

FRENCH STRIKE LOST BY REDS

Missing Albany Soldier's Mother, Sister Watch Big Switch in Dire Want

Majority of Workers Return to Their Jobs

PARIS (INS) — Communism suffered a severe setback in France yesterday as the overwhelming majority of French workers returned to their jobs and the strike movement collapsed.

The Communist-run General Labor Confederation was compelled to join with the non-Communist unions in ordering a return to work because the CGT rank-and-file was voting locally to resume their jobs, especially on the railroads and in Parisian public services.

CONCEDES DEFEAT

The Paris Communist newspaper L'Humanite conceded the strike is ending "without the achievement of its principal objectives." The paper, blamed "traitorous" non-Communist unions.

However, the termination of the strike did not represent a major victory for the government since Premier Joseph Laniel had to postpone the application of economy decrees in public service and promise to consider "sympathetically" the workers' demands for increased wages.

The workers' eagerness to return to their jobs was viewed in government circles as a clear indication that it is becoming increasingly difficult for the Communists to use a strike movement in France as a political instrument.

Couple Found Slain in Home

PECULIAR, Mo. (AP)—Oval Williamson, 60, and the 36-year-old wife he married less than three weeks ago, were found shot to death in their modest four-room frame house here.

State Trooper E. V. Nash, who investigated, said Williamson evidently shot his wife, Anna, and then turned the rifle on himself.

Researcher Dies

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—A. Albert Klein, 64, assistant director of research and development at Norton Co., died last night. A native of Syracuse, N. Y., he was a graduate of the University of Syracuse and a fellow of the American Mineralogical Society.



SHE HASN'T GIVEN UP HOPE—Mrs. Hilda King of 19 Philip St., is praying and hoping she will receive news of her son, Cpl. Edward King, 20, missing in action in Korea since Aug. 14, 1952. She is hopeful that a returned prisoner may bring back some scrap of information about her son (in photo).

Cpl. Edward King Vanished with His Company, Both Women Seriously Ill

"Operation Big Switch" is being followed avidly by two Albany women.

They are Mrs. Hilda King, 19 Philip St., and her daughter, Hilda, 22, who are awaiting news of their son and brother Cpl. Edward King, 20, missing in action since August 14, 1952. Although the War Department usually declares a missing man dead after a year's time they feel, apparently, according to Mrs. King that some scrap of information concerning the missing Albany G. I. may come to light during the Pow exchange.

The youth and his whole company, C. Company, Ninth Infantry Regiment, Second Infantry Division, have been missing in action for more than a year.

IN DIRE NEED

In addition to their natural anxiety for Edward, the two women are in urgent need. Their financial situation is precarious. Mrs. King, who suffers from acute asthma, has been unable to undertake her former work as waitress because of an injured and nearly useless left arm—injured in a fall during an asthma attack. She has drawn the balance of the money (sent her by her son before he was reported missing) to partially meet this month's rent payment, "due September 1."

DAUGHTER ILL
Hilda King, her daughter, who has a weak heart — the result of rheumatic fever when she was 18 — has a part-time job as a saleslady in a Pearl Street dress shop. Her salary barely covers her vitally necessary weekly visits to the doctor, and her prescribed medicines. But Hilda can work only a

short time each day and the money Edward has sent the family is gone.

Because both women were working at the time of the boy's enlistment nearly three years ago they were ineligible for dependency payments.

Allotment payments from the Government will not be forthcoming until the War Department hears definitely what has become of Edward.

Until that day all the Kings can do is wait and hope.

Boy, 6, Drowns in Lake Ontario

WATERTOWN (AP)—Six-year-old Stephen Richter was drowned yesterday in Lake Ontario off Point Peninsula where he had been playing in the water with a group of children.

Sheriffs deputies said they had been unable to determine the circumstances of the drowning. The child was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richter of Watertown.

SENIOR FOUND; DRUG VICTIM

WELLESLEY, Mass. (INS)—Pretty Sylvia Plath, Smith College student and literary contributor to national magazines who vanished mysteriously Monday, was found yesterday asleep in the cellar of her home.

The 20-year-old student-poet had taken 40 of 50 capsules of a sedative, which she had obtained through a doctor.

Sylvia was found as a 100-man searching party scoured the countryside around Wellesley, including the Rocky Ledge area.

DESPONDENT

Sylvia had left a note for her mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, a Boston University professor, stating she was going to take a long walk. The mother said that her daughter had been despondent over a temporary inability to go on with creative writing.

She was taken to Newton-Wellesley Hospital, where physicians said she would recover.

LATEST POEM

Her latest poem, written when she was guest editor of the current issue of the magazine "Mademoiselle," was entitled "Mad Girl's Love Song." It began and ended with the words:

"I shut my eyes and all the world drops dead."

Veteran Group Lauds Probers

BUFFALO (AP)—The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War yesterday lauded all Congressional committee "for their efforts to weed out subversive elements in all branches of the government."

The unanimously-adopted resolution was a revised version of one drafted Tuesday by past department commanders from N. Y. State that recommended Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis) be commended for "his indomitable courage . . . in the exposure of Communists . . . in high positions in our government."

The SUV, in the fourth day of its 72nd annual encampment approved formation of an Americanism committee similar to that of the American Legion "to study issues on which citizens should be informed"

American Climber Killed On Mt. Godwin Austen

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Death and injuries have felled a nine-man American mountain-climbing expedition in its attempt to scale Mt. Godwin Austen (K2), the world's highest unconquered peak.

Delayed reports from Kashmir yesterday said Arthur K. Gilkey, a 26-year-old New York geologist gave his life in the attempt.

These advices gave this story: Gilkey was killed when the party, roped together, fell more than 100 feet over a razor-edged ridge at a height of 25,000 feet. Others would have been killed too, but for the last man on the rope. He was able to anchor the line by throwing his full weight against a ledge enabling the others to be pulled to safety.

Two members of the expedition, descending the treacherous blizzard-swept 28,250-foot peak, were injured seriously and are suffering from frostbite. They were identified as Robert W. Craig, a ski instructor from Colorado Springs, and Physicist George R. Bell of Los Alamos, N. M. Gilkey, a son of Dr. and Mrs.

Area Soldiers Now Overseas

Three Albany Metropolitan Area soldiers are now serving overseas, according to the Department of Defense.

Corp. Arnold I. Bloomingsdale, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bloomingsdale, Route 2, Altamont, is a mechanic with the 674th Field Artillery Battalion in Korea. Pfc. Norman L. Greenleaf, whose parents live at 82 Third St., Pittsfield, Mass., is in the First Cavalry Division in Japan. Pvt. Russell E. Johnson, whose wife, Lucille, resides at 1048 Webster St., Schenectady, is at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

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