

Strikes Spread in France as Students March



PARIS STUDENTS MASS IN STREET NEAR THE SORBONNE FOR MARCH IN SUPPORT OF RENAULT STRIKERS.

AP Radiophoto

PARIS (AP) — A nationwide strike movement spread rapidly across France Friday night, but union leaders rebuffed a student bid for joint action against the regime of President Charles de Gaulle.

Thousands of workers downed tools and in many cases occupied their factories. The stoppages appeared to be spreading to the government-owned railroad system.

Reasons for the strikes varied almost from plant to plant, but few of the country's 95 geographical departments (districts) were not involved.

In Paris nearly 2,000 university students marched across town to express their solidarity with 23,000 strikers at the big Renault auto factory, despite a warning from the General Confederation of Labor (CGT) not to mix in other people's business.

Premier Georges Pompidou conferred with his top security officials, including the directors of state security and the gendarmery. No statement was issued after the meeting.

Ten thousand police reservists were mobilized to swell the ranks of the 60,000 already on duty. Heavy guards were thrown around the Eiffel Tower, Paris Opera and other landmarks.

The Paris Stock Exchange reacted sharply to the growing social unrest and prices dropped as much as 5 per cent. The French franc fell to a new low in relation to the dollar.

The strikes were so widespread across the country and the reasons given for them so varying and vague that it was difficult to avoid putting a political interpretation on them. To many observers it seemed as though the workers were following the example of the student occupation of 16 of France's 18 universities.

The national committee of the National Union of French Students (UNEF), meanwhile, issued an appeal for worker-student solidarity against De Gaulle and directed its followers to take direct action against newspapers and other news media which do not correctly report "on our struggles."

Protests Ease In Germany

FRANKFURT, Germany (UPI)—Leftist German students appear to have temporarily run out of steam after a month of violent demonstrations against the Axel Springer newspapers and enactment of "emergency laws" giving the government special crisis powers.

But the extremist Socialist German Students Federation (SDS) and other leftist groups are assumed to be plotting new protests soon.

Sporadic student unrest, chiefly in West Berlin, exploded into riots in more than a score of West German cities Easter weekend after the shooting of SDS ideologist Rudi "Red Rudi" Dutschke in West Berlin April 11 by a Hitler-admiring house painter.

The SDS, joined by other student organizations, made the Springer publishing empire the target of its wrath contending the papers created a "climate of hate" which encouraged the Dutschke shooting.

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Russ Defense Chief in Prague Dane Says He Spied For Russia

PRAGUE (UPI) — Soviet Defense Minister Andrei Grechko arrived here Friday to sound out the new Czech leader's attitude toward the Warsaw Pact and to seek evidence that liberalizing Czechoslovakia would remain a loyal pact member.

Grechko, accompanied by the

Red army's political chief, Alexei Yepishev, came on the invitation of Czechoslovak defense Minister Martin Dzur.

Official Czech sources said the visit is aimed at "getting acquainted with the new leadership" and to "discuss problems of mutual interest."

Informed sources added the Soviets are particularly keen on meeting the new leaders of the Czech army, largely reorganized in the current wave of "democratization."

Czech party sources interpreted Grechko's arrival as "a rather positive sign" and as an indication that the Soviets are at least prepared to talk to the new and more liberal Czech leaders.

Grechko's visit coincided with reported Kremlin efforts to revise the Warsaw Pact's command structure and political direction to increase Soviet control, and stiff resistance to such a "centralization" from Romania.

Dane Says He Spied For Russia

COPENHAGEN (AP) — A 42-year-old home guard captain, Arne Otto Nielsen, head of the radar warning system of the Danish Baltic islands of Bornholm, Friday admitted spying for the Soviet Union.

He said financial problems forced him to contact the Soviet military mission in Denmark in late 1966.

Nielsen, arrested last Tuesday, admitted in a closed court session at Roenne, Bornholm, that he had decided to try making money from classified defense documents.

As a leading officer in the air warning system of the strategic island of Bornholm, Nielsen had access to such documents. He made contact with the Russian military mission and sent a photo copy of a page of a classified military document.

In Nielsen's home, Danish military intelligence found scores of microfilms which will be put before the court.

Movie Rescue Real for Hayley

LONDON (UPI) — Actress Hayley Mills was rescued from the Thames Wednesday after getting into difficulties during a scene for the film "Twisted Nerve."

The 22-year-old actress was lowered into the river from a launch and in the scene was supposed to be saved by actor Hywel Bennett.

But the current and cold water was too much for Hayley and Bennett dived in and had to hold her up until the launch rescued her.

Guard Slain In Panama

PANAMA CITY (UPI)—Panama national guardsmen, angered by the sniper slaying of a guard corporal, beefed up patrols Friday at spots where supporters of rival political candidates gathered.

Guardsmen reported scattered shooting incidents during the night after the death of Cpl. Julio Epamindar but none resulted in injuries. Epamindar was slain late Thursday and authorities said they had arrested three persons in connection with his death.

Panamanians voted last Sunday for president but so far officials have not announced the winner between pro-government candidate David Samuio and opposition leader Dr. Arnulfo Arias. Authorities said the votes will be counted Saturday.

Mayor's Threat Ends Birth Plan

PAWTUCKET, R.I. (AP) — The Blackstone Valley antipoverty agency canceled plans for a controversial birth control program after Pawtucket's Mayor Robert F. Burns issued an ultimatum—"Drop the program or get out of City Hall."

In a letter to the board of directors of the Blackstone Valley Community Action Program, Burns said that if the agency accepted any part of a \$12,791 grant from the federal government, he would see that the agency was forced out of its offices by 5 p.m. on June 7.



It's Called the John B.

A paddle-powered outhouse boat churns up the Milwaukee River in the annual Layton School of Art Regatta. All entries must be handmade and "artistic." (UPI)