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65,000 British Seamen Begin Full-Scale Strike

Warning By PM Ignored

LONDON (CP)—Britain's 62,000 merchant seamen began a full-scale strike today that could stifle overseas trade, tie up 2,500 ships and clog the country's ports.

The men, including veteran seafarers who worked to save Britain from starvation in the Second World War by dodging German submarines, started the walkout at midnight Sunday.

They ignored a personal warning by Prime Minister Wilson that their stoppage would cripple Britain's crucial export drive.

The National Union of Seamen demanded a reduction in the average working week to 40 hours from 56, and a £14 (\$42) basic wage.

Their strike, expected to last three weeks, will hit the country's food supplies. Fruit and vegetable importers predict a price spiral after seven days.

Wilson announced he will make an emergency broadcast on all radio and television channels tonight. Aides said Wilson will warn Britons against panicking and hoarding food.

About 300 ships were reported abandoned in home ports at the midnight strike deadline. The log jam will build up as more ships steam in and lose their crews.

The London Port Authority said, "We are facing a creeping chaos." At midnight, more than 50 British vessels were stranded in London's sprawling dock system and 46 foreign ships faced the problem of getting out.

The strike threatened slow paralysis of Britain's economic life, stopping the imports needed to sustain the nation and the exports needed to pay for them.

The Cunard Steam-Ship Co. said the strike will cost it £1,250,000 in the first month, increasing if the strike goes on.

The Cunard luxury liner Queen Elizabeth is scheduled to arrive at Southampton from New York tonight and all 800 crew members are expected to walk off.

Government and industry fear it may be at least several weeks before there is a change for compromise on the seamen's pay demands. The National Union of Seamen says it has strike funds to hold out for three months.

Even if the strike lasts half that time, it would bring on Britain's worst industrial dislocation since the 1926 general strike—and at a moment when the economy is still recovering from a sterling crisis.

The pinch is expected to be felt slowly because not all the union's 65,000 members are going out at once. Striking at sea is mutiny, so the seamen will wait until their ships dock. Even at this rate, 300 British ships—a week of Britain's 2,500—would be immobilized and one-third of the seamen would be out in a month.



SHARP ANGLING

Finance minister Sharpe, with a grin as big as his last budget, displays a rainbow trout taken on a fly at Lake Panous, near Vernon, B.C., over the weekend. He took time out after opening a civic complex at Vernon to test the fishing and hooked five. He returned to Ottawa Sunday with some of the 42 fish caught by his party as a gift for Prime Minister Pearson. (CP Wirephoto)

Washington Worried Over Viet Nam Crisis

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. government has told American officials in Viet Nam to make every effort to persuade leaders of South Viet Nam to resolve their differences, says a state department press officer Marshall Wright.

The statement followed emergency meetings Sunday of the Johnson administration's top officials on a new Viet Nam crisis.

President Johnson was reported to have called Defense Secretary McNamara, State Secretary Rusk, Ambassador Lodge and others to the session.

Wright said: "There was no prior consultation with American authorities" by the military government of Premier Nguyen Cao Ky before it sent troops to Da Nang to gain control over the dissident 1st Corps area.

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drawn from some 1st Corps units in the vicinity of Da Nang.

Wright said: "We have known for some time that the government of Viet Nam was concerned over its lack of full authority in the area of Hue and Da Nang, but we had no information that action such as now has been taken was being contemplated."

Wright noted that the South Vietnamese chief of state, Lt. Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu, "has announced that the action was taken to restore and maintain order and that security and order were regarded as essential requirements for expediting preparations for elections for the constituent assembly."

The Vietnamese elections are due in September.

Sources said that U.S. installations in the Da Nang area had gone on full alert and had reinforced their perimeters.

Even if the situation should develop short of a civil war, any protracted new controversy between the Buddhists and Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky could lead to diversion of important South Vietnamese troop elements. This happened in April when the political troubles last flared.

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara has acknowledged that the Buddhist-Ky confrontation in April caused a fall-off in South Vietnamese military operations.

As one index of this, he said, Viet Cong battle deaths dropped about 50 per cent. U.S. reports indicated that enemy combat deaths totalled about 3,000 in April compared to roughly 6,000 in March before the last round of political disorders.

