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STRIKE THREAT Strikes, which have plagued everything from coal mining to baseball playing, now threaten the shipping industry. Two AFL, 1 independent and 6 CIO unions declare that they will go on strike on June 15 if the ship operators do not meet their demands by that time. Demands include higher pay, increased overtime pay, 44-hour work week and changes in working rules. A maritime strike, including the longshoremen both here and overseas as the union threatens, would tie up completely relief shipments. President Truman has declared that in case of strike the government would operate merchant ships with Navy, Coast Guard and Marine personnel. There is a possibility also that the unions might be willing to operate relief ships.

COWBOY OFFICE Several changes in personnel and realignment of duties have taken place in the New Windsor cowboy office of late. Ben Bushong remains at the top supervising all phases of the work. Roy Umble, former MCC educational liaison man, has taken over in the field of educational, religious life and recreational program work. Chuck Frantz handles contacts with UNRRA and some administrative detail. Bob Zigler takes care of personnel selection and placement. Carol Stine, secretary to Ben Bushong, handles administrative detail in connection with the whole program.

COWBOY HOSTEL Since the largest number of UNRRA cattle shipments this summer will be made from Newport News, Virginia, efforts are being made at present to establish a hostel for cowboys in that city. Eli Wismer, BCPS Religious Life Secretary until now, left Elgin this week for Newport News to take charge of setting up this hostel.

THE SHOW GOES ON The Heifer Project Committee of Southern California staged a mammoth stage show in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium on May 7th, with such luminaries as Bob Hope, Rudy Vallee and Jerry Colonna contributing their talents toward raising money for the purchase of heifers for relief. A weekly radio program sponsored by this same committee, is heard over a local California station.

QUOTES After the last MBP's article on Trieste, we note Yugoslavis's Prime Minister's comment: "It's immaterial in this age of atomic bombs and rocket warfare whether a national boundary is 10 kilometers north or south". . . A returned cowboy writes of a German stowaway who boarded their ship in Danzig: ". . . we did not report him to the captain but helped him get off at Kiel. I have received a letter from him telling me he has located his mother, tho his home and church were destroyed."... Letter from an ex-service man: "We helped bomb the people of Europe. We left people torn and dead. That was war. But what of the children in those cities? Do I not owe them something? Does not every human being stand condemned for their death?..Ceaseless toil for the rest of our lives would not crase that guilt..Our ideals must become deeds. We must have action.." Harold Benjamin, recently having visited Japan with the Advisory Group on Japanese Education: "The famous quotation from John Donne.. tells us never to ask "for whom the bell tolls", since it always tolls for each of us. We who defeated Japan in a war so rugged that it made the throat-cuttings of Genghis Khan look like tea parties, who sank their navy, who burned them out of their holes, who razed their cities - we above all people must not make the mistake of thinking that a bell of disease and starvation, despair and degeneracy, can toll for Japanese children without tolling for our children too. Every city and county is not only a part of its State and the United States; it is also bound up with the fortunes of Japan, of Asia, and of all the world."