

Recalcitrant Unions Mer Fire

Aides Virtually
Two Groups As
In 'Bad Faith'

Is Delayed

Big Five Assured
They Would
Strike Orders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—The War Department tonight charged two of the three operating rail unions with faith by postponing man cancelling their strike and said so long as action persists the Army will store the railroads to control.

The recalcitrants assured Brehon B. Somervell, head of the lines, that they would cancel their scheduled strike, later announced to that, instructions to had been dispatched to the unions.

The department said in a "the orders issued by the railway brotherhood not cancel the strike they had been given to d, but merely post-

David B.) Robertson's the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. Due to Federal control railroads strike post-

"Postpone" Order
General chairman of (H. R.) organization of the Railway Conductors is reading: "Due to Federal control of railroads strike by the Order of Railway men and others of our which has been called for Dec. 30 has been postponed. Please consider this bulletin to leave the service

spokesman said in another War Department that the strike scheduled had been called off but strike vote taken on the (the increase) remains that issue is settled."

Department said it knowledge of the order the third union, the N. Y. Union of North

er," it added, "as long as the condition persists the War Department will not be able to desire to return the to private ownership as a merely relate to the situation during government control."

told the press Wednesday that he had sent 225 to officials of the union reading: "Strike and order cancelled Federal control of railroads said the other unions similar procedure."

ook To Roosevelt
the War Department's the rail situation had time today with 18 of the railroads looking to President Roosevelt for the next move untangling their complex controversy.

unions—the Locomotive and Trainmen—have arbitration award from

Vital Japanese Airfield At Cape Gloucester Is Seized

Marines Crash Through Nipponese Defense Line
To Attain First Big Objective

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, Friday, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Hard-fighting United States Marines have cracked stubborn Japanese defenses to capture the vital air-drome at Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

The Leathernecks' final assault put them in full possession of the two air strips at noon yesterday, just four days and a few hours after their Sunday's invasion landing at Borgen Bay.

Details of the final hours of the battle were meager, but Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique announcing the victory said that "following an intense air preparation our ground forces took the positions by assault."

A headquarters spokesman said an air assault on two successive

days had softened up the line of Japanese pillboxes for the Marines, who used flame throwers to clear out strong points which survived aerial bombing.

"Many hundreds of Japanese dead are in the area," the spokesman said, adding that American losses were "slight."

The airdrome area and its perimeter were plastered Wednesday morning by artillery and heavy and medium bombers and attack planes. By nightfall that day, the Marines had taken the first air strip.

The airdrome contains two landing strips, one running east and west and the other starting near the west end and extending

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Randolph Asks 2 Negroes Sue WFA To Right For Franchise Hog Situation In Circuit Court

Transmits Findings Of
Alabama Raisers And
Cites Specific Cases

President Walter Randolph of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation has transmitted to War Food Administrator Marvin Jones in Washington a summary of the findings of leading hog growers of nine Southeastern Alabama counties to the effect that the "roll back" pork subsidy has benefitted neither the producers nor the consumers.

A copy of the letter written by Mr. Randolph to Mr. Jones was sent to members of Congress from Alabama so that they could add their weight to the plan to get farmers a fair price for hogs.

After outlining to Mr. Jones the views of hog growers as set forth at a recent meeting at Enterprise, Mr. Randolph concluded "the hog price situation has caused a great deal of dissatisfaction in the counties represented at the meeting as well as elsewhere. The producers present at the meeting felt that the War Food Administration had not done all it could to avoid the chaos which has existed in the hog markets of the country. The latter part of this year."

The letter follows:

"Dear Judge Jones:

"We recently had a meeting at Enterprise, Alabama, with reference to the hog price situation. It was attended by representative hog producers from nine principal hog producing counties in Alabama. I believe you will be interested in the recommendations made at the meeting.

