

Plainville, Conn. Teachers' Strike Ends
PLAINVILLE, Conn., June 14 (UP)—A two-month deadlock in a teachers' salary dispute was broken today when the board of education agreed to a \$300 cost-of-living bonus and a \$500 increase in the minimum yearly wage.

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Big Chittenden Dam Found Safe
RUTLAND, Vt., June 14 (AP)—Fears that the big Chittenden dam would burst and cause a second serious flood in this area were relieved today with announcement by Mayor Wayne N. Temple that the danger had passed.

FUTURE WAR MAD TRIUMPH OF SCIENCE HORRORS

EUROPEAN ERUPTIONS

German Communists, With Russian Aid, Embark Upon "Summer Offensive"

Objectives Include Control of Government in Berlin and Expansion in Western Zones

BERLIN, June 14 (AP)—Germany's Communists—supported by Russian occupation authorities and inspired by aggressive Communist tactics in Hungary and elsewhere in Europe—were embarked today on what an American official called a "summer offensive" of their own.

This offensive is being waged by the Soviet-sponsored, Communist-dominated Socialist Unity party (SED) with campaign headquarters in Berlin, where the representatives of Russian Communism and western democracy are in constant contact as they attempt to give four-power administration to this city and to Germany.

The Communists' principle objectives, as interpreted by responsible American officials are:

1. To regain full control of Berlin's city government—lost in a resounding election defeat last October—possibly by forcing an early new election.
2. To spread Communist influence into the western zones of Germany, occupied by the U. S. and Britain, through an intensified propaganda attack on British-American policies.
3. To quicken enactment of their economic policies in the Russian zone of Germany, overriding such political resistance as still exists there.

Transit Strike
BRUSSELS, June 14 (AP)—Workers on the town and inter-urban tramway system in Brussels and Belgium's central province of Brabant began a 24-hour strike today to enforce wage demands.

Belgians walked to work or struggled for taxis.

The strike was called after the government refused to meet demands for pay increases pending national wages and price discussions beginning Monday.

Schacht Grilled
FRANKFURT, Germany, June 14 (AP)—Hjalmar Schacht, former German finance minister, has been removed temporarily from a German internment center to "undergo a special interrogation," United States Army headquarters said today.

"For security reasons, that is all we can say," an Army spokesman added.

Schacht, who was acquitted of war crimes charges by the international military tribunal at Nuremberg last year, is serving an eight-year sentence imposed by a German denazification court which convicted him of Nazism.

World's Strongest Memory Claimed for Russian Man
Can Easily and Accurately Quote Anything He Was Told 10 or 12 Years Ago

LONDON, June 14 (AP)—The mental feats of a Russian who "probably possesses the strongest memory of all men" were reported today from Moscow.

The memory master is Solomon Shereshevsky, reported by Moscow Professor Alexander Luria in a Tass dispatch to be able to quote accurately anything he heard 10 or 12 years ago.

"Solomon Shereshevsky most probably possesses the strongest memory of all men," Luria told a Soviet news agency reporter.

"He can easily remember any number of words or digits, equally easy he memorizes whole pages from books on any subject and in any language and for quite a long time at that."

"Shereshevsky can accurately quote anything he was told 10 or 12 years ago. To everything he hears or sees he simultaneously reacts with all his senses. Thus to him any sound or thing has its own color, temperature, weight, shape and so on."

"This capacity for reacting to the outer world simultaneously with all his senses is called synesthesia by the psychological science. It is well known among many composers and other musicians."

SPOTLIGHT ON WASHINGTON
Federal Court to Act on Request To Ban Wallace Speech at Capital

Anti-Communist Group Charges Sponsor Of Talk Is a "Communist Group"

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—The American Anti-Communist association today accused Henry A. Wallace of "a strong sympathy with the cause of Communism" and asked a federal court to keep him from speaking in a government-owned outdoor theater here Monday night.

The association declared Wallace's sponsor, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, is a "Communist group" and that the former vice president is "a speaker whose methods incite human emotions toward riot and insurrection."

A formal petition to the court asked for an injunction requiring Secretary of the Interior Krug to cancel a permit issued by the interior department for use of the Watergate amphitheater on the banks of the Potomac river.

Decision Due Monday
The court is expected to pass on the petition during the day Monday.

A spokesman for Wallace at the New York office of the New Republic magazine, of which he is editor, described the court action as an attempt by the Anti-Communist association and the house un-American activities committee "to scare government workers so that they will not attend the meeting." The spokesman added:

"If the police state has not arrived the government workers in Washington will rebuke these methods by turning out in force."

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Truman, back from his good will trip to Canada, kept mum today on whether he will slap the



INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION, HOLLYWOOD STYLE—Actress Martha Stewart of the films dons a skin-tight, star-spangled costume and waves a striped banner as she prepares to celebrate Independence day. Her birthday is July 4, which might account for her somewhat premature enthusiasm. — AP WIREPHOTO.

