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200,000 ELECTRICAL WORKERS STRIKE TODAY

200,000 electrical workers were scheduled to go on strike at dawn this morning tying up 75 major industrial centers in 16 states. The four major companies affected are General Electric, Westinghouse, and two large branches of General Motors. The United Electrical Workers is the third largest union in the country and is demanding a flat 15 cents an hour increase from General Electric and Westinghouse, and a 17½% increase at General Motors.

A dangerous situation loomed in the meat industry today as 198,000 packing house employees stated again their intention of going on strike at midnight tonight if their demand for a wage increase is not met. 139 large packing companies will be affected. Negotiations are still going on between company and union officials in the threatened strike of 700,000 steel workers which was postponed one week yesterday.

At the present time there are 406,000 workers idle as a result of strikes throughout the country. Congress intends to act immediately to provide a present and future solution to labor problems. Most members seem favorable toward President Truman's proposal for solving labor disputes.

GERMAN DEMOCRATS FIND EX-NAZI LOOPHOLE

Correspondent Frank Quiley in an "exclusive" dispatch Monday quoted a unidentified United States military government official as saying that Bavarian social democrats had found a "loophole" in the code dealing with participation of ex-nazis in politics.

The dispatch quoted the official as saying the code probably will to be rewritten.

The dispatch continued in part: "it was learned that the Social Democrat party, permitted to operate on land level only this week plans to accept ex-Nazis within ranke. Under the leadership of president Dr. William Hoegner, the Regensburg branch of the party has set up a ten percent quota of ex-Nazi constituents. The action was defended by a party officials who contended that while these individuals are not permitted to vote, they are not prohibited from participating in politics under the outline drawn up by the United States military government at Frankfurt. German party officials also pointed out they feel free to permit ex-Nazis, freed by military government officials from automatic arrest, to run for office.

"This assumption, it was explained, is based on the contention that their release automatically exonerated ex-Nazis from guilt. A military government spokesman, commenting on the new development declared: 'They have found a loophole we did not know existed. We thought they had enough of Nazism but i looks like we were wrong.'"

JAP PREMIER RETURNS TO NEW CABINET

Japan's Premier Kijuro Shidehara attended the first meeting of his newly reorganized cabinet late Monday shortly after he returned to his office after twenty days absence because of illness, press dispatches reported.

Meanwhile the purge of ultra-nationalist Japanese from public office continued Monday along with the new cleanup designed to weed out suspected Nazis among German civilians employed by American forces. The Japanese press said the government was encountering difficulty in applying General Douglas MacArthur's directive.

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CHARGE HITLER ORDERED MURDER OF SURVIVORS OF TORPEDOED SHIPS

Germany and Japan schemed to prevent the United States from being able to man its growing merchant fleet by ordering submarine commanders to shoot up the survivors of all sinking, a memorandum introduced at the war crimes trial showed yesterday. Notes on a conversation between Hiter and the Japanese Ambassador Oshima on January 3, 1942 said Hitler had recalled the whole Atlantic U-boat fleet for reorganization after which the submarines would be posted outside U. S. ports. Later they would congregate off Freetwon, Africa, and Capetown.

"The Fuehrer pointed out that however many ships the U. S. built, one of the handicaps would be a lack of personnel," the memorandum stated. "For that reason merchant ships would be sunk without warning with the intention of killing as many of the crew as possible. Once it gets around that most of the seamen are lost in sinkings, the Americans would soon have difficulty in enlisting new people."

In the presence of Foreign Minister Ribbentrop, Hitler said the German attitude not be governed by any humane feelings," and he therefore would give the order that in case foreign seamen could not be taken prisoner, which is not always possible on the open sea, U-boats were to surface after a torpedoing."

A Young German naval lieutenant testified that Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz in the fall of 1942 ordered a terror campaign be waged at sea to defeat America's growing ship production.

Lieutenant Peter Josef Heisig told the court that Doenitz words to the German Naval college graduation class indicated clearly that rescue vessels particalary should be destroyed. Under cross examination Heisig admitted that he had never seen such a written order but he insisted that the Grand Admiral's implication was unmistakable.

Another violation of the rules of war was laid directly to Doenitz. An order dated March 30, 1940 that the naval force "participating in the invasion of Denmark and Norway" will as they enter the harbor fly the British flag until the troops have landed." Also read into the record was an order by Doenitz forbidding any attempt to rescue or aid survivors of torpedoed ships. Evidence against Doenitz was closely linked by the prosecutor with the case against Erich Raeder, former Commander in Chief

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of German Navy, which is to follow. The case of Doenitz is the first of ten defendants whose cases Britain and the United States will conclude this week. This will be followed next week by French and Russian prosecution of cases.

