

Railroad Workers Given Six Cent Wage Increase

WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—The government poked a hole in its own wage ceiling today.

Economic stabilizer Eric Johnston approved a six-cent hourly increase for 1,000,000 non-operating railroad workers to offset a cost of living rise.

They would have been entitled to only two or three cents if the government's 10 per cent ceiling on wage increases had been applied tightly.

Escalator Clause

But an "escalator" clause in their contract called for the six cents, because living costs had gone up.

Johnston bowed to the arguments of a three-man panel that collective bargaining in the railroad industry is "unique" and requires special handling. It takes longer to negotiate a contract because of "lengthy and cumbersome" procedures of the railway labor act, said the panel, which was appointed by Johnston at President Truman's suggestion.

The railroads estimate that the six-cent increase will cost them \$129,600,000 a year.

Questions Raised

The Johnston action, first in which he has permitted a boost above the 10 per cent allowed under the stabilization formula, poses two immediate questions:

1. How will it affect the wage-hour dispute of the four operating railroad unions—the firemen, engineers, conductors, and trainmen, who are still deadlocked after two years of trying to negotiate contracts?
2. How will it affect other wage cases awaiting the establishment of a new wage stabilization board?

Truman To Ask Farm Parity Price Freeze

WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—Legislators said tonight the Truman administration plans to ask Congress tomorrow for authority to put a year-at-a-time freeze on farm parity prices in a new move to hold food costs down.

Senator Maybank (D-S.C.), who attended a meeting today with President Truman, and his top mobilization command, said the administration also will ask:

- 1.—Tighter rent controls, including ceilings on rents for commercial property.
 - 2.—Subsidies on some imports, perhaps including coffee, (subsidies are payments by the government of part of the cost in order to hold down the retail price to consumers.)
 - 3.—"Probably" some new restrictions on credit, in addition to the installment buying and other curbs already in force.
- Such new anti-inflation powers will be asked by the President in a special message proposing extension of the defense production act, which expires in June. It is under this law that the government has imposed wage and price controls and many other economic curbs in the past year.

N.Y. Post Says Rita-Aly Through

NEW YORK, April 25—(AP)—Film star Rita Hayworth intends to get a divorce or legal separation from Prince Aly Khan without seeing him again, the New York Post said today. In France, the Prince termed divorce reports "ridiculous."

The Post story, by columnist Earl Wilson, said "rather than go through a spectacular meeting with him, she'll send her lawyer, Bartley Crum, to Paris to untie the famous knot."

Wilson said the red-haired actress will acknowledge in a formal statement this week that her story-book romance with the Prince is about over.

All this appeared to be news to the Prince, who today in Cannes said "there never has been any question of a divorce." It was not clear whether this statement applied equally to a separation.

Doug's Day Scheduled For Chicago

CHICAGO, April 25 (AP)—Millions from Chicago and the midwest are expected to turn out tomorrow to show Gen. MacArthur he hasn't started fading away in their minds.

Chicago is planning for possibly the greatest demonstration in its history to welcome the five star General on his first visit to the midwest since his return to the United States last week.

Some are calling it D (for Doug) day. The city will go on a virtual holiday footing. Officials are preparing for a turnout of 3,000,000 spectators.

A double barreled celebration has been arranged. In the afternoon there will be a 23-mile parade from the airport to the loop and through the business district. At night, a mammoth jamboree and fireworks display will be held in Soldier field.

Gen. MacArthur is due to arrive at Midway airport from New York in his plane "Bataan" at 12:30 p.m., accompanied by Mrs. MacArthur and their son, Arthur, 13. The General is expected to speak briefly on his arrival and to deliver a talk at the Soldier field jamboree.

His Soldier field talk has been billed as "not a major policy speech."

Mrs. Fine Buried At Wilkes-Barre

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 25—(AP)—Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Helene Morgan Fine, 42-year-old wife of Pennsylvania's Governor.

They were as simple and unassuming as the 42 years of her life.

Mrs. Fine died of a brain tumor Sunday at the University hospital, Philadelphia, after two operations.

