

Strike Hits Ports, T-H Act Invoked

NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (AP)—The great port of New York lay paralyzed today as President Eisenhower invoked the Taft-Hartley law against a multi-million dollar East Coast waterfront strike.

At best, however, the strike of 60,000 longshoremen was expected to run into next week, at an estimated cost to the shipping industry of 1½ million dollars a day. Ports were idle from Maine to Virginia.

The White House set up a board of inquiry, giving it until Monday to report back. Then the way would be clear for a strike-ending court injunction.

The rackets-ridden ILA, kicked out of the AFL only last week, launched the strike at midnight yesterday to back up wage demands on deep water shippers. The union's very future was at stake.

Its leaders promised to return to work if and when there's an injunction.

It was the first time in his eight months in office that President Eisenhower had made use of the Taft-Hartley law. President Truman invoked the law 10 times, once against the ILA in 1948.

ILA pickets roamed the desolate 35 miles of New York piers, where only military ships were being worked.

Tugboat crews were respecting ILA picket lines. As a result, the big luxury liners, Liberte and Constitution, docked by themselves.

Twenty-eight ships were caught at their berths in New York. Countless others rode their anchors in the harbor itself. Sixty-eight streamed out to sea yesterday to escape the strike.

A strike leader announced in midday:

"The ports are tied up completely from Portland, Me., to Hampton Roads, Va. Nothing is loading."

His boast went unchallenged.

GOP Chairman Warns Nation

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Oct. 1 (AP)—The chairman of the Republican National Committee said tonight the nation must keep on the alert against a "tidal wave of total statism which threatens to engulf the four corners of the earth."

Leonard Hall said "exponents of Marxist socialism and communism" are the "chief exponents of this total statism," and added both "communism and socialism have made their inroads" in the United States.

Hall spoke at a banquet meeting of 700 Republican women from 12 eastern and southern states. They are meeting to map plans for GOP victory in the 1954 congressional elections.

"There is scarcely an American that is not fully aware of the Communist network . . ." Hall said, but "less understood is the socialist network."

Turning to the Democrats, Hall said they were dominated by a "left-wing element" whose chief instruments of government "have been federalization and taxation." He said Republicans can do a great service if they do their part "in educating Americans to the true nature of the left-wing element which now controls the Democrat party . . ."

Forest Protection Sought

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 1 (AP)—Conservation authorities marshaled fire-fighting forces today to prevent another autumn catastrophe in West Virginia's woodlands.

Conservation Director Carl J. Johnson, armed with new legal powers given him by the 1953 Legislature, already had moved to prevent a recurrence of the fires of last fall which ravaged a half-million acres of timberland.

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UMW Hits GOP Rule, T-H Law

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (AP)—John L. Lewis' union newspaper said today organized labor might as well realize the only way it will get the Taft-Hartley law changed is to elect a sympathetic Congress in 1954.

"It is just not in the cards for this Republican administration to adopt the role of a champion of organized labor," said an editorial in the United Mine Workers Journal.

It was the first word on the subject from the UMW, headed by Lewis, since the controversy arose between President Eisenhower and former Secretary of Labor Martin Durkin over amending the T-H law.

Durkin, an AFL union leader and Democrat, quit the Cabinet three weeks ago charging Eisenhower broke a pledge to recommend that Congress approve 19 amendments to the law. Following up previous White House denials, Eisenhower said yesterday he never broke his word to anyone.

The editorial in Lewis' union newspaper said Eisenhower and Durkin weren't "arguing about anything too important" anyway

Boyer Resigns As AEC Chief

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (AP)—Chairman Lewis L. Strauss today announced the resignation of Marion W. Boyer as general manager of the Atomic Energy Commission, effective Nov. 1.

Boyer will be succeeded by Maj. Gen. Kenneth D. Nichols, 45, a longtime expert on atomic weapons and former special weapons project.

Boyer, who took the post for a three-year term on Nov. 1, 1950, is returning to private business. He is a vice president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

Nichols, now on duty in Washington as the Army's chief of development and research, will retire from military service on taking over the AEC post.

A native of Cleveland, Nichols was a pioneer in the development of the atomic bomb. He had been scheduled for wartime troop duty when he was assigned in July, 1942, to a special group set up by the late President Roosevelt to develop and produce the A-bomb.

