

U. S. Must Stay Militarily Strong, Spaatz And Nimitz Declare At Legion Session



BOUGHT AS KIDNAPER—Above is Charles H. Leibaugh, for whom the FBI is carrying on an 11-state hunt after it is charged, Leibaugh snatched at gun point from her bedroom in Little Silver, N. J., Mrs. Mary Kinney, wife of Sgt. Glenn Kinney, Leibaugh, who has a police record, is said to have been in love with Mrs. Kinney before her marriage.

Chicago Electric Train Strike Is Scheduled Today

Walkout Would Interrupt Service On 200 Trains Serving 24,000

CHICAGO, Sept. 30 (AP)—A strike interrupting passenger service on some 200 electric trains serving more than 24,000 suburban commuters to Chicago today was ordered to start at 4 a. m. (CST) tomorrow on the Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railroad.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Locomotive Engineers and Firemen submitted a joint strike notice, the brotherhoods and the railroad said, in support of an 18-cent hourly wage increase.

The company has offered 14-cent and said a four-cent raise was granted last year, before the recent nationwide 18-cent rail wage boost.

The brotherhood refused the offer, asking for the full 18-cent increase. A union spokesman said wages would be increased to about \$1.22 an hour if the brotherhood's full demands are met.

Arthur L. Schwartz, railroad president, said compliance with union demands would create an annual deficit of \$50,000, adding that "we have offered all we can."

If the union and railroad follow the procedure of the National Railway Labor Act, a strike may be declared 30 days or longer after an effective date while a presidentially appointed fair-stuffing board investi-

Stelle Warns Against Communists As Threat From Within

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30 (AP)—Two top-ranking commanders of World War II told the American Legion today that the United States must remain militarily powerful against any possible threat from without and the Legion's retiring commander warned against Communists and "Socialist appeasement" as threats from within.

Peace was the theme but preparation set the emphasis as 15,000 Legionnaires opened the 28th national convention.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover drew an ovation when he told the convention that Communism "is a growing menace" in this country and the time is rapidly approaching "when loyal Americans must be willing to stand up and be counted."

Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of the Army Air Force, said if another war developed, the Army is a logical line of attack and "we are, in fact, wide open at the top."

First Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, who directed the naval warfare in the Pacific, said: "Havely had the last they been tried in World War II before the demand was raised by some to slack the Army and Navy to take care of the people and take advantage of the popular and understandable desire for economy, must not be allowed to prevail."

The Legion's national commander, John Stelle saw a "real peril" to the American system "in the present-day thinking of thousands of Americans."

Stelle criticized Bradley "Some of them are dead in the west Communism" Bradley said.

"But many others, including labor leaders, teachers and professional men and women, have swallowed a thoughtless apathy and have not looked into a mirror to see how red they have turned."

Stelle, in a criticism of Gen. Omar Bradley, charged the Federal Veterans' Administrator with "breaking the faith" with veterans in imposing a ceiling on veterans' on-the-job training, declared such a ceiling threatened to make the training "just another WPA project."

"I am for economy in government go without jeopardizing the moral most strongly that the 28th annual convention of the American Legion, adopt a resolution . . . to take the ceiling off the veterans and put it on the bureaucrats."

In a message sent from Germany, Gen. Eisenhower said there remained a big job to do both in Japan and in Europe, that the Army would support moves to cut expenses drastically but "there is an irrefragable minimum below which we cannot go."

Stelle reports criticized Bradley protection of the country and all it stands for."

U. S.-British Co-operation Landed British Field Marshal Lord Wilson, lauding British-American cooperation in the recent war, said "it cannot be forgotten when it might be required in the future."

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, called Communism a "growing menace." He said "American Communists have made their deepest inroads upon our national life" during the past five years.

"They have maneuvered themselves into positions where a few communists control the destinies of hundreds who are either unwilling to be led or have been swept into obeying the dictates of others," Hoover charged.

Stelle's report criticized Bradley but said the Veterans' Administrator was not "entirely responsible."

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