"After a full discussion, the producers present adopted a statement as follows:

"At a meeting at Enterprise, Alabama, Dec. 22, 1942, we, representative hog producers of Barbour, Henry, Dale, Houston, Geneva, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw and Pike, after a full discussion of the hog price situation, conclude and recommend as follows:

Nobody Benefitted

"(1) Evidence shows that the so-called roll-back subsidy payments with respect to hogs have benefitted neither consumers nor producers. Since such subsidies were started, hogs have declined

New Yorker Files Pleas
On Their Behalf With
Clerk John Matthews

Petitions for appeal to Montgomery County Circuit Court were filed yesterday with Clerk John R. Matthews by Arthur Madison, negro attorney, in behalf of Ola Galloway and Willie Madison, negroes, claiming they were denied the right of registration by the county board of registrars.

At the time the petitions were filed, the attorney said he would file eight to 10 more at an early date, Mr. Matthews said. The Alabama Code permits anyone denied the privilege of registration by the board of registrars to make appeal to the circuit court.

The petition sets forth that the two negroes, Ola Galloway and Willie Madison, "presented themselves before the board duly qualified to become registered voters" but were denied registration. No reasons are mentioned.

Mrs. Frank Nunnelee, chairman of the board of registrars, said last night that she had no comment to make except that the board was entirely within the law in denying registration to the two applicants.

The attorney, Arthur Madison, is a native of Madison Park, Westumpka Highway, but has been practicing law in New York City for some years.

Esquire Magazine Loses Mail Privilege

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, reversing recommendations of his three-man trial board, tonight revoked the second class mailing privileges of Esquire Magazine, effective Feb. 28, 1944.

The decision resulted from long hearings into whether the magazine was guilty of printing obscene matter, the chief subject at issue being uncovered rotundities of the famous Varga girl.

Explaining his ruling, Walker said the second class mailing privilege is reserved for publications meeting the requirements of originating "for the dissemination of information of a public character or devoted to literature, the sciences, arts or some special

Allies Have World Air Superiority

Glistening Record Past
Year Given In Report
Of The Royal Air Force

Big Drives Related

Destruction At Berlin,
Hamburg, Cologne And
Essen Hit Enemy Hard

By W. W. HERCHER

LONDON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Allies have achieved air superiority in every theater of the war and sent planes on the offensive all around the world, the R. A. F. announced today.

In a triumphant review of the aerial war of 1943 Britain's air arm said the year's fighting produced these victories and accomplishments in various fields of operation:

1. Nine of Germany's 21 major industrial cities with populations of more than 250,000 each have been "so seriously devastated that in all probability they have been forced for some time to consume more than they produce."

2. Many more U-boats have been destroyed by the coastal command in 1943 than in the three previous years together. The whole of the North Atlantic is now covered by shore-based aircraft, the report said.

3. Magnificently complete air support was given Allied ground forces in Africa, Sicily and southern Italy.

Carrying heavier bombloads and using the new pathfinder technique the R. A. F. has been able to bomb Europe harder and oftener throughout the year with its percentage of losses consistently reduced.

Real Drives Cited

The battles of the Ruhr and Hamburg marked the campaign, causing immense destruction in Cologne, Essen, Dortmund, Dueseldorf, Wuppertal, Bochum and Rheidt.

"Hamburg, Germany's largest port, suffered the most serious damage of any industrial city in the world between July 25 and Aug. 3, 1943," the R. A. F. said. "The battle was won at the cost of 87 British aircraft."

This was followed by the smashing series of Berlin raids. The continental bombings had a "marked effect" on the progress

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U. S. Generals And Admirals On Firing Line For This War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Here is a list of the full Generals and Admirals of the United States Army and Navy:

Generals—George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the Army; Douglas MacArthur, commander-in-chief of Allied forces in the south and southwest Pacific; Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of Allied forces to invade western Europe; Henry H. Arnold, commanding general of Army Air Forces; Malin Craig, chairman of the personnel board.

(General John J. Pershing, while on full army pay by an act of Congress, is carried by the army on its retired list, as General of the Armies of the United States.)

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—A record for 1,500 American

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