyards and factories, construction work, trucking and delivery service. Only "essential services," such as pharmacists, retail milk drivers, hospital help and sanitation employees, were spared.

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Probe Shooting Called Accident

A shooting in which Hollis J. Dick, 3431 W. Washington st., was wounded in the hand last night was being investigated by deputy sheriffs today.

Answering a call, deputies found Dick being treated in the office of Dr. Frank Albertson, 530 W. Washington st., for a bullet wound through his right hand.

Dick said the shooting occurred in a filling station at 5319 W. Washington st. and that it was accidental.

However, Wayne Laudig, filling station proprietor, said the shooting occurred during a quarrel between Dick and Everett Ferguson, 45, 1038 Waldemere st. over attention to a girl.

Dick was slated at City hospital on a vagrancy charge and Miss Freda Mae Stone, 18, of 3431 W. Washington st., was held for questioning. Ferguson could not be located.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Irving Jones, 3009 Boulevard pl.; Ruth Schleifer, 3109 Gracefield; Charles D. Deller, 3285 Holt rd.; Phyllis Correll, 414 W. McWayne; Raymond Leroy McWayne, 1621 Sharon ave.; William H. Wolfe, 3109 Gracefield ave.; William T. Tamm, Cincinnati, O.; Marion Jeanne Schuch, Norwood, O.; Murdon, Murdon, 1430 W. Harrison; George D. Gaddie Jr., 8235 W. Morris; Marie Louise McDaniel, 1405 Lawndale st.; Noel Dudley Morris, 3001 N. Talbot; Lydia Anne Johnson, 1430 W. Harrison; Walter G. Cave, 2706 N. Gale st.; Ruby S. Marcus, 1269 S. East st.; John E. Holmes, 2000 W. New st.; L. Almer, 1948 W. New st.; Melinda Peterson, 2401 N. Gale st.; Andrew Thomas Marin, 3825 Central; Miriam Lee Martin, 1230 W. Harrison; Fay Phyllis Farmer, 1433 W. Market; Ruth Anne Farmer, 1433 W. Market; Jeannie 2039 Cornell ave.

Walker Thomas Howard, R. R. 14, Box 200, 1000 N. Broad; Millard M. Bills, 461 S. Keystone ave.; Betty Frances Blalock, 461 S. Keystone; William E. Moore, 2558 Shely st.; Kathleen May Burk, 2558 Shely st.; Richard Daniel Miller, 1001 State st.; Richard Lee Brown, 1230 W. Harrison; Joseph Lee Brown, 415 Arbor, Octe Erne; Robert Riley Boyd, 119 N. Gladstone; Barbara Jean Haine, 301 S. Audubon rd.; Charles W. Johnson, 1000 N. Broad; Mae Wright, 808 N. Pennsylvania st.; Glenn R. Hamilton Jr., 2015 Folts st.; James Horace Seay, 4008 Broadway; Barbara DeLong, 5754 Indianapolis ave.; James Horace Seay, 4008 Broadave; Mary Alice Ross, 2015 Gent ave.

BIRTHS

Girls

At St. Francis—William, Beatrice, George, Ruth, Wilhelmina, Rosemary, Steven, and Vitus, Sarah Bell.

At City—John, Margaret, Baldwin, and John, Robert, Carol, Carol, and Charles.

At Coleman—Jack, Shirley Capers, and Charles, Kathryn, Paula, and Charles.

At St. Vincent—John, Mary, James, Charles, Leon, Michael, Ora, Josephine, Charles, Frank, Josephine, Miller, and Donald.

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Delay Naming Of New Judge

Naming of a judge for the municipal court 4 bench was delayed today from 10 days to two weeks.

Governor Gates said he would name no successor to Judge John L. Niblack, who was elected judge of superior court 1, until Henry E. Ostrom, Marion county G. O. P. chairman, returns from a vacation.

The Governor said he wanted to make his announcement when Marion county and 11th district officials were here.

At Mr. Ostrom's office, it was said he was not expected back for several weeks.

"He's in the sunny south, but haven't (troops); Wilson Victory, where he is remains a military Leghorn (troops). Departing—Gen. M. B. Stewart, Bremerhaven (troops).



GETS HONOR—Ben Lucien Burman, noted American novelist whose best selling tales of Mississippi river folk have won wide acclaim, has been awarded the Legion of Honor by the French government. Early in 1944, as war correspondent for N.E.A. Service, he was the first writer to teach the Free French in Africa after the collapse of France. Through his dispatches from Brazzaville, the world first learned the true nature of the Vichy government and that a new France was being born in the Congo.

Dawson Reopens Transit War

Petition New Weapon In Lower Fare Battle

Attorney James M. Dawson launched a new offensive today in his private war against Indianapolis Railways, Inc.

Mr. Dawson's new weapon is a petition demanding a 6¢-cent token fare, half-fare for school children, elimination of transfer charge and better service.

"In the event the Indianapolis Railways, Inc., fails to comply with our demands," the petition stated, "then we request that the Indianapolis Railways, Inc., be taken over and purchased by our city."

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