

MORE STRIKES DARKEN NATION'S LABOR PICTURE

By United Press.

America's labor picture was the blackest since the invasion last night, as strikes from coast to coast idled more than 32,000 workers and ran the number of lost man-hours of work into the millions in the nation's war plants.

Department of Labor officials feared the rising tide of work stoppages this month might reach the all-time high of 610 new strikes occurring last May.

While the most critical situation continued to loom at Philadelphia, where Army troops with fixed bayonets were rushed into the city, ready to back up an Army government ultimatum demanding that the transportation workers resume operations, by midnight Sunday, a new walkout occurred at Omaha, where 200 over-the-road truckers and dock employees struck, tying up movement of vital materials.

Wages Are Disgranted

At Omaha, union leaders directed truckers and dockers to walk out in protest against company refusal to grant drivers a 12 per cent wage increase ordered by the War Labor Board last February. The companies contended that the raise "would put us out of business."

M. Krupinsky, a management spokesman, estimated that 500 men were out at Omaha, affecting two companies, but expected 1,000 drivers to be idle from 15 Omaha firms by Monday. He said company officials in all seven Midwestern states belonging to the Midwest Operators' Association have agreed to cease operations at 8 a. m. Monday until the dispute is settled, although Wisconsin trucking officials believed their state would not be affected by the strike.

TROOPS ROLL INTO STRIKE CITY



AT PHILADELPHIA YESTERDAY—A military policeman at 15th Street and Hunting Park Avenue in Philadelphia's northeast section waves Army troops along as they speed into the city for duty in the transportation crisis.—Wirephoto.

Strike

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known as Dixon, vice chairman of the strikers' executive committee; Frank Carney and Frank Thompson, also members of the executive committee.

Dixey was taken into custody as he prepared to make a radio broadcast and the three others were served with warrants in the United States marshal's office after having been taken in custody as they approached a radio station building.

Leaders Plead Not Guilty

Shortly before midnight each of the men pleaded not guilty before United States Commissioner Norman J. Griffin and each was held in \$2,500 bail for a further hearing August 14.

The government action and the resulting arrests of the leaders seemed to have taken a lot of fire out of the strikers.

Authorities permitted a statement by McMenamin to be read on a radio broadcast, it being directed to the strikers who had gathered at their headquarters. McMenamin urged the men to obey the government's ultimatum. "The Army has ordered that if you men don't return to work before tomorrow night you will lose your availability certificates for employment for the duration," he said. "The order must be obeyed and you should return to work immediately."

Meanwhile, one bus route, operating between Broad Street and Snyder Avenue, in South Philadelphia, to the Navy Yard, already had resumed operation with a regular crewman at the controls. The Folsom line, outside the city, but operated by the P. T. C., also resumed operations. "Trains on the Market Street subway-elevated line were running on a limited schedule. Troops were aboard each train as guard. Trolley cars, however, had not yet begun to operate, but it was likely that the city would have more transportation service by dawn than it has had since the strike began Tuesday when the men walked out in protest to upgrading of eight-Negro workers to operators on order of President Roosevelt's Fair Employment Practices Committee.

Captain Hutsinpiller Wins New Honor

Capt. Herschel H. Hutsinpiller of Seattle recently was decorated with the Combat Infantryman's Badge at Fort Benning, Ga., where he is an instructor in the weapons section, Infantry School headquarters there announced yesterday.

Captain Hutsinpiller previously received the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the African campaign and the Purple Heart for wounds received in battle. He served with the first American division to engage the Germans in the North African campaign.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hutsinpiller of 1250 S. W. 151st St.

Mexican Was 'Jap' To Be With Friends

MANZANAR, Calif., Aug. 5.—The strange case of a Los Angeles youth of Mexican parentage who passed himself off as a Japanese-American for two years was revealed today with the announcement he would be released from the Manzanar Japanese relocation center for induction into the Army.

The youth is Ralph Lazo, 19 years old, the son of a Navy veteran of the First World War. He gave as his reason for registering as a Japanese-American friends at high school were ordered to evacuate the West Coast, so I decided to go along with them. Who can say I haven't got Japanese blood in me?"