Governor John S. Fine had asked for the reserved ceremony. He sat beside his wife's bier as an Episcopal clergyman intoned the words of the scripture, "I am the resurrection and the life."

For the people of this community, it was the second mourning period in less than a year. Only last September 33 Pennsylvania national guardsmen from the Wilkes-Barre region were killed in a troop train wreck in Ohio.

The funeral services were private, except for the family, a few close friends and an entourage of top State officials who included cabinet secretaries, jurists and legislators.

Thinking Typewriter Unveiled

NEW YORK, April 25—(AP)—A typewriter that thinks was demonstrated today to the American Newspaper Publishers association.

This machine types the same kind and size letters as your portable or office typewriter. Electric impulses change these letters into any size, any style of newspaper type you like. And it comes out, complete, on photographic film, ready for the engraved plate that will print your newspaper.

Eliminates All Type

The typewriter eliminates all type, all typesetters, all linotype machines, and all the casting of type, the latter for example, an item weighing 400 pounds, costing \$28,000. The typewriter substitutes for the casting, a bit of machinery weighing a pound-and-a-half.

Draftee Service Set At 2 Years

WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—Length of service for draftees was fixed at 24 months, three more than at present—in a decision today by Senate and House conferees working on a compromise of conflicting bills.

In passing separate measures, the Senate approved 24 months and the House 26. The defense department sought approval of 27 months.

The term of service agreement was the only one reached in today's closed-door session. Another meeting will be held tomorrow.

GOP Asks Inquiry Into Mac Firing

WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—The Senate Republican policy committee called today for an "all-out" investigation of foreign and military policies linked with the ouster of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Chairman Taft (R-Ohio) told reporters the GOP group wants an inquiry into policies as far back as the 1945 Yalta conference, with special emphasis on what he called the administration's "encouragement of Chinese communists."

To get such an inquiry, Taft said, the Republicans will hold in abeyance a resolution by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) for a joint senate-house investigation while they watch developments in hearings to be opened May 3 by the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations committees.

MacArthur will be the first witness and Taft said the Republicans will demand that the hearings be public. Senator Russell (D-Ga.), chairman of the two-committee inquiry, has said he'd rather the hearings would be closed.

In New York, Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, MacArthur's spokesman, said the five-star general has no objection to public hearings or to being televised.

AP Chief In Prague Feared Under Arrest

FRANKFURT, Germany, April 25 (AP)—William N. Oatis, chief of the Associated Press bureau in Czechoslovakia, disappeared Monday and the U.S. embassy in Prague fears he is under arrest.

The embassy requested today that the Communist government investigate "on the most urgent basis possible." Embassy Counselor Tyler Thompson took personal charge of efforts to trace Oatis.

TOKYO, Thursday, April 26—(AP)—Savage Allied counterblows stemmed the Chinese Red offensive on the critical Korean central front Wednesday. The entire enemy drive was slowed by bloody losses.

United Nations ground forces in the west withdrew slowly toward Seoul. The motorized columns stretched for miles along the dusty roads from points 25 miles north of the shattered Republican capital.

U.S. Sends Military Aid To Formosa

WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—The United States is furnishing military aid to Formosa under an agreement which requires the Chinese nationalists to use the arms for internal security or "legitimate self defense" only.

This was disclosed today by Secretary of State Acheson, who released the text of the hitherto secret, three-months-old agreement.

Acheson also told a news conference that the government's Formosan policy has not changed in any way since President Truman assigned the seventh fleet last June to protect the island against possible Red Chinese invasion.

Formosan policy has been one of the controversial points in the row between President Truman and General Douglas MacArthur.

Following MacArthur's speech to Congress last week the Defense department announced plans to dispatch a military mission to Formosa. Without reference to MacArthur, Acheson said today that the policy behind this was the same policy declared by Mr. Truman last June.

In New York, Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, MacArthur's spokesman, said that in his personal view "it would seem to be a reasonable conclusion" that the administration decision to step up military aid to Formosa was an indication of MacArthur's position.