TODAY IN THE USA

Residents of Ottumwa, Iowa, Leave Homes in Low Areas as Flood Mounts

Des Moines River to Hit Crest Today In City Already Ravaged by High Waters

OTTUMWA, Ia., June 14 (AP)—This sandbagged southeastern Iowa city, sections of it still desolate from the last high waters of the Des Moines river, waited tensely today for its second flood in a week.

With the river expected to rise rapidly today, cresting at 19.5 feet tomorrow, preparations were nearly complete for protecting the 32,000 residents, many of them still homeless after the river reached a record 20.24 feet last Saturday.

Evacuation centers have been established in the high school and grade schools, which are stocked with food. Some residents in the low areas moved in yesterday.

The Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Red Cross were set up in the city to provide aid. Five generators for use in strategic centers in case of power failure were flown in by the Army from Fort Sheridan, Ill. The Army also brought in 15 mobile kitchens.

Oakland Truce
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—A truce appeared in sight today in the four-day key system transit strike which has tied up transportation for 500,000 riders. Both sides met to discuss conditions under which the 3000 workers proposed to return to their jobs immediately and negotiate a contract later.

St. Louis Strike
ST. LOUIS, (AP)—The strike of street car operators and bus drivers, which immobilized public transportation facilities in this metropolitan area of more than a million persons, entered its second day today.

Confident Matter
SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Attorney Joseph E. Isaac opened a plain manila envelope which had come regular air mail from Switzerland and \$7073 in small bills tumbled out. There was no return address, but the envelope bore the notation on the outside: "contents: \$7073!" It was the first installment on a \$60,000 cash estate being sent one of Isaac's clients by the attorney for Morse Bollack, who died recently in Switzerland.

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—Municipal Judge F. Ray Bennett thought he'd listened to just about all the excuses for traffic citations, but on Friday the 13th he heard a new one.

Police officers told the court Paul Cosgrove, 49, had this to say as they pulled him from his wrecked automobile:

"Drivers of parked cars should be more careful. That guy pulled right out in front of me."

After ascertaining there was no driver near the stationary vehicle, Judge Bennett sentenced Cosgrove to 180 days in jail on a drunk driving charge.

Short Cruise
HARBOR SPRINGS, Mich., steamer Greater-Detroit spent

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) served friendly notice on the administration today that the time has come for Republican and Democratic leaders to size up together the long-range job of setting the world's economy to rights.

The United States, he said, cannot go on trying to meet "unanticipated crises" one by one.

The chairman of the foreign relations committee said there should be an advisory council of top men from both parties to take a balance sheet of the world's needs and the ability of this country's taxpayers to meet them.

WASHINGTON, (UP)—Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., announced today that his joint congressional economic committee soon will begin a study to find out how much more money and goods this country can afford to send the stricken nations of Europe.

Taft said the study will embrace all phases of the U. S. foreign spending program.

The committee will begin June 23 to examine effects of heavy exports on U. S. production, resources and domestic prices. Prominent figures in industry and finance will be called as witnesses, Taft said.

JUSTICE TESTIFIES—Owen J. Roberts, above, retired supreme court justice, yesterday told a house judiciary subcommittee in Washington that America has a "moral" duty to lead the world by taking in 400,000 refugees, who already are its wards. The committee is considering an immigration bill.—AP WIREPHOTO.

IS A-BOMB PASSE?

U. S. Scientist Helped Make New Secret Lethal Weapon

America and Britain Keep Details Hidden But Leave No Doubt Device Exists

NEW YORK, June 14 (AP)—The Herald Tribune quotes a 39-year-old American scientist it says shared in the development of the secret Anglo-American weapon reported from New Zealand as saying that the weapon exists "and that first reports, although exaggerated, are substantially true."

The scientist, James Marion Snodgrass of Cincinnati, is further quoted as saying that the weapon was not connected in any way with the atom bomb and that it was not a biological weapon.

Existence of the weapon first was reported when Prof. T. D. J. Leech of New Zealand was mentioned on the birthday honors list of King George VI in London. A news dispatch reported Dr. Leech as saying his weapon was an effective alternative to the atomic bomb. Later dispatches mentioned a Prof. J. M. Snodgrass of the University of California as a co-worker.

Original reports said the secret weapon outwitted the atom bomb.

The Herald Tribune says it reached Snodgrass in Cincinnati and quoted him as saying that he worked on the weapon in New Zealand and that he believed it to be a weapon of tremendous importance.

"But farther than that he would not go," the paper says. "He would not discuss its nature or whether it was for use against personnel or vessels."

The Herald Tribune quotes Snodgrass as saying the Navy holds all reports on it "although he recalled having spoken to Dr. Vannevar Bush, wartime scientific leader about it."

The paper says Snodgrass was a biophysicist and had done work on the effect of electric currents on the human body in the years that preceded the war.

At present he is chief engineer of the motion picture sound division of the Pictur-Acme company of Cincinnati.

Possible Clue
SYDNEY, Australia, June 14 (AP)—Prof. W. A. Miller of the Sydney university civil engineering department said today a new secret weapon mentioned in Auckland, N. Z., reports "might be in the nature of an airborne missile such as the German rocket bomb."