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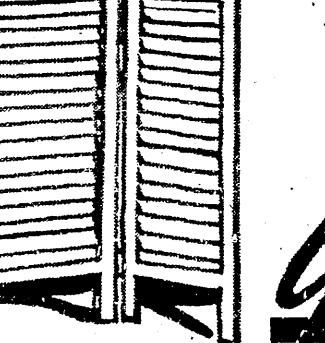
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Northwest Flyers Cited For Heavy Blows at Enemy

Air combat experiences of four Seattle Army flyers and another from Snohomish, members of the Twelfth and Fifteenth Air Forces, which are slashing heavily at harried German defenses in Italy and elsewhere in the Mediterranean theatre, are described in recent military dispatches.

Mentioned were 1st Lieut. Melvin A. Anderson, former member of the editorial staff of The Times and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson, 2120 N. 44th St.; Tech. Sgt. Glenn B. Wiprud, 8231 Sunnyside Ave.; 1st Lieut. Kenneth J. Jones, son of John E. Jones, 3032 W. 69th St.; 1st Lieut. William C. Slater, husband of Mrs. Bette Ann Slater, 205 McGraw St., and 1st Lieut. Kenneth B. Sorgenfrei, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Sorgenfrei, Snohomish, and husband of Mrs. Gertrude M. Sorgenfrei, also of Snohomish.

Anderson, Wiprud and Jones are in the Twelfth Air Force, while Slater and Sorgenfrei fly in action of the Fifteenth.

Lieutenant Anderson, a bombardier and navigator of a B-25 Mitchell bomber, participated in his group's historic 400th combat mission in an attack on the Castiglione-cello railroad bridge in Italy, scoring direct hits on that military target. Anderson's group, the first to bomb Rome and Sofia, Bulgaria, was the first to operate from bomber bases in Italy. It was also the first to use B-25's mounting 75-mm. cannon, and the first to use the modified B-25 with waist and tail guns.

Wiprud, a University of Washington graduate, has completed 53 combat missions as tail gunner on a B-26 Marauder. He holds the Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters. Lieutenant Jones, pilot of a B-25 bomber, recently was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross when his ship was heavily damaged by flak during an attack on a bridge near Fucille, Italy.

Lieutenant Slater, pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber, recently completed 50 combat sorties in the

JUNIOR CHAMBER SESSION AUG. 19

Approximately 150 delegates, representing communities throughout the state, will attend the summer board meeting of the Washington State Junior Chamber of Commerce August 19 and 20 in Vancouver, Wash., Robert W. Graham of Seattle, a national director of the organization, announced yesterday.

Lieut. Col. Yauger, chief of the veterans personnel division of the Selective Service System for the state, will speak on "Veterans' Rehabilitation."

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PACKERS DENIED WAGE INCREASES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(UP)—Three panels of the War Labor Board tonight recommended denial of union demands for general wage increases above the limits of the "Little Steel" formula for more than 140,000 employees of the "Big Four" meat-packing companies.

The panels said, however, that should there be any revision of the "Little Steel" formula as a result of other cases pending before the W. L. B., the employees of Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Cudahy Packing Company and Wilson & Co., Inc., should "manifestly obtain the benefits of any such change in policy."

The panels pointed out that in February, 1943, the W. L. B. had decided that employees of the "Big Four" meat-packing companies had exhausted the amount of increases allowable under the 15 per cent limitation of the "Little Steel" formula.

King County

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ton Heights, Bryn Mawr, Des Moines, Seahurst, Burien, Three Tree Point and Sumnerdale a sum of \$475,000 is provided.

Schools and facilities costing \$5,865,000 are listed for Bothell, Kirkland, Highline, Renton, Carnation, Enumclaw, Auburn and Foster.

The program also includes construction of a tuberculosis hospital, a sanitarium and two clinics, costing \$3,525,000.

A fund of \$4,725,000 is provided for the construction of community and institutional buildings, fire stations, water district buildings and pump houses.

'Just the Beginning'

Phelps described the present county parks and playgrounds as "just a drop in the bucket."

"King County is in its infancy as far as park and playground facilities are concerned," he added, saying the \$500,000 allocated "is only a starter."

