

# Union Leaders Defied By Coast Longshoremen

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 (AP)—East Coast longshoremen defied their union leaders today in a one-for-all, all-for-one continuation of a Maine to Virginia waterfront strike.

New York dockers voted during the day on a master contract negotiated with shippers here in the nine-day strike.

A hard core of Manhattan dockers is opposed to its terms and would be delighted to see the rank-and-file scuttle the whole agreement.

The hitch in getting the strikers back to work centered on a contract deadlock in Baltimore. Although a settlement appeared imminent there, it was pointed out that there could be no general return to work before 8 a.m. Saturday, since the strikers have been promised at least 16 hours advance notice.

### Contract Agreement

William V. Bradley, president of the International Longshoremen's Association (Ind.), had ordered his 45,000 striking dockers back to the piers at 8 a.m. today on the basis of the tentative contract agreement.

However, the I.L.A. in Baltimore was unable to reach contract agreement with shippers there, and 7400 Maryland dockers stayed out on strike. In Norfolk, Va., 2500 others remained idle in a dispute over local contract issues.

In New York, Philadelphia and Boston, tens of thousands of longshoremen sided with Baltimore and Norfolk in open defiance of Bradley's return-to-work mandate.

### Serious Defiance

It was the most serious defiance of Bradley's authority since a 1954 wildcat dock strike was pulled against his opposition.

"We won't doublecross anyone," said Harold Bowers, boss of Manhattan's West Side "Pistol" Local 824. The local, which gets its name from its past history of violence, has been a spearhead in the current I.L.A. revolt.

Fred Field, secretary-treasurer of Manhattan Local 856, declared of the impasse in Baltimore: "They went out for us and we will stay out for them."

While the longshoremen's strike kept the vast New York harbor in a turmoil, a 21-day-old strike of 4000 tugboat operators neared an end. If a tentative agreement reached early today is approved in a vote tomorrow by Local 333, National Maritime Union, some 400 tugs will go back into operation.

# Increase Demanded By British Doctors

LONDON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Britain's doctors threatened today to walk out of the state-run health service unless the government meets their demand for a 24 per cent pay increase.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan yesterday rejected the demand and said a royal commission would be set up to consider the broad question of the doctors' economic status under Britain's socialized health plan.

The General Medical Services Committee of the British Medical Association—to which all the 40,000 doctors in the service belong—decided to recommend a walk-out unless the government agrees to an immediate settlement or submits the doctors' claim to arbitration.

# Israel Denies--

(Continued from page one) the Israeli government. In London, meantime, the President's statement came under fire from Laborite members of the House of Commons. The British Foreign Office said Britain feels Israeli withdrawal should be combined with a UN guarantee of free passage in the Gulf of Aqaba.

# Atomic Scientists Meet

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 21 (AP)—A top-secret meeting of British and American atomic scientists is under way in the California Theater here.

# Mid-East Crisis Imperils Unity Of U.S. Allies

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 21 (AP)—A growing rift over UN sanctions against Israel today imperiled the unity of the United States and its Western Allies on the Middle East crisis.

With Israel standing firm in refusal to withdraw without guarantees from the Gulf of Aqaba and the Gaza Strip, UN delegates looked to the United States for the next move.

Britain showed coolness to sanctions at this stage and France, the third Western partner, is definitely opposed to any restrictions on Israel.

The 80-nation General Assembly is scheduled to convene at 3 p.m. tomorrow for new debate on the Israeli-Egyptian deadlock.

Diplomatic sources at the UN said the United States, on the strength of President Eisenhower's speech last night appeared headed for active support of some sort of UN sanctions against Israel.

Leaders of the Asian-African group were conferring on the text of a resolution calling for economic financial and military restrictions on Israel for her failure to comply with Assembly resolutions and withdraw from Sharm el-Sheikh on the Gulf of Aqaba and the Gaza Strip.

# More Than \$60 Million Cut From Appropriations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Taking its cue from Secretary of the Treasury George H. Humphrey, the House Appropriations Committee today slashed \$60,794,000 from new appropriations requested by the Interior Department.

The budget cut amounted to 12 per cent, a much larger reduction percentage-wise than the two per cent trimmed last week from the Treasury-Post Office departments request for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The largest reduction in new money for the Interior Department was denial of the entire 40 million dollars requested for subsidized domestic purchase of tungsten, asbestos, fluorspar and columbium-tantalum for the defense stockpile.

"Secretary Humphrey," the committee said, "in his recent appearance before the committee, stated the 1958 budget could be cut and cited the need to resist public pressures that arise when the government cancels a contract or discontinues a buying program."

It cited the minerals purchase program as "an excellent" example of how the taxpayers money

could be saved. The committee said the minerals subsidy program no longer was necessary because enough of the material has been stockpiled. And it added that the program was helping only a comparatively few producers, some of whom, it said, are selling their domestic production to the government at subsidy prices of \$55 per unit and buying foreign tungsten for their own use at the U.S. market price of \$35.

The committee also knocked out, subject to House approval when it considers the bill next week, a request for \$25,000 to design a monument "symbolizing the ideals of democracy."

# New High Seen In Living Costs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Living costs hit a new record high in January for the fifth straight month, the government reported today. It said the trend still points upward.

Factory workers' earnings reached record levels for a January.

The Labor Department index of consumer prices climbed two-tenths of 1 per cent from December to January to 118.2 per cent of the 1947-49 average. This means it cost \$11.82 to buy what could be gotten for a \$10 bill in the 1947-49 era.

The latest living cost boost means 1,400,000 workers in the auto, aircraft, farm equipment and various other industries will get a penny-an-hour pay increase according to automatic inflation-adjusted labor contracts.

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