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## Telephone Service Disrupted, Striking Operators Picket

By ASSOCIATED PRESS  
An estimated 23,000 Southwestern Bell Telephone workers in 15 Texas cities were idled yesterday by the Western Electric strike.

The estimate came from R. W. Staley of the CIO Communications Workers Southwestern Division in Dallas.

There were no instances of violence. Nor was the federal or Texas law against secondary boycotts invoked as it was in an Arkansas city.

Directly affected are Dallas, Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, Abilene, Lubbock, Sweetwater, Amarillo, Borger, Midland, Odessa, Wichita Falls, Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Corpus Christi.

Midland and Odessa Western Electric employees are equipment workers. But their picket lines kept Bell workers from their jobs.

In cities with dial phones there was little or no interruption in local service.

Emergency Calls Only  
Citizens in non-truck cities found long distance calls to struck cities were possible only on an emergency basis.

Supervisory employees attempted to replace the operators who refused to cross picket lines.

Western Electric is the manufacturing and installing arm of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, parent company of Southwestern Bell.

In Dallas, Southwestern Bell's general manager W. L. Prehn said

"while many of our employees have reported for work despite the picket lines, the number of people on duty is well below normal."

Prehn called attention to laws against secondary boycotts "which interfere with the freedom of employees or another company to work and which, in turn, impair service to the public." His statement, issued in the morning, was not immediately followed by a company request that the laws be invoked.

Dial Phones Unaffected  
"The company will continue to do everything in its power to meet its obligations to furnish telephone service to its customers. However, it will not be possible to handle other than emergency long distance calls, and telephone users are being asked to limit all calls requiring the service of an operator. Dial service is not affected."

Unaccountably, Western Electric workers at Beaumont and Port Arthur joined in the strike but did not immediately throw up picket lines. As a result Bell workers in those two cities were at their posts during the day.

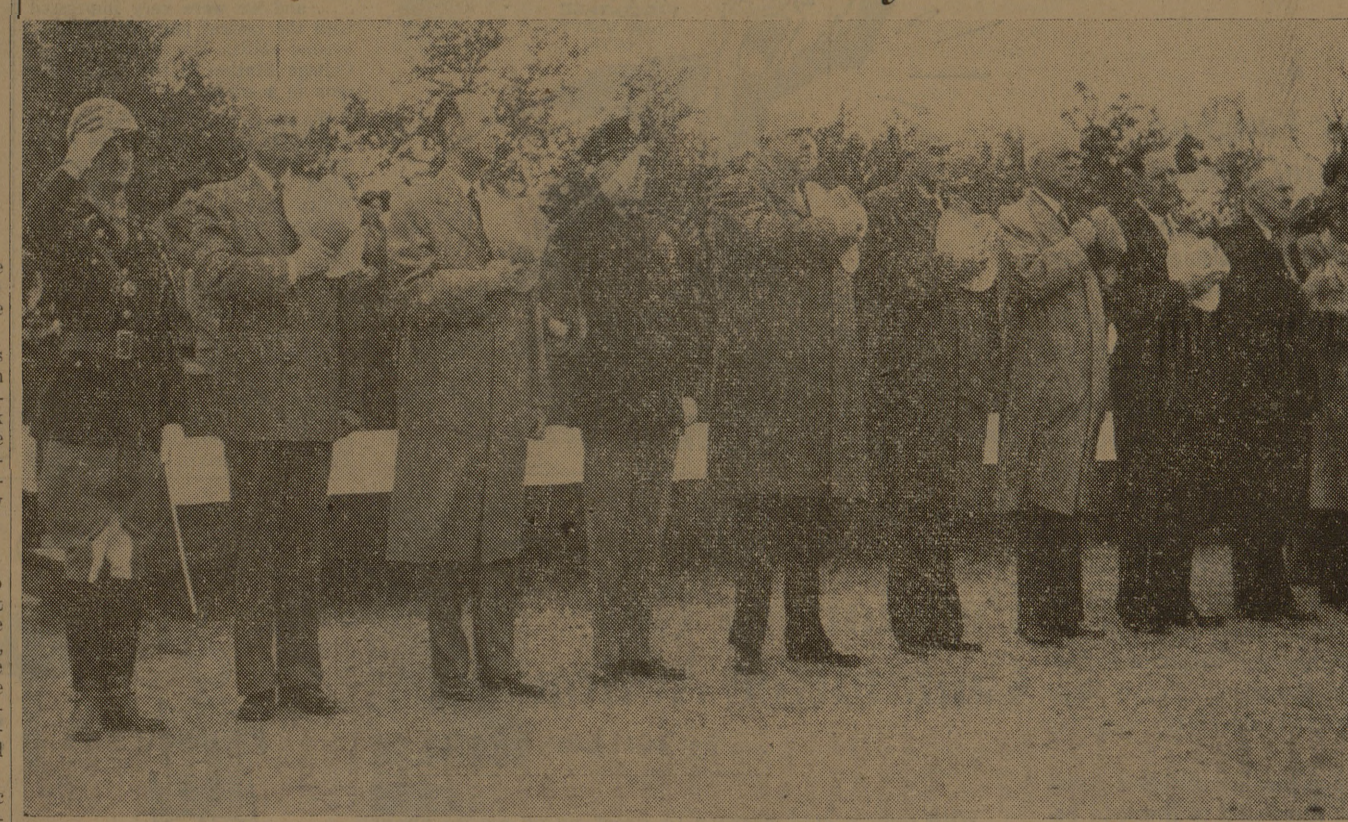
A chill wind pushing along a newly-arrived Texas norther made picket-line walking an arduous chore. In most cities the number of actual pickets was low. At Fort Worth, 50 union members were represented in the morning by three pickets, who kept 1,300 Bell employees from their jobs.