Phelps said that \$3,500,000 has been listed for Duwamish River flood control; \$2,000,000 for dredging the Duwamish River from Seattle to Renton Junction; \$198,000 for general river improvement, and \$45,000 for construction of a breakwater at Zenith.

Aerial Survey Listed

The program also includes \$300,000 for completion of an aerial survey to locate section lines and serve as a double check on the land survey.

"We find discrepancies of between 8 and 40 feet between the old surveys and present," Phelps explained. "Some section corners are off as much as 43 feet and there are hundreds of miles of road that are not dedicated nor have been surveyed. Persons can't sell their property or get insurance because they can't determine the correct section lines."

"Many of these unsurveyed roads are old trails made into roads by usage," Phelps continued, with \$200,000 earmarked for a survey of old county plats and roads.

3 Invasion Units Cited

FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY HEADQUARTERS, France, Aug. 5.—Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, commander of the 1st Infantry Division in France, today cited the 70th Tank Battalion and the 2nd and 5th Ranger Infantry Battalions for outstanding performance of duty in invasion action.

Captain Stroud Aids Wounded After Nazi Raid

The story of how a small medical detachment in the Mediterranean area, commanded by a former Seattle man, Capt. Carl W. Stroud, did the work of a large evacuation hospital in a recent emergency, was revealed by the Army today.

The detachment, consisting of Captain Stroud and six enlisted men, was stationed at an air field being built by their battalion, a unit of the Army Air Force Engineer Command which builds bases in the Mediterranean area. Just before dawn one day, enemy planes zoomed over the field, bombing and strafing. When the raid was over, the medical detachment found 25 men injured and soon pressed their one ambulance, jeeps, weapon carriers and even 2½-ton trucks into service, bringing the wounded to their medical tent. First aid was given the casualties, after which they were transported to the hospital in the lone ambulance.

Captain Stroud practiced medicine here for five years before entering the Medical Corps. Another Washington state man, Pvt. Arthur Queen, a resident of Arlington, was with the detachment.

Tire Blows

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Seattle line up Admiral Way was interrupted for nearly 40 minutes. The accident occurred about 6:20 o'clock.

Special crews were sent by the tram system to help switch west-bound vehicles over on to the left side of the street to by-pass the wrecked vehicle.

High-voltage wires, snapped by the impact of the bus, were dropped into the street, the officers said, endangering the passengers as they scrambled from the vehicle.

Lloyd P. Graber, Transit System general manager, who went to the scene of the accident immediately after it occurred, said that the tire which blew out was composed mostly of synthetic rubber.

3 Planes Collide; 21 Believed Dead

LAUREL, Neb., Aug. 5.—Twenty-one men were believed killed today when three airplanes from the Sioux City, Iowa, air base collided near here.

First reports said two Fortresses and a fighter plane came together while flying in close formation. One soldier survived by using his parachute.

Detroit Stoppage May Spread

At Detroit, the Army said that if the strike of 3,200 employees of the General Motors Chevrolet plant and axle division continues it will force the shut-down of five other plants in the nation. The strike is in protest against new speed-ups in production.

At San Francisco, members of the Machinists' Union Lodge 60, working at the strike-bound Federal Mogul Corporation in defiance of the union, dropped from 19 to 10.

A. F. of L. officials at Memphis, Ind., agreed to urge 100 striking employees of the Ball Brothers Glass Company to return to work and end the strike that started July 23.

At St. Louis, a strike of 20 C. I. O. welders halted production on amphibious tanks and street cars at the St. Louis Car Company, idling 1,200 other employees in protest against reduced piece rates.

The sole bright spot in the labor picture came at Roebling, N. J., when 1,500 employees of the John A. Roebling Sons Company, re-prored for work after 5,400 workers at the Roebling and Trenton plants voted to end a week-old unauthorized walkout.

At Cleveland, leaders of the United Automobile Workers, a C. I. O. affiliate, suspended 20 members who took part in two brief strikes at the National Aluminum Cylinder Head Company. Carl Smigel, regional director, said, "the contract says no work stoppages and we are going to stick to it."

Production of cylinder heads for B-29 Superfortresses returned to normal.

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