

Ike Against Taft-Hartley Repeal, Favors Change

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told the American Federation of Labor today he is against repealing the Taft-Hartley labor law but in favor of amending it.

The Republican presidential candidate emphasized he would not support "any amendments which weaken the rights of the working men and women."

Sits Opposite Stevenson

The approximately 2,000 union people in the AFL Convention Hall stood and clapped as Eisenhower entered and when he concluded his speech. They interrupted the talk with applause 13 times.

But they sat silently as he took a position directly opposite that of his Democratic rival, Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, on repeal of the labor law.

And they "sat on their hands" through lengthy passages in which he struck out at Stevenson and President Truman's Democratic administration.

Stevenson To Talk Monday

The convention is slated to endorse a presidential candidate next Tuesday for the first time in AFL history.

Stevenson, who will address the delegates Monday, generally is expected to win the endorsement because of his stand against the Taft-Hartley law. The CIO already has endorsed Stevenson.

After his speech, Eisenhower left by chartered plane for Moline, Ill., to rejoin his whistle stop train tour.

Newsman at LaGuardia Field asked him if he had discussed in advance with Sen. Robert A. Taft his AFL speech, defending the Taft-Hartley law.

Receives 'Friendly Response'

"No," replied Eisenhower. "All these things I do by myself." As for his reception by the AFL Convention, the general said: "Personally I thought it was a very friendly response. I had a good time."

Eisenhower told the delegates he had not come before them to curry any special favor nor to "bid or compete for your endorsement."

"Take whatever political action your conscience dictates," he added. "I will always try to be a true friend of labor."

Eisenhower said that, in seeking Taft-Hartley amendments, he would ask the advice of "all groups—public, management and labor."

To Encourage Bargaining

He said some of the principles he thought should "continue in law" were:

"The encouragement of collective bargaining; the right to strike; an advance notice before a strike is called; a requirement that both unions and employers live up to contracts; the assurance that members of unions get a regular report on their organization's finances."

Adlai to Visit Ohio, Start Eastern Tour

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 17 (AP)—Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson—who says Sen. Robert A. Taft has taken over Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's campaign—soon will carry his battle for the presidency into Taft's home state of Ohio.

The Democratic nominee's plans were disclosed today by his campaign manager, Wilson Wyatt, who also announced that Stevenson's first major speech on a week-long Eastern tour starting tomorrow in Connecticut will deal with the nation's atomic energy program.

Wyatt told a news conference that after the Eastern swing, Stevenson will rest for a day and a half at his campaign base here in Springfield, then take off Sept. 26 on another trip which will include speeches in Cincinnati—Taft's home city—and Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis, Ind.; and Louisville, Ky.

Walter F. Heer Jr., Franklin County Democratic chairman, announced in Columbus that Stevenson's speech there is set for the evening of Oct. 3, with a nationwide telecast planned. Taft, too,

Political News

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By The Associated Press
Gov. Adlai Stevenson will fly from Springfield, Ill., to Bridgeport, Conn., for an eastern swing including an atomic energy speech from Hartford tonight over a Connecticut radio hookup at 8 p.m.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will make whistle-stops through Iowa, reaching Omaha, Neb., for a major speech tonight.

Sen. John J. Sparkman of Alabama will speak in Tampa and Tallahassee, Fla.

Sen. Richard M. Nixon will campaign by rail through California with a flying side trip to Reno, Nev.

3 Girls Killed As Train Hits Pa. School Bus

MONESSEN, Pa., Sept. 17 (AP)—Three high school girls were killed today and 47 other pupils injured by a freight train which slammed into the rear of their school bus and turned it into crumpled junk.

Fifteen of the injured boys and girls are in a serious condition.

Killed were Janice Everett, 17, a senior; Norma Bergman, 15; and Leola Bradley, 14. Janice and Leola lived in Collinsburg within sight of the crossing. Norma lived in nearby West Newton.

Bus driver Edward Steiner, 23, was taken into custody for questioning. He was a victim of shock. Only an inch or two made the difference between disaster and safety.

The front of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad locomotive snagged the rear bumper on the orange bus on a street crossing in Collinsburg, a small coal mining town about 20 miles south of Pittsburgh.

The bus was bound for the Ros-traver Township Westmoreland County High School. It stopped at Collinsburg to pick up 20 pupils and proceeded on its way with 55 passengers.

Fine Cites Penna.'s Industrial Leadership

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 17 (AP)—Gov. John S. Fine told the closing session of the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Electric Association today that Pennsylvania's industrial growth last year was one of the greatest ever recorded by any state.

Manufacturing industries, he said, invested nearly 2½ billion dollars to expand facilities or establish new plants at 677 locations in the state.

The governor declared that Pennsylvania last year "again ranked first in the nation in expenditures for new construction, expansion, and equipment of industrial plants—a leadership it has held throughout the postwar period."

Refugees Evacuated From Wake Island

HONOLULU, Sept. 17 (AP)—Relays of planes today flew scores of refugees from stricken Wake, tiny airfield island smashed Tuesday by one of the worst typhoons in the Pacific's history.

Weary, bedraggled arrivals in Honolulu told of heroism in a time of terror, of trees and wreckage from Quonset huts flying through the air like straw, and of the very grass flattened by the pressure of the 161-mile winds.

Rescue plane crews bringing in food and water found only four injured among the more than 750 persons who were caught in the storm.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration in Honolulu announced Wake was closed to civilian air traffic indefinitely.

Shaved in Champagne

Only the most essential workers were remaining on the coral island. Food was short and the water supply was contaminated when the seas rose and swept over the island at the height of the storm.

Water was so scarce that the 17 men left behind were shaving in champagne and soda water.