1800 Strikers  
Dallas had more strikers—450 than any other Texas city. The number of Bell workers affected at the strike's start was about 1,800.

Division Manager J. B. Patterson at Houston said the picketing there was effective, and that he had only a few people to replace the 4,000 Bell workers who refused to cross picket lines.

In Texas cities not affected at the start, union officials said they would honor any picket lines which Western Electric might install. In other words, Western Electric pickets might be transferred to still other cities to spread the strike.

## As The Colors Pass By . . .



Cadet Colonel of the Corps A. D. Martin and Honor Guest General Dwight D. Eisenhower stand to President M. T. Harrington's right as the Cadet Corps marched by in its first review of the year in winter uniform. To Harrington's right is Lt. General Leroy Lutes.

Fourth Army Commander; General Ike Ashburn, former A&M commandant; Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist, and C. C. Krueger, Roy C. Potts and Tyree Bell, members of the A&M Board of Directors.

Presented By Consolidated Students . . .

## First Variety Show Termed 'Success'

By LEON McCLELLAN  
The first Variety Show produced by A&M Consolidated was well liked by the large audience attending its presentation last night in the school gymnasium. The show, scheduled for 7:30 p. m. got underway on time, but ran two minutes longer than expected, Director C. K. Esten said.

Without the help of Mrs. D. W. Fleming, Mrs. C. W. Landiss, and the teachers at Consolidated, the Variety Show could not have been produced, the director added.

Tumblers Open Show  
"Professor Dowell's Tumblers" were the first of 24 numbers presented. "The Basket House", a

play presented by the Dulaney Chorus, was made up entirely of second graders.

Ann Jarvi performed a ballet solo entitled "Little Ballerina." She was accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Evans on the piano. Turning to classical music the program next featured Mary Varvel in a piano solo of Beethoven's "For Elise."

Eight members of the "Dawson Chorus" gave their version of a Czechoslovakian Folk Dance. A four girl tap dance team accompanied by Mrs. Jamie Dawson followed.

Linda Potts did a solo number on the harp by playing "Brahm's Lullaby" and then "Home on the Range." She did not have a cello accompanist as scheduled. An

## Allied Fighters Hasten Retreat Of China Reds

Seoul, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Allied air power pounded today at Chinese Communist forces pulling back into far North Korea's wooded mountains and smashed again at supply lines athwart the Yalu River.

The lull in the ground action continued. Only on the west-central front did patrols make contact with the Reds.

A U. S. Eighth Army spokesman reported the Chinese appeared to be establishing a defense line in the mountains. He added that they had taken considerable losses from aerial and artillery fire.

An estimate of some 60,000 Chinese Red troops just across the

## Airmen Form New Command For Supporters

Washington, Nov. 10.—(AP)—The Air Force disclosed last night that it is elevating ground support aviation to the status of a separate major command.

It announced that the present Continental Air Command will be split on Dec. 1 into three equal major air commands:

• The Tactical Air Command, is responsible for close cooperation with the Army. Previously an operational headquarters under the Continental Air Command, it will maintain its present headquarters at Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Va.

• An air defense command responsible for defense of the United States against air attack. Its headquarters will be established temporarily at Mitchell Air Force Base, New York.

• The Continental Air Command, which will retain its responsibilities for administering and training civilian parts of the Air Force. Its headquarters will continue to be at Mitchell Air Force Base, New York.

