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THE STRIKE SITUATION

The strike situation in the USA took a favourable turn over the weekend, an agreement having been reached with the 25,000 electric-workers of the Gen. Motors Corpor. and the 7,000 workers of the Western Union in New York who belong to the CIO. The termination of the electric-workers strike in five different states was jointly announced by the General Motors and by James Maties, leader of the organization of the United Electric, Radio and Mechanical workers. The agreement provides a raise of hourly wages by 18½ cents. About 300,000 electric-workers, all members of the CIO, started their strike against the General Motors, General Electric and Westinghouse on January 15 demanding a raise of one dollar per day. General Motors was offering the trade union 13½ cents per hour and, Westinghouse a 15% raise. A speaker of the White House reported that some progress has been made in the attempts at settling the steel strike. The White House as well as president Philip Murray of the CIO are in agreement that the only difficulty is in the question of how far the retroactive forces of the raise of wages is to go. The majority of motor tire factories in Ohio will have to close down for lack of wire material unless the strike is brought to a close within eight to ten days. While New York is facing a serious crisis on account of the fuel and coal situation, tug-boat operatives have not yet returned to their work.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN THE FAR EAST

A report issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture indicates insufficient food supplies in India, Burma and Ceylon. The foodstuffs industry in India has nearly reached pre-war levels, but the increase population and the stoppage of food supplies will presumably cause a scarcity of food so that the food situation in India will become serious in a short time.

AUSTRO-AMERICAN CLUB OPENS IN VIENNA

In the presence of Mr. Erhardt, adviser to Gen. Mark. W. Clark, the Austrian Chancellor Ing. Figl, Foreign Minister Dr. Karl Gruber and Min. Krauland, the Austro-American Club was opened in Vienna on Sunday. The club is in close contact with the Austro-American Society and are both planning to found branch clubs in other parts of Austria. The number of members is limited to 300, new members being received by secret ballot only.

MEAT INDUSTRY WORKERS DEMAND HIGHER WAGES

The Committee Ways and Means inquiring into the wages demands of the meat industry workers was backing a general raise of hourly wages by 16 cents for the 90,000 workers in five of the more important branches of the meat industry. The committee announced that five of the sixteen cents could be paid without a corresponding rise in prices or subsidies whereas the rest could be set off by subsidies and a rise in prices. Secretary of Agriculture Anderson requested the Wages Stabilization Committee to authorize him to put the 16 cents raise of wages in forces.

DEATH SENTENCE FOR HOMMA

The Japanese Lieut. Gen. Masaharu Homma who was found guilty of having issued the order for the "Death march of Bataan" and who is responsible also for other war crimes was sentenced by the American military tribunal to death by shooting.

RADIOGRAMS AGAIN

Since the end of the Western Union strike in New York and other points in the United States, radiograms may now be sent to any point in the U. S. according to an RCA announcement from Vienna.

RUSSIAN VOTES TOPS HUNDRED MILLION

Over 100,000,000 Russians went to the polls to elect deputies to the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) and to vote on the continued regime of the Communist Party and Marshal Stalin. Only one candidate, a Communist is running for each post and balloters either vote for him or drop a "No" ballot into a special box.

BIG 3 AGREED ON FAR EAST AT YALTA TALKS

An agreement was reached at the Yalta Conference of the Big Three on the Far Eastern situation, Secretary of State James Byrnes revealed at a Washington Press Conference.

By the secret pact made by the late President Roosevelt, ex-Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin, the Russians would enter the Japanese war, three months after the fall of Germany, on three conditions. These were: The Kuril Islands would become the sole possession of the Soviet upon Russia's declaration of war, the Mongolian Republic would remain unchanged and the Russians would get back territory held before 1904.

The agreement remained "Top Secret" and was to be "unquestionably fulfilled," according to Byrnes who pointed out that President Truman learned of the agreement only before the Potsdam Conference. Byrnes also told Congressman Hebert (D., La.), that there were no more secret agreements.

NOTICE! HUNTERS NOTICE!

Hunting Season is now closed for all game with the exception of Ducks. Violators will be severely punished.

11th ENGINEERS WIN OPENING GAME; TWO CONTESTS TONIGHT IN COMPANY LEVEL TOURNEY

The 11th Engineers pulled away from the underdog 25th Regulating Station in the third quarter to win
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the first game of the Company Level Championship Tournament now being conducted at the Linz Gymnasium Monday night.

Leading 15-10 at haltime, the winners ran wild in the third period to tally 13 points while holding the losers to two markers. Peraia was top point man for the night with 19. Miller was high for the 25th five with 13.

The 640 (E4) Group advanced to the quarter-finals by a default win over the 1347th Engineers.

Tonight, two games are on card. At 1800, the 83rd QM will meet the 117th Evacuation Hospital and at 1915, the 83rd Headquarters Company, winners of the second half of the Linz League, battles the 3614 QM Truck Company.

