

Railroad Unions Set National-Wide Walkout Monday

CHICAGO, March 5.—(UP)—A nation-wide walkout by the nation's major railroad brotherhoods has been called for 6 a. m., March 11, it was disclosed tonight as government officials worked desperately to stave off a threatened country-wide telephone walkout.

Top officials of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers and the brotherhood of railway trainmen said the nation's largest lines had been ordered struck on March 11 and a strike call for the smaller railroads was scheduled for March 13 and 14. P. O. Peterson, general chairman of the B. L. E., said that among the first lines affected by a strike call were the Southern Pacific, the Alton, the Topka and Santa Fe, Northwest Pacific, and several eastern railroads.

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The strike call came after votes by 400,000 workers in a referendum estimated 90 per cent endorsed which union officials said would mean a manual telephone system, telegraph lines, and radio, television lines, and trans-Atlantic services.

Democrats To Hold State Session In Raleigh May 2

By CALVIN LEONARD, Daily News Special Correspondent... RALEIGH, March 5.—The state Democratic executive committee at its meeting tonight announced that the state convention of the party will be held at noon Thursday, May 2, in Memorial auditorium here.

At the same time announcement was made that the county convention will be held Saturday, April 27, and precinct meetings will be held the week ending on Saturday, April 20.

The committee adopted a resolution in which Chairman William E. Caldwell is authorized to appoint a committee of five members, three of whom are to be members of the state Democratic executive committee, to consider and advise the party in party organization. The committee will report to the full meeting of members of the executive committee to be held in the summer.

Catawba Representation... E. J. Durham, chairman, presented a resolution calling for equal representation with freedom of movement for the state senate district. The matter was referred to the senate committee for action.

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Coal Firms Meet Today With Lewis

G.M. And U.A.W. Remain At Odds... WASHINGTON, March 5.—Soft coal producers tonight accepted the united mine workers' (A.F.L.) request for a wage conference, but asked that the meeting be held "with a minimum of friction and no work stoppage."

In a letter to U.M.W. President John L. Lewis, the producers served notice that they would yield to his demand for bargaining rights for an estimated 60,000 supervisory employees. Charles O'Neill, president of the Central Pennsylvania Producers association, said that any wage increase granted would require an increase in the price of coal to exactly the same amount as the wage rise.

The producers' three-page reply to Lewis stated that a quick agreement be reached so the industry can avoid losing further ground to such competitive fuels as oil and gas.

Parallel Interests... "Never before have the interests of the miner and the operator been so parallel as they are today," the operators said. For years the industry has been on a ground to competitive sources of fuel and power and the rate of production has assumed alarming proportions.

As preparations are being made to convene this conference, the operators feel that they are being asked to join now in bolstering the industry's position. They feel that a better ground within the mines to promote smoother and greater production for the nation's needs is a guaranteed establishment of an uninterrupted flow of supply to the customers.

Lewis asked the operators last Saturday for a conference for a new basic wage contract and filed a notice of intention to strike. He said he intends to strike his miners in 30 days to support his demands. He listed some of the issues as bargaining rights for the U.M.W. for the supervisory employees, a 10 per cent differential and wages and hours.

The operators said in reply that the negotiating committee will attend the conference suggested April 11 a. m., next Tuesday.

U.A.W. Rebuked... In Detroit, General Motors corporation today termed "without merit" a proposal by the C.I.O. united auto workers that the 108-day-old C. I. O. strike be submitted to arbitration.

Repeating its proposal that the 176,000 auto workers be given the vote on the question of returning to work under terms of its latest contract, the U. A. W. said it will not accept a referendum on the company's latest proposal or simply abstain from the vote. It said it will support the demand for arbitration.

Referring to the arbitration suggestion—under which the U.A.W. proposed that the strikers be named by the company and the U.A.W. would submit to arbitration the issue of the extra penny of its contract—General Motors said: "Who would not vote to accept the increased wages and other benefits of the new contract if they could still retain the opportunity for further gain through a strike?"

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Churchill Asks Anglo-American Alliance; Truman Backs U.N.O.



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Russia's Manchurian Policy Hit By Byrnes

Secretary Sends Note To Soviets; Protests Red Army Men In Iran... WASHINGTON, March 5.—(UP)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today accused soviet Russia of trying to violate America's "open door" policy in Manchuria and then sent two protest messages to the soviet government.

One of these notes concerned the failure of the soviet to evacuate their troops from Iran. The other message protested Russia's policy in regard to Manchurian industries. Byrnes dispatched his message on the Iranian crisis after the Iranian ambassador, Hussein Ala, on March 2, had written the secretary of state.

Byrnes did not reveal the content of the message, which will be delivered to soviet authorities by American embassy officials. But it was expected to follow the pattern of a similar note which he had sent in an explanation for violating the treaty agreement.

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Housing Bill Withstands GOP Attack

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(UP)—The administration-backed Patman housing bill weathered its severest test today when the house rejected a Republican substitute by a 177-to-119 vote.

Britain Fears Reds Peril World Peace

President Avoids Issues Raised In Address By Former Minister... WASHINGTON, Mo., March 5.—(P)—Winston Churchill today asked a virtual military alliance between the United States and Britain and President Truman, speaking from the same platform, pleaded for "full support" of the united nations charter to save mankind from "destruction."

"The British" spoke after the fiery wartime prime minister of Great Britain had bluntly accused Russia of seeking "unlimited expansion of its power and doctrines." Speaking in the Westminister parliament, Churchill said that the British intended to speak on "the sins of peace" and that it knew the British were something constructive to say to the world.

In his acceptance of the degree of "full support" which he requested, Truman made his plea to the people to implement the U.N.O. charter and to stand for the land and the law of the world.

"These are perilous times," the chief executive said gravely. "The world is in a perilous time, and the greatest danger to the world is the danger of progress in history."

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Violent Outbreak Staged By Iranian Letist Body

London Report Says Small Nation Makes Protest Against Russians... TEHRAN, March 5.—(P)—In the second outbreak of violence in two days, leftist demonstrators broke through police lines in front of the parliament building today and severely beat an associate of Deputy Said Zia Ed-Din, described by soviet publications as anti-Russian.

Another man was injured in the disturbance, which occurred as members of parliament arrived for a scheduled session, postponed from yesterday because of the outbreak, which four persons were injured.

Only 70 deputies braved the milling crowd of 2,000 to 3,000, mostly police, who were trying to break up the demonstrators. They said they were forced to hold an "official session" because they had no other choice.

The target of today's attack was Saeid Hazzari, a member of the national parliament. He managed to escape the mob by running through the parliament building after being beaten to his knees.

Iranian officials here were cautious about making any flat statement that the case would again be referred to the security council, which has been asked to meet in Geneva for two weeks. The premier, expected in Tehran tomorrow, was expected to travel to Baku, where he planned to stop overnight.

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