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On April 20, all A. F. L. teamsters, union omployes of four major intermountain truck lines, went on strike in protest against the handling of freight by these mompanies for The Compton Transfer and Storage Company, a non-union concern of Roise. Watho
Within the following week, all teamsters' union employes of four other intermountain truck lines struck in sympathy, though none of these lines were directly involved in the original dispute.
No other grounds for the calling of the strikes have been claimed by the striking teamsters or their union representatives. No wage disagreement, no hiring of non-union workers, no contract violation, no other grievance of any kind is charged as a basis for the strikes.

## Truck Lines Act at Request of Army and I. C. C.

Moreover, in the handing of the "hot" freight in question for the non-union Boise concern, the truck lines have not acted on their own initiative. Rather, they have merely complied with Interstate Commerce Commission regulations to render service to the public, including the Compton concern, "without discrimination," and at the written request of the Army to "assist us in the'successful prosecution of the war."

## History of Present Dispute

The history of the present dispute dates back to sometime before the 18th of March. In protest against the handing of freight for the Compton concern, by four intermountain truck lines, the teamsters' union called a strike on that date. This strike lasted until March 28. At that time all parties involved, including the truck lines and teamsters' union locals at Boise, Pocatello, and Salt Lake City were requested in writing, by the Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command of the Army, through its Executive Officer, Labor Branch, Lti. Colonel M. F. Tiemey, to "resume handling all freight to assist us in the successful prosecution of the war," and that all the truck lines re-hire all men and that all teamsters "return to work and handle all freight." The Army also pointed out "that nearly' all freight is important to the successful prosecution of the war whether it be that of the armed forces." It also affirmed that "the work stoppage . . . is seriously hurting the war effort."

The truckers complied fully and immediately with the Army's request, including the re-
hiring of the men who had been discharged for previous refusal to handle freight of the nonunion Boise concern. Union representatives also verbally agreed, at this time, to recommend to their striking members that they, too, accede to the Army's plea. However, the striking teamsters did not then return to work until other concessions were made.
Between March 28 and April 18, in the interest of harmony, and pending settlement of the original dispute by a proper governmental agency, the trucking companies refrained from handling freight for the Compton company. So long as this arrangement continued there was no trouble.

However, on April 18, Interstate Commerce Commission, under whose jurisdiction the truck lines operate, wrote them, "It is necessary for you to render service to the public without discrimination" (including service to Compton's) . . . and that "failure to do so will constitute sufficient grounds for suspension or revocation of the certificate." In other words failure to handle all freight would subject the truck lines to the probable loss of operating authority. So, on April 20, the truck lines announced they would handle all freight without discrimination and the union called the strike as already cited.

This condition has left a large section of the intermountain west without adequate interstate trucking service at a critical time when the movement of freight is so vital to an early victory, not to mention the resulting injury to industry and the public generally.

The loss which will be sustained by the Army and by the public can best be realized by a study of the figures representing the volume of freight carried by these lines and the extent of the territory served.

## Territory Served

The lines shut down serve directly nine intermountain and western states. In addition, Salt Lake City is the gateway for cross country truck shipments to and from points lying far Heyond their primary territories. The strike has practically closed the movement of transcontinental motor freigh't between eastern territories and the west coast through the Denver-Salt Lake gateway.
It is further estimated that the lines directly affected operate 600 pieces of equipment and carry more than 2,000 tons of freight a day. They operate over 55,000 miles per day.

It is the duty of the War Labor Board to settle disputes of this kind. The truck lines have used every means at their command to have this dispute certified to the War Labor Board, but without success.

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