Payrolls, Traffic to Feel Pinch If Pilots Walk Out

If American Airlines pilots strike Thursday a $25,000 per day payroll in the Fort Worth-Dallas area will be pared, hundreds will be jobless and incoming traffic—which means dollars to business—will be sharply curtailed.

At the moment the strike may go on, 598 pilots, flight engineers and stewardesses living in the area are 'grounded.' In addition, as the work embargo continues others of the 918 employees of the line in the area will be affected.

The walkout also will seriously reduce the more than 1,000 passengers who daily come into this area.

The AFL Air Line Pilots Association called the systemwide strike in an effort to force an eight-hour limit to pilots' continuous flying time.

The union contends it is dangerous for the crew to fly more than eight hours in continuous flying time.

Object of the association's assault is America's nonstop flights which, require pilots flying the route to work an eight hour round trip and spend a day and a half on the road trip schedule (nonstop) from New York to Los Angeles or from Los Angeles to New York.

On the west coast it is time consuming for the pilot who flies these runs to make up the seven hour minimum that is required by law for each round trip. On the day of the month on which the pilots are scheduled seven hours and 35 minutes, 25 minutes less than eight hours for each of the trips.

On five other days of the month the pilots are scheduled eight hours and 35 minutes, 35 minutes more than eight hours for each of the trips. On 20 days of the month they do not fly any trips.

Under federal law, regulation of an airline in a manner to provide the utmost of safety, is shared with the Department of Commerce.

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NEW PRODUCTION RECORD SET BY UNITED STATES LAST YEAR

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The Commerce Department said Tuesday the nation produced nearly $365,000,000,000 worth of goods and services last year, a new record.

It far exceeded about $500,000,000 a day and it was the fourth year in a row that the nation's production had climbed to a new peak.

The Department's report also showed total production well off sharply in the first quarter of this year, but not as much as in the final quarter of last year.

Personal income in the first five months of this year, it said, ran slightly higher than the year before despite the drop in total production. The department estimated that during the first five months of this year, personal income was at an annual rate of $385,000,000,000, approximately $900,000,000 higher than the annual rate in the first five months of 1953.

The report was on the basis of a complete revision, the first since the Department's records of total production and the various segments of it, such as national income and personal income, can be considered a benchmark, were developed.

A spokesman for the Department's office of business economics said the vision was based on more and newer information than previously available.

He said that for the first time the annual rate of economic activity was based on an analysis of statistics on business and income gathered in the 1950 census.

Additionally, he added, publication this summer of an analysis by the revenue service of income in 1951 also made changes in the system of estimating the dollar value of total production.

On the old basis, it had previously been estimated that the gross national product—the total value of all production of goods and services—last year came to $367,100,000,000.

On the new basis, this was lowered to $364,900,000,000, a decrease of $2,200,000,000, or about six-tenths of 1 per cent.

The revision lowered the estimated total of production in 1952 from $348,000,000,000 to $346,100,000,000.

On the new basis, total production rose about 5 1/2 per cent in 1953. The report said the gain was

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Described from Page 1 and joined by the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the Civil Aeronautics Board in hearings.

If there is a question about air-

line safety which needs to be set-
tled, the question could be pre-

sented to these agencies, Smith stated. He said:

1. No Adverse Effect.

Both of the agencies have stated there is no adverse effect on safely created by the addition of 25 minutes flying time over the eight-hour period, in fact the CAB stated, it is safer, on one of... comparable length involved in flight. 

In a memorandum dated May 21, 1944, which is a part of the formal record in this matter the Civil Aeronautics Administrator recommended the CAB to accept the request of the requested waivers. (Iy to fly more than eight hours on the nonstop flights) would not have an adverse effect on safety, and that the CAB would have no objection to a grant thereof.

The decision of the Civil Aeronautics Board, June 14, 1944, stated:

10 Hours Maximum. 

...air carriers in the con-

tract of scheduled or inter-

continental nonstop flights, may sched-

ule flight crew members for more than eight hours but not more than 10 hours continuous duty without an intervening rest period provided that the flight be conducted in prepared airplanes with at least two pilots and a flight engineer. This regulation shall apply only to scheduled transcontinental nonstop flights.

These petitions should be granted, because the pilots hereinafter fully discussed, we have concluded that a nonstop operation at an area of comparable length involving intermediate stops.

In fact, it appears that a waiver of the eight-hour rule will permit pilots to enjoy more total time off, since their monthly maximum flight time may be logged in 10 days under federal provisions, whereas 15 days otherwise would be required. Five additional days off for rest and relaxation definitely contributes to overall safety.

...All these considerations lead the board to the conclusion that the continued application of the eight-hour rule with respect to the transcontinental nonstop is not in the interest of safety.

Request Denied.

The pilots association sought to have the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in New York issue an order which would stay the effectiveness of the special Civil Air Regulation which permitted the continued operation of the nonstop flights. The court denied the request.

No pilots can stand on the eight-hour rule this way. We believe the eight-hour rule as it was written is a sensible rule for the operation of our services. We are not in favor of either of repealing or abandoning that standard. If there should be any attempt to abandon the eight hour standard and leave the company to join with the pilots in opposing that.

"We have asked for no change in the eight-hour rule for the operation of any of our services. We have no intention of doing so. The authorization of increased time we seek is confined to the operation of nonstop flights from coast to coast with DC-7 aircraft."

"The eight-hour rule should be left alone except that it applies to the operation of services in the domestic field where there are no scheduled intermediate stops, but the government should have the ability to make a different rule for certain flights which will govern the operation of nonstop coast-to-coast flights with suitable equipment."

Smith has also warned that if the strike damages the reputation business and position of the company and damages the earning capacity of the other employees of the company, the association and its officers will be held accountable.

We stated in New York last Friday that the company intended to use the union and its officials for any strike damage if the strike was not canceled by midnight Monday, however, the strike order remains in effect with Thursday as the target day.


Education's Role

In Modern Life

Subject of Talk

Dr. Law Stone, president of Texas Wesleyan College, discussed education's place in today's society at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Western Fort Worth Tuesday.

He noted that an increasing number of women are leaving college and moving into various fields. He suggested that Texas Christian University has benefited from such gifts.

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The theme of the meeting was "The Church and the Future of Our Country." The program was arranged by the Western Hills Hotel.

Rhee Coming to U.S.

For Talks on Korea

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP) - President Syngman Rhee of South Korea is planning to visit President Eisenhower about July 28 to discuss the future of Korea, the Korean refugees in the Far East and the Geneva conference to agree on unification plans for the country.

The President and State Secre-

tary Henry Cabot Lodge, who several weeks ago came to Washington for policy talks at his earliest convenience, is expected to stay here four or five days.

An official announcement of the trip was made Tuesday morning.

Bennett Champ Clark Dies

GLOUCESTER, Mass. July 13 (AP) - U.S. Circuit Court Judge Bennett Champ Clark, Democrat, who was a member of the Democratic Senator from Mass., died Tuesday in Addison Gilbert Hospital. He was 64.

The jurist and his wife arrived in the last month to spend the summer.

He was admitted to the hospital Tuesday morning and died in the afternoon. Cause of death was given as a heart attack.

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