NO AMERICANS INVOLVED

No American units are involved and there are no American advisers with the battalions of the South Vietnamese government that were sent to Da Nang.

In general the American advisers are with 1st Corps units. It is possible, American advisers have been with

Four Men Die In Car Crash

SHARBOT LAKE, Ont. (CP)—Four men were killed Saturday in a two-car crash five miles west of here.

Provincial police said the crash occurred on a straight, dry stretch of highway. Sharbot Lake is about 65 miles west of Ottawa.

John Frank Moreland, 19, of Ottawa and Joseph William Ayoub, 36, of Lucerne, Que., near Ottawa, were killed in one car, driven by Mr. Moreland.

Wilmer Alexander Flieler, 51, of Arden, Ont., and Alexander Pringle, 42, also of Arden, were killed in the other.

Douglas Kirkham, 19, and David Coy, 22, both of Napanee, Ont., suffered multiple leg and rib fractures. They were occupants of Mr. Flieler's car.

Jaycees Elect Halifax Man

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Max McCann of Halifax was elected president of the Atlantic Provinces Junior Chamber of Commerce at the group's annual meeting here Saturday.

Mr. McCann, who defeated George Scantlebury of Charlottetown, succeeds James Wright of Sydney.

The Halifax chapter won the award for outstanding unit for the year and Gerald Willis of Windsor, N.S., the outstanding jaycee.



DRAMA FESTIVAL AWARD WINNERS

The Prince Edward Island Drama Festival Association's High School Final Festival was held at the Confederation Centre Theatre Saturday night. Three of the award winners, from the left, Louis MacDonald, St. Dunstan's High School; Irene Larkin, Morell Regional High School; and Daniel Carmichael, Morell, are seen with their trophies which were presented by adjudicator, Evelyn Garbary. Louis won an award for speech and accepted the award on behalf of the production staff for best visual. Irene was chosen as best supporting actress and Daniel best supporting actor. Morell was the recipient of the best play award. (See story on page 5.)

Dead Two Minutes Man Revives, Tells Plans For His \$55,600

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—An elderly man whose heart stopped beating for two minutes last week, putting him into a four-day coma, revived Saturday and spoke haltingly of how he came to be carrying \$55,600 stitched into his clothing.

"It is for my sister," said 69-year-old Albert Jarkin from his bed in a ward at Charity Hospital. "She's destitute. She lives in a shack in Buenos Aires and I want to build her a home."

Jarkins, a diabetic, was taken to hospital Tuesday after he became unconscious while riding in a taxi. His heart stopped beating just after he was admitted to the hospital. He was saved by external heart massage.

Jarkins said the money police found in his clothing represented 30 years of profits made by speculating on the New York Stock Market.

"Sometimes I lost," he said. "But more often I won."

Thirty years ago, when Jarkin arrived in New York, from Argentina, he was broke.

"I was down and out—and took any job I could get," he said.

"Every cent I made, I saved. Sometimes I saved instead of thinking about my stomach."

"As soon as I had \$100 saved up, I bought stocks. I've done that ever since—saved \$100 and bought stocks."

WAS SHOCKED

Then, last year, Jarkin retired from his job as a refrigerator salesman and went to Buenos Aires to visit his sister. He was appalled at what he saw.

"It is unbelievable how she lives. She lives in a three-room shack with her daughter. I couldn't believe it. They hardly have a roof over their heads."

Jarkin returned to the United States, resolved to collect his savings and buy his sister a home in Argentina.

"This is too old to come to this country," he said.

He sold nearly all of his stocks and left New York for New Orleans a week ago. Passengers found on him included passage on the ship Del Norte.

Jarkin checked out of a French-Quarter hotel Tuesday and took a taxi to the dock where the Del Norte was berthed. He was told the ship did not leave until Wednesday.

The cabbie recalled that Jarkin began acting strangely and asked to be taken back to his hotel.

HOTELS CAGEY

The hotel refused to admit him. He seemed drunk. Another hotel also refused to take him in.

By then, the meter had reached \$580 and the driver asked to be paid.