Four teams advanced to the quarter-finals byes. They were: M Company-329, M Company 331, C Company-331, and the 4th Cavalry. Games will be played Wednesday which will reduce the teams to four and these squads will battle in the semi-finals Thursday night. The finals will be played as the preliminary game to the 84rd Division-USFA match Friday night.

A handsome trophy will be presented to the winning team, according to an announcement made at the Monday morning drawings by Benjie Montcalm, Athletic NCO, Division Special Service.

COMPANY LEVEL TOURNAMENT

— Results —

M Co. 329 — Bye

M Co. 331 — Bye

C Co. 331 — Bye

11th Eng. 42 25th Reg. 29

1347th Eng. forfeited to 640 (E4) Gp

— Tonight's scheduled —

1800 — 83rd QM — 117th Evac.

1915 — 83rd Hq Co — 3614 QM

SPORTS BRIEFS . . . Ben Hogan won the Texas Open with a 72-hole card of 264. Hogan fired rounds of 67-65-67-65 to cope the 1,500 dollar first prize . . . Chicago leads the National Hockey League by one point over second place Montreal and Boston . . . The Yanks, Giants and Dodgers have started their spring training campaigns. They will be joined this week by Pittsburgh, Washington and Boston's Braves . . . Bowling Green halted the 15 game winning streak of the Oklahoma Aggies in a 48-37 fashion . . . Yale has concluded its season with a 14-1 record. The only loss was to Harvard . . .

PRESIDENT TRUMAN TELLS OF NEW BUILDING PROGRAM

President Truman made the following comment on the subject of the new building plan in connection with a report submitted by Wilson Wyatt: "When I called Mr. Wyatt to Washington, I invited him to do some large-scale planning. For five weeks he had been strenuously preparing his plans. He had consultations with governmental offices and private persons who were interested. He has submitted an emergency program for building homes for soldiers who have returned to civilian life. He may depend upon the unlimited support of all administrative offices; governmental authorities have been strictly enjoined to put all necessary means of effecting this plan at his disposal. The Budget Office has been asked to make necessary revisions in favor of the proposed building plan. I call upon Congress to enact laws that seem suited to the requirements of this plan. I make an appeal in the spirit of community to contribute to the realization of this aim. I call upon all responsible men to do their level best to effect these plans in their communities."

SUN SPOTS STILL TROUBLESOME

A Melbourne Observatory expert said that all over the world the transmission of news has been badly interfered with lately because of sun spots, but it was likely, he claimed, that there would be an immediate improvement the moment the sun spots disappeared. It is expected however, that sun spots will soon reappear on the eastern edge of the sun.

IKE SPEAKS TO DISABLED VETS

General Eisenhower has made an address to disabled students who are being trained for the civil service and were receiving their university diplomas. Among other things he stressed the necessity of the United States remaining a top ranking military power until the world is ready to discard violence as a means of settling international conflicts. He said he would continue in his efforts to free the world from ignorance, intolerance and stupidity which made the nations resort to aggressive war.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

BASKETBALL — Linz Gymnasium — Company Level Tournament — 1800 — 83rd QM vs. 117th Evac. Hosp., 1915 — 83rd Hq Co vs. 3614 QM Truck Co.
Landes Theatre — 1930 — last time tonight — "Here Today," USO Stage Play. Free Admission. Military Personnel Only. Tickets available at Landes Box Office 0900-1130 and 1300-1700. Wednesday: "Barber of Seville," Opera by Rossini. 1930 hours. Admission 5 schillings. Tickets on sale at Landes Box Office.
Central — Tuesday and Wednesday — 1310, 1815 and 2015 — "On Stage Everybody," with Jack Oakie and Peggy Ryan.
— — All Shows Playing Last Times Today — —
Cleveland — 1315 and 1845 — "Love, Honor and Good Bye," with Victor McLaglen and Virginia Bruce. Wednesday and Thursday — "Confidential Agent"
Volks — "Captain Eddie," with Fred McMurry and Lynn Bari. Wednesday and Thursday — "Love Honor and Good Bye"
Hollywood — "Caribbean Mystery," with James Dunn and Sheila Ryan. Wednesday and Thursday — "Captain Eddie"
Chattanooga — "Radio Stars on Parade," with Frances Langford and Wally Brown. Wednesday and Thursday — "Caribbean Mystery"
Music Hall — "Anchors Aweigh," with Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly. Wednesday and Thursday — "Radio Stars on Parade"
Varga — "Paris Underground," with Gracie Fields and Constance Bennett. Wednesday and Thursday — "Anchors Aweigh"
Linz Red Cross — 0715 — Ski Tour, 1500 — Nic Nacs in the Lounge, 1930 — Bingo, 1930 — Ping Pong Tournament