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Ford Favors Wage Boosts in Auto Plants

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SIX U.S. ARMIES GAIN

Plans Increases for Own Workers

Creator of $5-a-Day Scale Awaits Federal Approval to Raise Pay

Henry Ford, who in 1914 startled the world by raising the minimum wage of his workers from $2.34 to $5 a day, Saturday again advocated raising of wages in the automobile industry.

"I would like to raise the pay of all Ford workers despite the fact that their wages already are higher than those of the rest of the industry," Ford said.

"As long as I live I want to ;ay the highest wages in the automobile business. If the men in our plants will give a full day's work for a full day's pay, there is no reason why we can't always do it.

"Every man should make enough money to own a home, a piece of land and a car.

"I have been thinking and talking about raising wages for some time and I am going to do it as soon as the Government will permit me."

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FORD'S statement recalled the days of 1914, when the industrial and economic worlds boiled with controversy over his move to increase his payroll by $10,000,000 a year by more than doubling his workers' paychecks in his proit-sharing plan.

Andrew Carnegie, the steel king and philanthropist, who had declared that it was "a disgrace to die rich," hailed the plan as one for the equitable sharing of wealth.

The Secretary of Commerce saw it as a social advance.

Ford himself looked upon it as a measure to raise the living standards of his workers. He declared that he did not desire to leave a great fortune to his family.

Economists, however, fell upon the plan as financially unsound. Prof. Frederick M. Taylor, of the University of Michigan,

Thomas Raises a Union Objection

GRAND RAPIDS—R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW-CIO, declared "this is a fine thing the Ford Motor Co. has done," in referring to Henry Ford's advocating of wage increases.

"But I think they should have discussed it with the union first. The union already has a case before the WLB asking for increases for Ford men."

Richard T. Frankensteen, union vice president, said: "Mr. Ford has taken a forthright position, one that the WLB could do well to follow."

predicted a Ford profit slump and declared that with such policies "the fact that the present condition has lasted so long is surely a matter of surprise."

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AN ECONOMIST working for the Detroit Board of Commerce, declared that Ford output did not justify the increase.

Through it all, Ford, who has never allowed himself to be bound by standard economic or business theories, moved serenely on his chosen course. The result is business history.

At the same time, Ford summed up his philosophy in a single sentence:

"In a mass production age the worker must be given sufficient pay to buy the product he helps create and sufficient leisure to consume it."

Later he added:

"In the age of plenty that lies ahead of us the only market

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Three Chiefs Re-Elected by the UAW

Thomas, Addes and Frankensteen Named

BY DANIEL L. WELLS
Free Press Labor Editor

GRAND RAPIDS — United Automobile Workers (CIO) delegates balloted far into the night Saturday to choose their second vice president after having re-elected President R. J. Thomas, Secretary Treasurer George F. Addes and Vice President Richard T. Frankensteen.

After Frankensteen had been picked, the three-cornered fight for the other vice presidency became a battle between incumbent Walter P. Reuther and Richard T. Leonard, director of UAW activities in the Ford Motor Co. realm.

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THE ROLL-CALL vote for vice president gave Frankensteen 5,193 votes, Reuther, 4,367 and Leonard, 352. Leonard forces showed little discouragement despite their candidate's poor showing. They said the Frankensteen votes would go to Leonard in the next poll.

Each roll call vote required three hours to poll the 2,400 delegates at the union's ninth annual convention.

Thomas was opposed in a roll call vote by Robert Carter, of Flint, but Carter conceded defeat after polling about 800 votes to Thomas' 7,000. The roll call ended after Ford Local 600 had voted overwhelmingly in favor of Thomas.

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ADDES WAS ELECTED secretary-treasurer without opposition after wildly cheering delegates had paraded around the noisy convention floor for nearly 10 minutes.

Earlier in the session, the delegates had determined that there shall only be two vice presidents of the Union.

The constitution committee brought in a recommendation that the status quo be maintained as concerns top officers, and the only debate on the floor concerned a proposal by one delegate that the

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PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL — PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT
Leaders of two nations chat after they received degrees from McGill University

All Siegfried Line Facing Collapse

Yanks Advance on 500-Mi. Front; Move Down Highway for Cologne

LONDON—(AP)—American troops have made several penetrations completely through the Siegfried Line below Aachen, putting that whole defense system in peril.

The First Army, driving through the famed line in 24 hours, fought out into the open on one of Adolf Hitler's superhighways, within 26 miles of Cologne.