So great was the havoc that officials estimated it might take four months to get operations back to normal on Wake, important stop on the military and civilian air route to Japan and Korea. Early unofficial estimates were that damage might reach \$10,000,000.

One Warehouse Left

Radio towers on Wake were knocked down and the air terminal building was unroofed. Only a few steel and concrete buildings and a residence or so were left standing.

The only electricity was in the Civil Aeronautics Administration's radio station and in one warehouse, where the island's slender food supply is stored.

With Wake, 2300 miles west of Honolulu, taking only emergency landings, transpacific flights were rerouted through Kwajalein and Guam.

Pa. November Draft Quota Set at 6204

HARRISBURG (AP)—State Selective service headquarters has fixed Pennsylvania's draft quota for November at 6204 men, highest since the start of the Korean War in 1950.

Col. Frank J. Graf, assistant state draft director, said the record high quota was due primarily to the fact that original inductees are now starting to be discharged from the armed services.

No one under 20 will be called in November, he told a reporter.

The November quota contrasts sharply with those earlier this year: 452 in June; 1762 in July; 1398 in August; 763 in September, and 8844 in October.

"Pennsylvania has a pool of 6000 men examined and acceptable," Graf said. "That will be cut sharply by the November call. Pennsylvania has had a little better break than other states because of the high ratio of enlistments and reserve calls."

Graf explained that with the present pool of 6000 men available for induction, a large number of registrants will be called up next month for physical examinations to maintain a pool for future quotas.

First Football Death

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (AP)—Sixteen-year-old James Ryan died in a hospital today after suffering a brain hemorrhage in football practice at Iona Prep yesterday.

It was the first gridiron fatality of the year.

Jets Dare Red MIGs, Down One

SEOUL, Thursday, Sept. 18 (AP)—Sabre jets on patrol near Manchuria Wednesday dared the bruised Red Air Force to battle and reported knocking down one of about 50 MIG jets which accepted the challenge.

The honor of destroying the 47th MIG so far in record-breaking September went to Maj. Frederick C. Blesse, Phoenix, Ariz., the leading U.S. jet ace still in action in Korea.

UN Passes Record

Blesse caught one of nine MIGs which took on four Sabres near the Yalu River boundary and sent it spinning to earth. It was his eighth MIG. He also has damaged three.

With September little more than half gone, the Allies now have surpassed the old record of 44 enemy planes destroyed set in April.

While the Sabres and MIGs tangled, slower fighter-bombers raked targets behind the stagnant battlelines, including a storage base and gold mine south of Kowan on the East Coast. Pilots claimed six buildings destroyed in the Kowan raid.

11 Ground Clashes

Other warplanes hit three rail lines, cratered rail beds and pounced on three troop concentrations in Western Korea behind the front. In all, pilots reported 29 buildings destroyed and 14 damaged. There were numerous fires raging as pilots pulled away from targets.

On the ground, fighting along the 155-mile front was confined to 11 small patrol clashes.

Polio Rate Drops; Meeting Ban Lifted

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., Sept. 17 (AP)—Lock Haven, hard hit by polio, lifted its ban today against public meetings as cases from the disease mounted to 900 across Pennsylvania.

The Lock Haven Board of Health permitted resumption of city life after noting no new cases of the disease have developed since Monday. The ban against public meetings, imposed August 13, included churches and theatres and was extended to tap-rooms a week ago.

The city school board also delayed opening of the fall term of schools because of the epidemic and has yet to fix the date for start of classes.

The 900 total cases throughout the state is exactly half of the 450 reported at this time last year.

Eng Research Develops Exhaust Flame Arrester

Research workers in the School of Engineering are developing a flame arrester to be used on the exhausts of gasoline engines used in fork-lift trucks.

Dr. P. H. Schweitz, professor of engineering research, in charge of the project, said that the arrester will help prevent fires starting in warehouses where the trucks are used.

The project is sponsored by the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, Fort Belvoir, Va., under a grant of \$25,000.

LaVie Sets Deadline For Ag Senior Photos

Agriculture seniors may have their pictures taken for the 1953 LaVie at the Penn State Photo Shop, official LaVie photographer, until Sept. 26.

Students who do not have their pictures taken at the scheduled time will not be able to have their pictures in the yearbook.

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Anthracite Miners Get Fund Boost

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (AP)—John L. Lewis won a 20 cent boost in the anthracite industry's welfare fund royalty today in an agreement which cancelled any threat of a hard coal strike and left Lewis free for his annual tussle with soft coal mine owners.

The anthracite producers, whose mines are concentrated in Eastern Pennsylvania, signed a temporary agreement with Lewis increasing their tonnage royalty payments to finance miner pensions and other benefits from 30 to 50 cents effective Oct. 1.

With soft coal mines in most Northern states facing a strike by Lewis' United Mineworkers members next Monday, there were these other developments:

1. The government moved to freeze stocks of unsold soft coal at mines facing the Monday strike threat. This will save an estimated million tons of coal for doling out later by government orders.
2. The top negotiator for Southern soft coal producers, Joseph E. Moody, told reporters that commercial mines faced "economic suicide" if they accepted the union demands for increased wages, boosted welfare fund royalty and shorter working hours. Moody indicated the soft coal negotiations are practically stalemated.

The anthracite agreement is a temporary arrangement providing that the 65,000 hard coal diggers will remain at work until a complete contract is negotiated. This left such matters as wage rates and other points to be agreed upon later, probably on whatever terms Lewis manages to wrest from the soft coal industry.

The situation in the bituminous, or soft coal industry took on a more serious tone with the explanation by Moody of the wide disagreement between union and owners.

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