Jarkin replied incoherently. The cabbie took him to police headquarters, thinking him drunk.

Officers realized Jarkin was ill and called for an emergency unit. They searched him and found the cash, which later was banked.

Doctors said Jarkin had a cardiac arrest at the hospital. His heart failed for two minutes.

Now, Jarkin's condition is "much improved."

Five Perish In B.C. Fire

SQUAMISH, B.C. (CP)—Two men and three children perished early Sunday in a fire which destroyed a home at this lumber industry community at the head of Howe Sound, 30 miles north of Vancouver.

RCMP said two other persons, the parents of the dead children and another child, managed to escape.

Police and firemen, searching the ruins, found the bodies of a 22-year-old and 23-year-old man and those of Breton, 4, Barton, 3, and Bevin, 16 months, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bulmer.

Bulmer, his wife, and another Bulmer child, a five-year-old, escaped.

Volunteer firemen from Squamish and surrounding communities were called when the fire was reported but could do little.

RCMP withheld the identity of the two men who died in the blaze. They were not from the Squamish area.

Bulmer worked at a Squamish shingle mill and the two men were believed fellow employees.

PET SAVES SELF

Ivan McFarland of Peterborough, Ont., holds the pet of four sisters who died in a fire in Peterborough, Ont., Saturday morning. Lassie, pet of the Lemoire family, chewed its way out of the burning home. Seven other persons including the sisters parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemoire, escaped the blaze. (CP Wirephoto)

First Jet In Britain Flown 25 Years Ago

CRANWELL, England (Reuters)—Twenty-five years ago Sunday a handful of men standing near the runway at a wartime RAF base here witnessed an epoch-making event—the birth of the British jet plane.

About an hour before dusk on a wet day, test pilot Jerry Sayer—killed 18 months later—took Britain's first airworthy jet, the Gloster E-28-39, into a climb.

The plane staged up for about 17 minutes. It reached a speed of 240 miles an hour.

Then it landed safely—a moment of relief for one of the watchers, Squadron Leader Frank Whittle whose single-minded endeavor for years provided the engine that launched the plane into the air.

Whittle, then 35, wanted to fly the jet himself—but those from whom he took his orders judged the inventor's life too valuable to be risked.

The Gloster E-28-39 did not go into production but much of the scientific knowledge it provided went into the Meteor, the air force's first operational jet which was in service by 1944, toward the end of the Second World War.

One of its uses was in shooting down the flying bombs Hitler was directing at Britain.

AHEAD OF U.S.

Whittle had worked on his revolutionary engine since 1928 and had it running on test in 1937. After being proved in flight it was sent to the United States, then years behind in jet flight.

Thus was laid the foundations for an American industry that has produced some of the world's finest supersonic warplanes and now supplies the bulk of the fleets of high-speed civilian jetliners that girdle the earth.

Whittle's title as "father" of the jet—his original plane is in London's Science Museum—has been contested on more than one occasion by the Germans.

They first claimed that a German jet flew two years before Britain's. Later German plane-maker Ernst Heinkel said a twin-engine fighter, the He-280, was in the air two months in advance of the flight of the Gloster E-28-29.

What is certain is that German jet fighters were in action over Europe towards the end of the war.

The Russians, too, put in a claim to have been first with the jet but Moscow did not provide details.

At 58, Sir Frank Whittle, who received £100,000 (\$300,000) from the British government for his invention and who has been honored by scientific societies and universities all over the world, is still interested in new projects.



PET SAVES SELF

Anti-Ky Troops Seize Airfield

SAIGON (AP)—South Vietnamese troops opposed to Premier Nguyen Cao Ky's military government were reported today to have seized the airfield at Hue, the old imperial capital 400 miles north of Saigon.

Unconfirmed accounts said the move appeared aimed at blocking any attempt by Ky to move airborne troops on Hue, as he did on Da Nang Sunday in a crackdown on Buddhist opponents of his regime.

As the political crisis boiled up again, union leaders said 50,000 workers went on strike in Saigon today, charging police brutality and oppression by the military regime.

In Washington, President Johnson met his advisers amid fears the crisis could imperil the U.S. position.