The German submarine sank two hundred and thirty three merchant ships in the first year of the war, the admiralty report submitted to the tribunal disclosed. Thomas J. Dodd, of the U. S. prosecution team, told the court that investigations of the fate of Walter Koch, notorious commandant of the Buchenwald horror camp, revealed that the Nazis executed him in 1944. They accused him of general corruption and murdering some one with whom he had a personal feud. Koch's wife, whom he had presented with lampshades made from prisoner's skin, was executed for aiding and abetting her husband, Dodd added.

RECONVERSION IN U. S. IS ALMOST COMPLETE

A report published by Paul Hoffmann, chairman of the committee for economic development, reports reconversion in the U. S. is 90 per-cent complete. The report just issued states that only five months after victory, 52,000,000 workers or nearly every other person in the country are employed in civilian jobs. Only two million out of a total population of 130,000,000 are workless, and hundreds of thousands of jobs are still unfilled. Hoffmann said that production and employment in America are at the highest level in history.

"In spite of all these labor disputes and many shortages of material, America's national economic situation is already close to full employment and a full production goal which once seemed so impossible. Demobilization has brought many more men home than the prophets anticipated and yet American enterprise that the number of those unable to find postwar jobs is only a quarter to one fifth of the total estimated by the prophete of doom," Hoffmann said.

AMERICAN ANSWER TO ITALY EXPECTED

The reply of the United States to the recent french note of discussion of peace treaties with Italy and other Axis satellites was expected to reach Paris Tuesday. Authorized French sources, who apparently are already informed of the general outline of the contents, said the note would be "as satisfactory as could be expected."

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One of the basic problems was said to be the status of majority of forty seven prefactual governors under the latest purge order. A Communist party statement carried by Jiji news agency reiterated demands for the abouition of the emperor system but proposed to let the people decide the ultimate fate of the imperial household, reversing a recent stand. The statement coincided with the return of Snaji Nozaka, Communist leader, from 16 years of self exile in Russia and China.

AMG CLARIFIES CITIZENSHIP STATUS

Office of the military government in Bavaria announced Monday a yardstick for determining claims of American citizenship of hundreds of individual detained in Germany since the end of the war, a dispatch to the New York Times reported.

The dispatch said the yardstick was set up to deny protection to numerous individuals claiming such priveleges, but who, under existing laws probabiy are not citizens of the United States. The dispatch continued: "Under the new ruling, the claimant must have been in possission of one of the following on December 7th, 1941: colon quote.

One — a valid American Passport; two a valid certificate of indentity and registration issued by an American consular officer; three, a letter from an American diplomat of the consular office informing him that his application for passport had been approved and indicating that it would be issued to him and valid for a period extending beyond December 7th, 1941; four, a Swiss letter for protection (applicable to persons in possession of evidence mentioned above).

Claimants who are unable to furbish such evidence will be required to submit an application for clarification of citizenship status to the American consular general munich when facilities are available.

EX-GERMAN ENVOY ENDS LIFE

Dr. Otto Koecher, former German minister to Switzerland who previously was reported to have died in the American camp at Ludwigsburg, committed suicide, U. S. Seventh army headquarters announced Monday.

Koecher was found hanged in camp after he was questioned about two hundred thousand reichsmark missing from the gold transfer from the German Embassy to the National bank in Bern. According to a suicide note, Koecher believed he had been falsely accused and he would not be able to convince the allies of his innocence.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

Central — 1310, 1815 — "Lad on a Train" with Deanna Durbin and David Bruce (last times today).

Cleveland — 1315, 1845 — "Colonel Effingham's Raid" with Charles Coburn and Joan Bennet (today and Thurs).

Landes — 1930 — Viennna Boy's Choir (last times today).

Red Cross — 1930 — Dance with 330th dance band; 2030 — Broadcast.

Volks — "Love Letters" with Jos. Cotten and Jennifer Jones (today and Thurs.).

Hollywood — "Shady Lady" with Charles Coburn and Ginny Simms (today and Thurs.).

Chattanooga — "The Cheaters" with Joseph Schildkraut and Billie Burke (today and Thurs.).

Music Hall — "Men in Her Diary" with Jon Hall and Louise Albritton (today and Thurs.).

Varga — "I'll Tell the World" with Lee Tracy and Brenda Joyce (today and Thurs.).