

MacArthur Invokes General Strike Ban To Halt Jap Walkouts

By the Associated Press
TOKYO, Mar. 29.—Gen. MacArthur invoked a general strike ban today to halt rapidly spreading walkouts by Japanese government workers.

He specifically instructed Japanese officials to prevent a threatened strike by an estimated 400,000 communications employees. They spearheaded a quit-work movement by nearly 1,000,000 government workers.

Maj. Gen. W. F. Marquat, chief of Gen. MacArthur's economic and scientific section, declared in a memorandum the threatened nationwide communications strike, "set for Wednesday, would have a 'drastically unfavorable impact upon the economic recovery and public welfare' of the nation."

Subject to Earlier Ban.
The strike, Gen. Marquat said, is subject to provisions of Gen. MacArthur's January 31, 1947, ban which prevented a similar planned general strike.

Gen. Marquat's memorandum did not mention employees other than communications. All government workers have been demanding increased cost of living bonuses. Officials predicted that the communications walkout would, the others would stay on the job.

Some workers were due to lay off today. Indicating possible internal friction, only 2,000 of 5,000 communications workers in Ibaragi Prefecture obeyed strike orders prior to today's ban.

Anti-Occupation Incident.
Street car and bus operators in Tokyo have been on strike three days.

The communications dispute brought one anti-occupation incident. Toshio Yamaguchi, an official of the communications workers' union, was arrested by American authorities for refusing to restore Tokyo-Osaka telephone circuits. Workers had broken the circuit used by BOON, the British occupation forces newspaper.

The government has been unable to handle the labor trouble. The dispute has brought charges that Communist-influenced union leaders were seeking to overthrow the Japanese government.

King Michael to Tour Detroit Auto Plants

By the Associated Press
DETROIT, Mar. 29.—King Michael deposed monarch of Romania, arranged today to see the city turning in "the arsenal of democracy" after getting a birdseye view of it yesterday from Gov. Kim Sigler's private plane.

King Michael planned to tour several automobile plants with the heavy guard of police and State Department agents assigned for his three-day visit here.

A scuffle between pickets carrying anti-Michael banners and supporters of the King preceded a banquet in his honor. Police broke it up with no arrests.

Rumors of a "plot" led to the assignment of 50 Detroit officers as well as State police and State Department agents to protect the young exile.

His plans trip with Gov. Sigler at the controls was arranged on the spur of the moment at the banquet.

"I am going to show his majesty this arsenal of democracy from the air," Gov. Sigler told the dinner audience of 700 Romanian-Americans.

The King rode in the Governor's car to Detroit Airport. They took off in the Governor's four-seater plane to see Willow Run, Seaford Field and the Canadian border.

"I want the King to see a border without forts or guns," Gov. Sigler said.

Only the King's aide, Maj. Jacques Vergé, went along. They spent more than an hour in the air.

Harvard School to Hold Statesmanship Talks

By the Associated Press
AN all-day conference on "Statesmanship in Government and Business" has been scheduled for April 10 at the Waldman Park Hotel under the sponsorship of Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and its Washington Alumni Club.

Willard L. Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State, and Justice Douglas are among those expected to participate.

Holdup Men Dissuaded From Robbing Church

By the Associated Press
BERKELEY, Calif., Mar. 29.—The congregation at the Portuguese Assembly of God Church convinced two strangers that an Easter service was no place for a holdup.

Two men walked into the church last night and announced, "Don't nobody move. This is a stickup."