The secret project later became known as the famous Manhattan Engineer District.

because the 19 changes were unsatisfactory from labor's viewpoint. The editorial noted that the proposed amendments would have done nothing to wipe out the T-H law's "vicious injunction weapon against labor."

Reds Riot Inside U. S. Stockades

PANMUNJOM, Friday, Oct. 2 (AP)—Five hundred North Korean anti-Communist prisoners, rioting at the sight of Red Polish and Czech medical inspectors inside their stockades, were quelled by gunfire yesterday in what the Indian guards called a "mass breakout" attempt.

One North Korean was killed and at least five wounded in the first shooting incident since some 23,000 Chinese and North Korean prisoners who renounced communism were turned over to neutral custody last month.

A sixth North Korean was re-

ported wounded later, so seriously he may die.

Before the 60-minute demonstration ended, guards hustled away five medical inspectors including two doctors from Iron Curtain countries. They were escorted to a "safe area away from the compound," an official release said.

The reports of the shooting caused some surprise among diplomats at the United Nations in New York. They had been assured only Monday by India's delegate, V. K. Krishna Menon, that the Indian guards were unarmed.

The flareup of violence graphi-

Eisenhower Favors Pact With Russians

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 (AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson reported today that President Eisenhower is "very much interested" in the idea of a non-aggression pact with Russia as a means of relieving tension in Europe.

The 1952 Democratic Presidential candidate had lunch at the White House and said afterward that Eisenhower was giving close study to the possibilities of an east-west non-aggression agreement, along with other methods of abating the cold war.

Stevenson proposed a non-aggression pact in his recent Chicago speech and brought the subject up again when he called on the President to report on the world tour he took earlier this year. Secretary of State Dulles also was present.

"If Russia was unwilling to accept the proposal," Stevenson said, "it would be rather apparent that her peaceful professions aren't as sincere as they might seem."

It would put the Russians on the spot with respect to their intentions, he added. He then went on to say he thought Eisenhower feels somewhat the same way about it.

Stevenson spent half an hour with the President and Dulles, then sat down to a stag luncheon in his honor attended by the President and 16 other high government officials. After eating with "great restraint" what he called a very fine lunch, Stevenson conferred with the President in the latter's office for another 15 minutes.

He said Eisenhower, whom he found "very alert to the problems confronting our country around the world," asked a number of questions regarding individual areas Stevenson visited.

1400 Remain Idle

Some 1400 production workers at the Pennsylvania Transformer Co. plant remained idle today as the international union tried to settle a wildcat strike that began four days ago in the midst of negotiations for a new contract. The old contract expires Oct. 14.

Jet Machine Gun Accidentally Set Off, Hits Town

FARRELL, Pa., Oct. 1 (AP)—A U.S. Air Force F84 jet plane terrorized this western Pennsylvania town today with an accidental burst from a machine gun that sent bullets crashing into buildings and autos and whining past pedestrians.

Police Chief John J. Stosito said there was considerable property damage but no casualties.

He said the plane was based at the Vienna Air Force Base near Warren, Ohio, and had been on a routine flight.

"Something happened to one of its machine guns," Stosito told a newsman after a conference with Maj. A. F. Martin Jr. of the Vienna base.

An officer at the base said controls for the firing mechanism apparently tripped accidentally.

Residents said the plane passed over the community once then circled a few times.

The 50 caliber slugs struck 12 automobiles, setting two afire, and 29 business places and homes.

D. A. Stoyer, a Transfer, Pa., carpenter working in a store, said a slug ripped through the building within five feet of where he was standing.

"I didn't know what it was," Stoyer said. "I was pretty frightened by it."

Mrs. Joseph Frank was ironing as a bullet tore through the wall of her home and landed at her feet. She collapsed and was placed under a doctor's care.

Twelve persons standing in front of the gate of the Sharon Steel Corp. plant narrowly were missed by slugs that tore into an auto, setting it afire.

Official Asks Air Program

HARRISBURG, Oct. 1 (AP)—A State Public Instruction Department official today called for an expanded aviation instruction program in Pennsylvania's secondary schools at the final session of the two-day education congress.

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