In a special broadcast, Lt. Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu, South Viet Nam's chief of state, described the seizure by government troops of key installations in Da Nang as a move against Buddhist dissident groups infiltrated by the Viet Cong.

The war against the Viet Cong, meanwhile, went into a lull.

South Vietnamese troops flown from Saigon took over the sprawling market place near the centre of Da Nang today.

CONTROLLED PAGODA

Early today, the Tinh Hoi pagoda appeared to be the chief area where forces opposed to the Saigon government still were in control. About 200 garrison soldiers and several hundred civilians milled around the pagoda.

To Thanh Tuyen, chairman of the labor federation, which embraces 117 unions, said workers stayed off their jobs on the docks, and at rice mills, textile mills and three big oil companies in Saigon. The federation claims 200,000 members.

Tuyen said no water and electricity services would be cut the first day.

The unions demand that police release a woman worker arrested last week and apologize for police mistreatment.

Canadian Gets Action Shots Of Robbery At London Store

LONDON (CP)—A tourist from Montreal turned over a 2½-minute color film to Scotland Yard Saturday after he saw four masked bandits attacked by bystanders when they attempted to break into a Bond Street jewelry store.

Police said the film cannot be developed until today because it requires processing by the manufacturer. They regard it as a valuable clue in their hunt for the bandits.

The men escaped with an estimated £15,000 (\$45,000) in jewelry despite the intervention of passersby.

Claude Payette, 55, in London on holiday with his wife, Camille, said he was taking a film of Bond Street's expensive shops.

"Suddenly I saw the masked bandits smashing at the windows of the jewellers and a large crowd trying to fight them. I got some marvelous action pictures of the whole thing, including their getaway and the number of their car."

SWUNG ACROSS STREET

The raid began when a truck swung across the top of the street and blocked traffic. Then a luxury model car drove against the one-way traffic and stopped outside the jewelry store.

Four men, masked and carrying axes, jumped out of the car and smashed the store window. Passerby Frank Freeder, 79, blew a police whistle he carries for emergencies and swung at the raiders with a heavy stick.

A passing widow, Lady Shepherd, smashed the bandits' car window with her umbrella and other spectators began to menace the men.

But they fought their way back into the car and drove off.

Mushrooming Use Of LSD Sparks U.S. Senate Concern

WASHINGTON (AP)—A five-year-old boy suffers convulsions after eating a sugar cube and is brought to a hospital, terrified and cringing from pursuing "green animals."

A college co-ed is given a capsule at a party, blacks out in a subway car on her way home, ends up in a psychiatric ward.

Two youths are arrested eating grass from a lawn and bark off the trees.

These and other bizarre cases are in the big file marked LSD in the office of the Senate subcommittee on juvenile delinquency considering legislation to deal with the problem that a Los Angeles police official says is mushrooming among teenagers, students, non-conformists, radicals and beatniks.

The problem has attracted enough attention and headlines that two other Senate groups, in addition to the juvenile delinquency subcommittee, have looked or are planning to look into reports of widespread use of the hallucinogenic drug, Lysergic Acid Diethylamide.

Senator John L. McClellan's investigations subcommittee related in it during hearings on President Johnson's crime legislation.

MAKING SURVEYS

An official of the National Institute of Mental Health told Arkansas Democrat McClellan it is conducting two surveys to determine the extent of LSD usage. But he expressed belief the size of the problem has been exaggerated.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy (Dem. N.Y.) also has scheduled three days of hearings on the situation beginning May 25 to the reported irritation of the staff of the juvenile delinquency subcommittee, whose chairman is Senator Thomas J. Dodd (Dem. Conn.).

The juvenile delinquency subcommittee feels Kennedy is stepping into their reservation, since it was Dodd who was author of the measure enacted last year in tightest U.S. federal controls over pep pills, goof balls and hallucinogenic drugs.

But the Dodd group stole a March Friday by bringing in Dr. Timothy Leary, the controversial pioneer LSD experimenter, who is appealing a 30-year prison sentence for possession of marijuana without paying a tax.

The growth rate of LSD usage is "staggering," said Leary, a former Harvard lecturer.

He estimated that thousands of the young—perhaps as many as a third of U.S. college students—are experimenting with LSD.

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