Cuban, U.S. Planes Crash In Florida

KEY WEST, Fla., April 25 (AP)—A big Cuban airliner and a small U.S. Navy plane collided with explosive force over Key West today and spun into the sea, carrying 43 people to their deaths.

Water splashed 50 feet into the air as the transport, with 34 passengers and five crewmen, nosedived with a terrific bang into 20 feet of water.

The Navy plane went to pieces as it fell and crashed into the ocean two miles west of the transport. It carried a four-man crew.

Hundreds of sunbathers saw the planes meet at 4,000 feet altitude with a noise that resembled an explosion. Eyewitnesses at first believed that the Navy plane had blown up while flying alongside the liner.

18,000 Reds Killed

An estimated 18,000 Reds were killed in three days—to noon Wednesday—by Allied air and ground action. That estimated did not include wounded.

A field dispatch said that possibly half of 33 Chinese Red divisions which struck in western Korea were badly mauled.

The Chinese assault on the central sector of the 100-mile front was checked four miles north of Kapyong. Kapyong, 33 miles northeast of Seoul, is on the paved Seoul-Chunchon highway—a main Allied supply artery.

Reds Stopped At Chunchon

AP correspondent Jim Becker, on the central front, reported an Allied tank-infantry column

MacArthur Aide Says Staff Shared Policy

NEW YORK, April 24—(AP)—An aide said today Gen. Douglas MacArthur's desire to throw Chinese Nationalists into battle was shared by top Army, Navy and Air commanders in Korea.

The spokesman said Lt. Gen. Matthew Ridgway, MacArthur's successor as Far Eastern Commander, went directly to the Pentagon with such a proposal—apparently soon after he got his first look at the situation in Korea.

"As far as I know, there has been no shift in the opinion of any military leader on the scene," added Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, personal advisor to MacArthur.

lunged back at the Reds pouring down northwest of Chunchon. The road and rail center 45 air miles northeast of Seoul.

The task force swept to within six miles of parallel 38, mowed down the Reds and then returned to U.N. lines after running out of ammunition. A second armored force struck north of Kapyong.

An estimated 750 Reds were killed by the task forces.

Regrouping Necessary

A frontline officer expressed belief that the Chinese vanguards of a 150,000-man force that made a central front breakthrough had been forced to stop and regroup after being "hurt very badly" Tuesday.

Br. Laborites Seek U.S. Aid

LONDON, April 25 (AP)—The British labor government, shaken by left-wing thunderings, called for American help today to check a raw materials crisis threatening the nation's economy. The call got a prompt response in Washington.

U.S. Secretary of State Acheson pledged at a Washington news conference that the United States will take "full account of essential needs" of friendly nations in allocating scarce raw materials. The United States will go on pressing for increased production and for efficient use of existing stocks, Acheson said.

Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison warned in a speech before the American Chamber of Commerce here that Britain's living standards, her economy and even her rearmament drive will decline unless she gets more essential supplies.

whirling disc. On the border of the disc are eight circular rows of letters. The eight contain 16 alphabets and the characters, such as commas, that go to make an alphabet complete for printing in English.

Each letter is transparent. A flashing light shines through whichever letter the typewriter chooses. Lenses focus this letter on photographic film, and that completes the job.

Small, Huh?

The apparatus attached to the typewriter to do all this is about the size of two family refrigerators.

The machine shown today is the first ready for newspaper use.

The inventors are two Frenchmen now living in Cambridge, R. A. Higonnet and Louis Moyroud.

The purpose is faster, less costly and more accurate printing because of elimination of handling by several printing departments. In the long run, say the producers, the Graphic Arts Research Foundation, Inc., Cambridge, Mass., more and better jobs will result.

Seven Fingers

The typewriter has seven little fingers, rods of metal, in its back. Each letter or character moves one or more fingers. The moving finger closes an electric switch, sending current into a calculating machine, or mechanical brain. What happens there is the same as when you dial a phone number, all done with the same kind of electrical gadgets.

Next step is transmission of this electrical control to a small