Six Allied armies were pounding forward on a 500-mile front.

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THE HARD-HITTING United States Third Army freed the western half of the town of Thionville, only 15 miles from the rich German industrial Saar Basin.

In another lightning move, the Third sent tanks cutting in behind Metz, the most important French fortress city still in enemy hands.

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THE APPROACH to Cologne was reported in a front dispatch.

It said that Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' infantry had moved on 12 miles east of the surrounded German frontier fortress of Aachen. The westwall breach south of the city was described as so wide as to endanger the whole German fortification line.

Patrols at a number of points were beyond the last fortifications before the Rhine.

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DOUGHBOYS fought into Aachen, guarding the shortest road to Berlin, and it appeared to be toppling.

(The United Press said that the battered German armies were reported fleeing to the east bank of the Rhine for a last-ditch defense of the Reich.)

The bag of prisoners taken by the First Army alone rose to 173,375, making a total for the Americans of 341,375 since the June 6 landings.

The Paris radio, adding to the picture of spreading German disasters, declared that Americans had reached the center of the great Breton port of Brest. They took 12,000 prisoners in the drive, said the report, which was without official confirmation.

The French radio at Algiers said, also without confirmation, that in the south, American forces had reached Belfort, guardian of the Belfort Gap into Germany.

Official reports placed the Seventh Army 33 miles west of the gap.

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THE THIRD Army seized another section of the Maginot Line in their push for the Saar Basin. This section had been remodeled to form outworks for the Siegfried Line.

German-installed 105-mm. guns at the Maginot Line forts were turned on the enemy, holding half of Thionville on the east bank of the Moselle.

The flaming German frontier village of Wallendorf, 63 miles southeast of Aachen, marked the point of the fourth American entry into Germany. The village was

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War at a Glance

WESTERN FRONT — Whole Siegfried Line periled by American penetrations.

AIR WAR—Robot attacks on England renewed; Allies bomb Kiel and Berlin.

EASTERN FRONT—Russians pound Warsaw; enter Bulgarian capital; Germans battling Finns. Page 2.

ITALY—British and German tanks locked in battle at Rimini.

PACIFIC—Tokyo discloses civilian evacuation of Davao in Southern Philippines in expectation of American invasion as landing forces consolidate gains on island outposts. Page 7.

HARD-FISTED

Yanks Burn Nazi Town to Oust Snipers

BY JAMES M. LONG

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE—(AP)—In the flames of the burned-out German village of Wallendorpf—a sniper's nest—the American Army Saturday bared a hard-fisted policy of brooking no interference on its road to victory.

Liberation has been left behind in France and Belgium. Now American troops are waging war in hostile country and are determined to stop forever the attempts of the German army at world conquest.

AP Correspondent Edward D. Ball reported from Third United States Army headquarters that Wallendorf, in the First Army sector, had been set afire. Every building was burned because of persistent sniping.

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THE AMERICANS were in no sense adopting the ruthless methods which marked the German invasion and retreat. In this case, however, buildings from which an enemy—whether civilian or military—was firing upon American troops were classed as defense positions. They had to be knocked out of the way for the advance.

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THE BURNING of Wallendorf met quick approval in London, where newspaper readers had puzzled over front-line pictures the past few days showing doughboys treating smiling German families to army rations.

Don Whitehead, correspondent with the First Army, reported Saturday that American troops in that command will not be permitted hereafter to fraternize with German civilians.

The Americans are expected to remember that they must treat the Germans as enemies.

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THE ARMY does not want the men to expose themselves to unnecessary danger or permit any leaks in security through the natural friendliness of doughboys.

Troops will be expected to conduct themselves in a reserved, soldierly manner to refute enemy propaganda which has terrified the average German of the arrival of the American Army.

The German has been told for months that if an American army invades Germany there will be rape, pillage and mass murders.

YANK INGENUITY

Maginot Guns Turn on Nazis

BY ROBERT CROMIE
Chicago Tribune Foreign Service

NEAR THIONVILLE—French Maginot Line guns, manned by Yank artillerymen, shelled German positions on the east side of the Moselle River.

They would have been fired sooner but they were German guns whose mechanism first had to be figured out by the trial and error system.

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THE HONOR of firing the initial test round went to Sgt. Joseph E. Pellerin, of Lawrence, Mass., who with Sgt. Marcel Kahrs, of Indianapolis, finally discovered how to operate the gun turrets.