Miller emphasized to reporters, however, that he himself had received no indication of the nature of the project and that he made the comment only because he knew Prof. David James Leech of Auckland to have "an expert knowledge of aerodynamics."

Greater-Boston housewives were urged today to form a solid front of opposition to the proposed 2 per cent sales tax in the \$59,000,000 revenue program of Gov. Robert F. Bradford. The plea was made by the Massachusetts women's committee opposed to sales taxes. Mrs. John H. Kimball, chairman, said that with present costs it was impossible to make both ends meet. Daniel Bloomfield, manager of the Boston retail board, asserted that sales tax proposals will be fought by everyone who has the interest of his children, family and home at heart.

BOSTON, June 14 (INS)—A 22-year-old man was transferred today to the Boston Psychopathic hospital from City hospital where he was given first aid after being rescued from the waters off Revere beach by Metropolitan district policemen. Lieut. Arthur Reinsteiner and Sergt. William P. Crowe dove into the water fully clothed to effect the rescue after receiving a report from a 15-year-old Somerville boy that the man had leaped into the ocean and was drowning.

WORCESTER, June 14 (INS)—Classmates at Worcester Classical high school mourned today the death of 15-year-old Natsika Korobkov, a senior who was drowned in Coes pond before the eyes of more than 100 bathers and her parents. The youngster, who was to have been graduated next week, sank in 10 feet of water, 40 yards from shore, while bathing.

BOSTON, June 14 (INS)—District Atty. William J. Foley announced today that the trial of City Councilor Joseph M. Scannell of South Boston on charges of bribery in connection with the granting of city permits will be held next fall. Scannell was indicted with City Council President John B. Kelly of Dorchester, who was acquitted of a similar charge Thursday in superior court. Kelly, who collapsed twice during the trial, was reported resting comfortably at Kenmore hospital from what was said to be nervous exhaustion.

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Gen. Kenney Tells of New Weapons As Terrifying as Atomic Bombs

CAMBRIDGE, June 14 (AP)—Weapons as terrifying as the atom bomb—super sounds that would upset the nervous systems of whole populations, light waves, and shooting clouds out of the sky to control rainfall—were raised as possibilities today in any war of the future by an American airforce commander.

General George C. Kenney, head of the strategic air force, cited the dog whistle as an example of the effectiveness of sound waves in a prepared address before Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduates.

"An airplane equipped with a sort of super dog whistle," he said, "conceivably could fly around a city for awhile and upset the nervous systems of the whole population."

"I believe we need to do some research along this line. It may be just a fantastic dream. It may not."

In Similar Field
Light waves, he said, offered a similar field.

"Below the infra reds and above the ultra violets there may be weapons of future warfare as devastating as the Atomic bomb," he asserted. "Other nations may find them. We must keep pace in order to be able to counter or defend against such threats."

General Kenney said that at present clouds could be broken up and start rainfall at a specific place on a limited scale, and added:

"Instead of allowing rain clouds to drive past arid and semi-arid sections, we should be able to shoot them down and put the rain where we need it. If we can extend this process we can stop rain from falling where it has been falling for ages."

"It is not inconceivable that the nation that first learns to plot the paths of air masses accurately and learns to control the time and place of precipitation will dominate the globe."

"The changes of a few inches of rainfall a year in many parts of the world would mean the difference between normal crops and starvation."

General Kenney said that "perhaps when every nation possesses all the diabolical weapons that can be devised they will be afraid to start the slaughter."

Making only brief reference to atomic energy, he said:

"We hear a lot of talk about engines driven by atomic energy. There is some work being done along that line now but I wonder if we are moving fast enough to insure that someone else does not outstrip us in the race."

Asserting that the United States must keep abreast of the world in development of new weapons, he added:

"In the councils of nations the strong are listened to—the weak are ignored. Weakness will not give us peace."

He said that the "laboratories of the world are burning the midnight oil these days searching for never and more deadly weapons. If we fall behind in this race we will some day find ourselves defenseless."

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Today's Question

"What do you think of the renewed Communist drives in Europe and Asia?"

Robert Roy, 80 Endicott street, student:

"I think this shows that Russia did not cancel her plans for further expansion when peace was declared, but has kept right on trying to acquire controlled territory. I believe she is trying to create a string of buffer states next to the homeland, if and when there's another war."

Warren H. Rogers, 226 Smith street, city employee:

"In my opinion this is Russia's answer to the Truman doctrine. If we can keep European nations on the democratic side of the ledger, by making big loans, Russia will do it with phony elections."

Marty Conlon, 55 Cosgrove street, machinist:

"I don't like to see the Communist party apparently thriving on the unrest in the world today. The more people in their control the more power Russia acquires. With four sons in the service, I am particularly concerned as to the permanence of peace in our world."

Charles A. Keefe, 113 Fremont street, machinist:

"I believe that we should stop Russian expansion right now by every means possible short of war. This is history repeating itself. Remember the 'bloodless' German occupations of the Rhineland and Austria before the last war?"

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