TAC will be commanded by Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon when he returns from his present post as Air Force commander in Europe. Until then, it will be commanded by Major General W. R. Wolfenbarger.

The Air Defense Command will be commanded by Lt. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead, now commander of the Continental Air Command.

Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hale, now commander of the First Air Force at Mitchell Air Force Base, will become commander of the Continental Air Command.

## Faith Plus Rearming Needed—Acheson

Washington, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson said last night that "inadequate" arming of the free nations against the danger of aggression could be "catastrophic."

He emphasized that the purpose of the great rearmament drive now under way is to "maintain the peace" and warned anew against talk of preventive war.

"Only among those who have lost sight of our goals (of peace and preservation of Democratic values) can there seem to be wisdom in self-destructive hysteria," Acheson said.

His address was prepared for the world organization for brotherhood of the National Conference of Christians and Jews meeting here.

His main appeal was for a welding together of moral purpose and physical power.

"It is only by a fusion of these two elements within ourselves," he declared, "that we shall have the integrity, as a nation, to give leadership to the people of the world."

At another point, Acheson said: "We cannot afford to neglect either half of the prescription to 'put our faith in the Lord and keep our powder dry.'"

One of the major tasks before the free nations, he said, "is that we shall build our military strength quickly enough, and substantially enough, to protect ourselves against the possibility of aggression."

"The threat is a grave one. The consequence of an inadequate response to it may easily be catastrophic."

"But in responding to this threat,

## A Misunderstanding, But . . .

## 'Worthless' Army Surplus Nets Texan \$59,000 Profit

Washington, Nov. 10.—(AP)—How an East Texas farmer bought \$1,209,600 worth of surplus military equipment for \$6.89 and sold it back to the government for \$63,000 was revealed here today by the Senate Defense Investigating Committee.

The story was released through the office of Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, who is in Texas. He is committee chairman.

The farmer, who Johnson's office decided to identify, acquired the property through a misunderstanding.

This is the story Johnson told:

The Farmer, a former naval officer in World War II, saw aircraft computers listed for sale as surplus. He thought they were cardboard devices which would be useful in calculating the area of farms. He bid less than 5 cents each for the 168 items.

He hustled to San Antonio to find out what kind of white elephants he had purchased. He found them to be complicated mechanisms which cost the government \$7,200 each.

Hardly had he gotten the item crated and shipped to the farm—at a \$4,000 cost—before Wright Field officials showed up. They gladly paid him \$63,000 for the lot.

Wrote the Texan to the Senator: "The thing may be summed up by saying that the disposal agency was delighted to unload what they thought was a heap of junk on an unsuspecting country boy."

Complex Devices  
The computers apparently are more accurately described as aircraft fire control computers.

These devices are extremely complex and are used for automatically working out problems concerned with coordinating the fire of guns in different turrets and with figuring such problems as angle of deflection and correction for wind and aircraft speed.

Such devices were developed during World War II for the B29 Superfortress, the first bomber to have central fire control system similar to that on battleships. The computers have been adapted to other bombers, including the B36, and to jet fighters to help the pilot solve problems quickly in aerial combat.

Commercial Value  
The Air Force information officer said there would be no comment on the story about the surplus sale because it is a matter pending before the congressional committee.

A general services administration spokesman said he believed the sale of the computers had been handled entirely by the Air Force several years ago and not by War Assets Administration (WAA), which handled surplus items. This official said he believed the computers were classed with items regarded as having no commercial value and so were left to Air Force disposal rather than turned over to WAA for commercial use.

## System Men Slated On Meeting Plan

Twelve members of the Texas A&M System will participate in the first Texas Livestock and Range Conference in San Antonio Nov. 13 and 14.

Dr. J. C. Miller, head of the Animal Husbandry Department, will preside over a portion of the conference.

C. E. Fisher, Superintendent of the Spur Agricultural Experiment Station will discuss "Brush Control." Dr. V. A. Young of the Range & Forestry Department will lead a panel discussion on this subject.