The cannon company doing the firing is in charge of Capt. Charles Wise, of Pontiac, Mich., formerly employed by Packard Motor Co., of Detroit.

Soldier Admits Cabin Killing, Paper Says

Detroit Woman's Death Is Described

Pvt. William Irvin Stata, Canadian soldier, has confessed slaying Mrs. Austin Smith, of Detroit, in her summer cottage at Port Franks, Ont., the Windsor Star says. It received this information Saturday from the Toronto Provincial police.

Stata is said to have told police that he broke into Mrs. Smith's cottage by ripping a screen with a knife. As he walked into the kitchen, Mrs. Smith came behind him, pressing a revolver in his back. Stata turned suddenly with his drawn rifle and it discharged accidentally, he told police.

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STATA said he left the Ipperwash Military Camp with the purpose of deserting.

After the slaying Stata found the keys to Mrs. Smith's car and drove it to Kingston, 50 miles away, he said.

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POLICE are holding Stata on a murder case. They are trying to locate his 303 Enfield rifle near London, where Stata is believed to have cached it.

Mrs. Smith's husband operates a gasoline filling station on Mack at E. Seven Mile in Detroit.

Devastating War on Japan Pledged

Roosevelt and Churchill Agree on All-Out Drive After Nazi Defeat

BY SANDOR S. KLEIN

QUEBEC—(UP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced Saturday that they had reached extraordinarily unanimous decisions at their week-long conference to hasten the end of the war in Europe. They have agreed to hurl the combined might of the British Empire and the United States into the destruction of Japan.

The President and Mr. Churchill told a full-dress news conference that Great Britain and its Dominions are determined to do their full share in helping the United States in "the destruction of the barbarians of the Pacific."

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CHURCHILL was most emphatic about this.

He declared that if any point had to be adjusted during the Citadel Conferences it was the attitude of "some representatives" to keep it "too much for the United States."

"You can't have all good things to yourselves," the Prime Minister said with a grin. "You must share."

The news conference was held on a wooden-floored sun deck lead-

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OPA Boosts Canned Goods Points Sharply

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The OPA has ordered sharp increases in point values for those processed foods still rationed. It was a companion moce to élimination of points on a wide variety of other canned foods.

Both the higher points and removal of many items from rationing are effective Sunday.

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DOUBLED OR boosted even more sharply in most cases, the new point values apply to all canned and bottled fruits, four fruit and vegetable juices, tomatoes, catsup and chili sauce.

The new ration value on a number two can of tomatoes is 20 points, up from five, while the coupon cost of peaches, pears and pineapple is hiked from 43 points to 80 for number two and one half cans. Pineapple juice goes to 50 points from 25 and tomato juice to 20 from six points for eighteen-ounce cans.

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ALL OF THE new values are fixed in multiples of 10 because the system of blue tokens as ration change is being discontinued Sunday. Blue tokens may be used in units of 10 until Oct. 1 in buying processed foods. After that they will have no value.

Under the new setup, housewives will continue to get 50 blue points a month for each ration book.

Brazil Denies Having Jitters

MONTEVIDEO—(AP)—Brazilian Ambassador Joao Baptista, Luzardo said Saturday that after contacting the Rio de Janeiro government, that he was fully authorized to issue an emphatic denial of reports concerning uneasiness in Brazil.

"My government and I can only attribute (the reports) to the work of a Fifth Column interested in creating disturbances in South America," the ambassador said.

(A Washington diplomatic source said that cable communications with Rio de Janeiro, had been interrupted, but the difficulty was subsequently traced to a temporary denial of facilities to one company.)

Experts Soothe Fears of Cutback Layoffs

BY ARTHUR JUNTUNEN
Free Press Staff Writer

Are you getting "cutback jitters?"

Do you have a weird feeling that some invisible force is going to pull an economic trapdoor from under you as soon as Hitler surrenders?

Relax, Mr. and Mrs. War Worker—you can expect to be at your machine or one like it long after the Yanks tramp down Unter den Linden in the Victory Parade.

Army and other Government experts admit that some cutbacks are inevitable in certain industries after Germany collapses. But cutbacks don't mean mass layoffs.

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ANY CUTBACKS necessary once the German phase of the war ends or even at the time of final reconversion will be imposed in an orderly manner. Changes in operation will be gradual, not sudden.

Contrary to some opinions, employment in war-busy Detroit actually is on the uptrend and is expected to stay that way for months. The United States Employment Service needs some 25,600 men and women for vital Michigan industries right now.

Supply contracts coming in today actually exceed cutbacks.