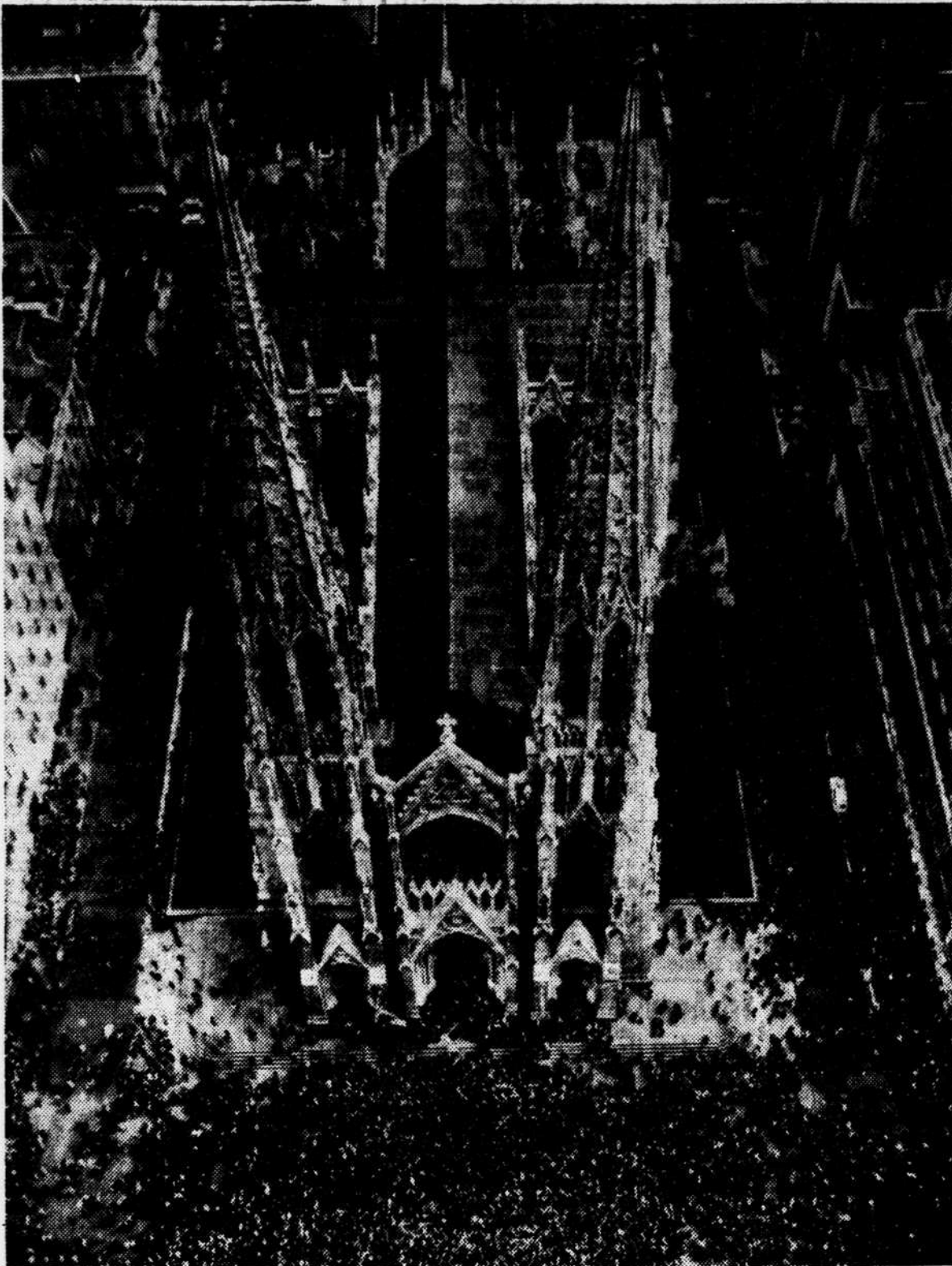
The Rev. Manuel Camora and his parishioners began moving toward the men. The pair fled.

Easter Dance Scheduled

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Takoma Park, will give its second annual Easter Dance at 10 p.m. Friday in the Nativity School hall, 6000 Georgia avenue N.W. Proceeds of the dance will go to the Church Improvement Program.

Fraternity to Give Dance

An Easter bonnet contest will feature the spring dance of the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity Thursday night at the Shoreham Hotel.



NEW YORK.—EASTER SUNDAY ON FIFTH AVENUE—A huge throng of persons jammed Fifth avenue in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral following Easter services yesterday. This bird's-eye view was taken from the 39th floor of the International Building in Rockefeller Center. —AP Wirephoto.

Philadelphia Police Put Farrell Book on Blacklist

By the Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 29.—James T. Farrell's 12-year-old novel, "A World I Never Made," has been placed on the Philadelphia police blacklist, Assistant District Attorney James W. Tracey, Jr., said yesterday.

Mr. Tracey said the book is obscene "under the law," adding that a recommendation was made that the city solicitor prosecute any sellers.

A meeting of booksellers was scheduled here today to draft a plan to counter the city's action.

The Author's League of America and the American Booksellers' Association have joined Philadelphia booksellers and other individuals, including Mr. Farrell himself, in denouncing the blacklist action and recent seizures of books by members of the Philadelphia vice squad.

Mr. Tracey said the recent seizures included copies of Mr. Farrell's "Studs Lonigan" and "Rainbow County," by the late Ross Lockridge, Jr.

The seizures were made by detectives under Inspector Craig Ellis without warrants from bookshops under a State law permitting on-the-spot confiscation of literature considered by police to be obscene.

Burmese Premier Opeps Drive on Communists

By the Associated Press
RANGOON, Burma, Mar. 29.—Premier Thakin Nu announced over the Rangoon radio last night the government will suppress Communist activity ruthlessly in Burma.

He said the Red and White Communist Parties have merged to overthrow the government by force. Therefore, he added, communism must be eliminated.

The government party, the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League, appealed to Communists Saturday to accept a four-point political peace plan. The Communists did not respond. Yesterday police raided Communist centers and made several arrests.

Fort Myer Ball Planned

The special services unit of North Post, Fort Myer, will give a ball at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the post to honor service units that took part in the invasion of Okinawa. The press and information section of the Philippine Embassy will present folk dances in native costume.