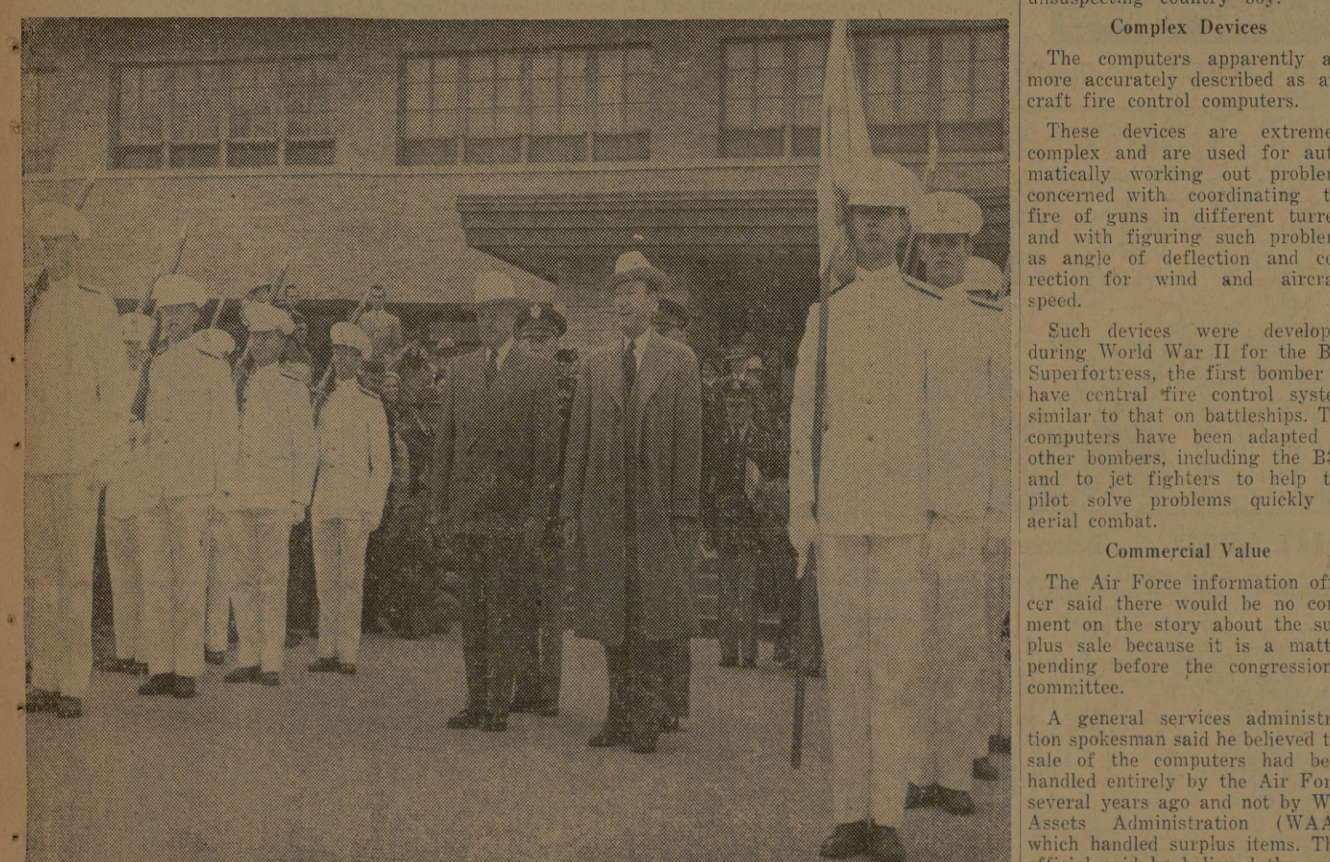
Dr. Harold F. Heady, associate professor in the Range & Forestry Department, C. E. Fisher, and A. Walker, Extension Range Specialist, will participate on the panel.

J. H. Jones, professor of Animal Husbandry, and Dr. Robert Potts, associate professor of Agronomy will participate in a panel discussion "More Livestock Products."

## Business Society To Hear Bickley

J. H. Bickley, Financial and Management Consultant, from Houston, will address the Business Society here Tuesday night, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p. m. in the YMCA Chapel. Bickley's subject will be "Evaluating Management Operations."

Bickley is a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance and at one time was a professor of finance at Lehigh University. He has been connected with the Federal Trade Commission as public utilities expert, the Federal Communication Commission as economist and the Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Maryland Public Service Commissions.



General "Ike" Eisenhower and President Harrington leave the Memorial Student Center with "chilled" looks on their faces before reviewing the corps of cadets during Inauguration Ceremonies yesterday. They are followed by Lt. Gen. Leroy Lutes and Col. H. L. Boatner. Flanking the group are members of the Ross Volunteers who served as escorts.



President M. T. Harrington and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower  
President Harrington, left, and General Eisenhower are all smiles just previous to the inaugural ceremonies on Kyle Field yesterday. General Eisenhower was principal speaker for the occasion.