"The trouble is that most people interpret the word 'cutback' to mean 'layoff'—and that's all wrong," one official said.

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A "CUTBACK" can mean chopping the tail of a contract, with no labor released; cutting the number of units being made and shortening hours (as in the Willow Run case); or natural termination.

Actual figures show that in

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School Work Starts Monday

A full day's work will greet the city's 320,000 students on the opening day of school Monday.

Customarily this day has been given over to scheduling classes and enrolling pupils. But this year work will be started immediately to make up for lost time.

Detroit schools are starting two-weeks later than usual, because of the polio threat, now abating.

Teachers have been at work on schedules and enrollment since Sept. 5. Hamtramck schools also will open Monday. Catholic parochial schools were officially opened Sept. 6.

Pedestrian Killed by Car

Charles Barck, 72, of 12553 Pinehurst, died at 7:50 p. m. Saturday in Redford branch of Receiving Hospital of injuries suffered three hours earlier when struck by an auto. Barck ran into the path of a car at Grand River near Mendota, police said.

The driver of the car, Phillip O. Henault, 46, of 12950 Sorrento, was released.

Machinist Seized After 4 Slayings

NEW YORK—(AP)—Peter Demetrakoupoulos, fifty-year-old machinist, was arrested in Sheepshead Bay Saturday a few hours after the bodies of his wife and two young daughters were found in their apartment.

A warrant had been issued earlier charging him with the slaying of his uncle this morning near New Paltz, N. Y.

Police said that he and his wife had been considering a divorce.

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Heroic Woman Fights Death

Mrs. Grace Len, the sixty-three-year-old mother who shielded her daughter from a bullet with her own body, was in critical condition in Grace Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Len of 4462 Fifty-first, and her daughter, Mrs. Stella Nanys, 24, had visited a patient in the hospital Friday night. When they left two thugs tried to rob them and shot Mrs. Len.

Gen. Pershing's Condition Better

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The War Department Saturday reported an improvement in the condition of Gen. John J Pershing.

He was confined to his bed after suffering a "severe setback in his physical condition."

The General lives at Walter Reed Hospital. He celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday last Wednesday. Hospital attaches reported he was then suffering from a cold.

On the Fire

LONDON—(AP)—The Sofia radio, announcing that the new Bulgarian regime was starting a campaign to raise eating standards in restaurants, said that "bad cooks will be punished as saboteurs."

DOWN THE HATCH

864 Gals. Gas Hit the Sewer

Walter Secchiari's precious 864 gallons of premium ethyl gasoline was in the Detroit River Saturday.

Secchiari, who runs a gas station at Harper and St. Clair, was contacting OPA, having words with a gas truck driver who mistook a sewer intake for a gas intake, and supervising the painting of a labeling sign for the sewer pipe.

"The gas cap and sewer cap were painted yellow," he said. "The trucker told me that he read the tank guage before and after he pumped the 864 gallons."

"Imagine my surprise when it still said empty," he said.

The gas was worth 288 A coupons.

HE WAS FLOODED WITH ADVICE AND OFFERS FROM KINDLY FOLKS

Self-Sacrificing Dad Reaches Decision on 'Boomer'

BY JAMES M. POOLER
Free Press Staff Writer

Frederick A. Gulley, who offered to give his two-year-old son, Boomer, away for a mother's love and a happy home, has had:

Twelve offers of marriage so that he and his son need not be separated;

Offers from more than 500 homes, including couples in Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois, California and other states, to adopt the child;

The same number of letters from people who argued against his giving up Boomer;

Unceasing queues of rich and poor on the front porch of his home to beg for the boy or beseech him not to toss away the deep bond of affection between him and his son;

A Detroiter who waved a $1,000 check at him and said, "It's yours if you'll just give us the boy. We can give him everything."

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SNOWED UNDER by letters, scores of which still are unopened although Gulley has sat up until 4 a. m. reading them, he has arrived at one decision.

He is not going to cut irrevocably the love between him and his boy.

Weighting his decision were visits from two priests, three ministers, including a bishop, and a Circuit Court judge who argued that although his home is broken, Gulley can build the

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Famed Cruiser Back in U.S. Yard

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—Arrival at the Philadelphia Navy Yard of the USS Augusta, was announced Saturday. This is the heavy cruiser which took part in the invasions of Normandy and the south of France.

The Augusta, frequently under fire in both actions, escaped damage and did not lose a man, the Navy said. It will reconditioned.

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