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Chinese Communists Reported Retreating

By the Associated Press
PEIPING, Mar. 29.—The government appeared today to have felled a Chinese Communist maneuver to link Red forces in Northwest China and Manchuria.

Progovernment dispatches said the Communists in Southern Chahar, Inner Mongolia, were withdrawing toward their bases in Hopeh Province to the south. National troops were reported trying to intercept them.

The Communists began a drive nine days ago which won early advances in the area 100 miles west to 200 miles northwest of Peiping.

Gen. Fu Tso-yi's government troops lashed back.

The official Central News Agency belatedly said the Nationals recaptured Yuhshien Friday. Yuhshien, formerly a government defense pivot in Southern Chahar, is 100 miles west of Peiping.

Dispatches said planes attacked Communist convoys of loot-laden carts withdrawing toward Hopeh bases. In one such attack, it was reported, all the carts were blown to bits and 600 Communists killed.

Catholic War Veterans Will Meet Here Friday

The District Department of the Catholic War Veterans will open its annual two-day convention at 7 p.m. Friday at the Hamilton Hotel. Business sessions will be held Friday night and at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. A memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Matthew's Cathedral, and the convention will end with a military ball at the Burlington Hotel at 9 p.m. Saturday.

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Rail Unions to Discuss New Demands; Board Report Criticized

By the Associated Press
CHICAGO, Mar. 29.—New wage and working rule demands on the Nation's railroads appeared in prospect today.

While three operating brotherhoods summoned representatives to Wednesday meeting to consider the 15 1/2-cent hourly wage increase recommended by a presidential fact-finding board, two other unions met for talks on further gains.

There was a hint of disappointment with the fact-finding board's recommendation on the part of at least one official of the three unions involved.

D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, said in Cleveland that the recommended wage increase "leaves us 15 per cent worse off than we were when the last wage increase went into effect in June, 1946."

Meeting Scheduled.
He added that the "railroads themselves figured the recommended increase as one of 11 per cent, whereas the cost of living has gone up 16.6 per cent since June, 1946."

Mr. Robertson announced that wage and working rules committees of his union, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Switchmen's Union of North America, will meet in Cleveland Wednesday to consider the recommendation.

At the same time, A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, announced representatives of that union and the Order of Railway Conductors had arranged a joint meeting in Cleveland today to discuss additional demands. Both those unions accepted the 15 1/2 cents an hour wage increase last fall.

Findings Anticipated.
Mr. Whitney commented that the Fact-Finding Board's recommendation of the same increase, retroactive to November 1, was "what I had anticipated."

In addition to the wage increase.

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Oleo Tax Repeal Drive To Be Pushed in House

A new drive will begin this week to obtain the 75 signatures of House members still needed to bring a oleomargarine tax bill to the floor for a vote.

When the House adjourned for the holiday week end, the petition had 142 of the necessary 218 signatures.

AFL President William Green today called on State and local labor leaders to request their members of Congress to sign the petition and end the "unjust tax."

Representative Rivers, Democrat, of South Carolina, author of the petition, said last night "at least 20" other House members have promised to sign.

Republican backers of the tax repeal measure are expected to line up Republican members from the larger cities, a move necessary if the 218 figure is to be reached.

If the bill is forced to the House floor, despite refusal of the Agriculture Committee to report out any repeal legislation, it will join a small group of similarly successful bills.

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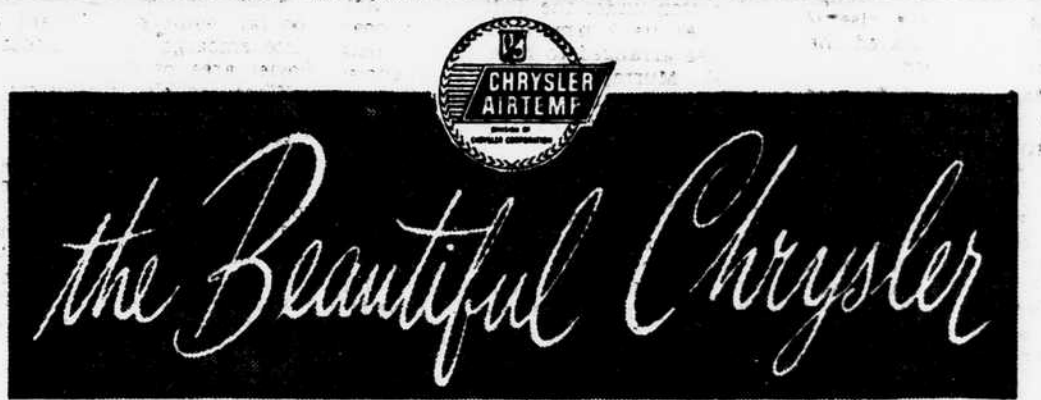
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