

Efforts Continue To End Coal Tie-up

(By the Associated Press)
The month-old strike by 400,000 soft coal miners still held the spotlight on the labor front today as John L. Lewis and his union operators made new attempts to negotiate a contract. As the president of the AFL United Mine Workers and the operators met in Washington, coal stockpiles in some cities dwindled to a point that threatened disruption of utility service. Lewis and his union aides and the operators, who held their first meeting yesterday since a breakdown in negotiations on April 10, were joined by two federal mediators.

Meanwhile, to add further gloom to the labor picture, new strikes at three plants of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company started, boosting to 27,000 the number of workers made idle in the company's seven plants. Today's strikes were at the home plant in Milwaukee, making idle 11,600, at Boston, involving 600 and in La Crosse, Wis. Strikes have been in progress at the company's plants in Springfield, Ill., Pittsburgh, Norwood, O., and Laport, Ind. Today's work stoppage stemmed from a dispute over several issues proposed for a new contract.

The plants of the five big meat packers, seized by the government last Jan. 26 when a strike threatened serious curtailment of meat supplies, were released to private ownership today.

MacArthur Assassination Plot of Japanese Bared

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weren't involved and added, "we have absolutely no reason to do away with General MacArthur."

Tokayama, former Imperial (thought police) officer who later became a kamikaze (suicide) pilot, was known to possess grenades and pistols, Baker said. He was engaged for some time in preliminary arrangements to "enlist assistance" in a plot to kill MacArthur, a headquarters statement added, and had accumulated 140,000 yen (\$9,333) for the purpose.

Poison Victim Talks
"At one time in his negotiations he attempted to kill, by putting poison in his coffee, one of the plotters because he felt this man would fall," the announcement said. "Fortunately, the poison was not immediately fatal. He was taken by the Japanese police to an American hospital, where through experienced assistance he was revived and detailed parts of the plot."

The informant, not identified by headquarters, will be kept in custody as one of the original plotters, Baker said. Japanese police released a photograph of Tokayama to the Japanese press in an effort to speed his arrest.

The headquarters announcement said other known plotters still are at large, but are being rounded up.

McArthur Ignores Danger
Col. Harry I. T. Crosswell, MacArthur's chief of civil intelligence, said the informant related that five or six persons were involved.

No extra guards were visible around the MacArthur office today. The announcement stated "the supreme commander of the Allied powers has again refused to permit any unusual precautions to be taken for the protection of his life."

Big labor celebrations are scheduled for Tokyo and other sections in Japan's first May Day observance in 11 years. Three hundred thousand are expected to gather in front of the Imperial palace, one block from MacArthur's headquarters, for speeches and a parade.

MacArthur did not plan any variation from his routine for tomorrow and will not make any because of the plot, Bunker said. Militarists Blamed

Tokuda, general secretary of the Japanese communist party, declared the plot "was one calculated to suppress communist and other popular movements." He blamed it on "militarists and old-line capitalists" seeking to regain power.

Tokuda, recently elected to the diet, said his party had issued strict orders forbidding "any action which would cause violence

or confusion." He said the communists consider the Allied forces "a liberating force. We have cooperated with Allied policies and intend to do so."

Forrestal Raps Plan to Merge Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Forrestal declared today that the current proposal to merge the Army and the Navy into a single department of defense is "based on a major premise which is false."

He told the Senate Naval Committee that the Navy is solidly behind a program of "practical improvement in the coordination of the armed services," but criticized sharply details of the present merger plan. Pending legislation that the committee is considering, he said, "It fails to differentiate between single command such as is necessary in the face of the enemy, and the democratic processes and procedures which are the basis of our government at home."

Columbia's Commercial Fishing Season Opens

ASTORIA, Ore., April 30.—(AP)—The commercial fishing season opened today on the Columbia River, with a fleet of nearly 1000 boats casting nets for chinook salmon.

The fishers, scattered from Cello Falls to the river mouth, were not very optimistic, however. They reported escapement at Bonneville near a record low—and even if they do catch many fish, they don't like the price. The chinook salmon ceiling is 17 cents a pound, and fishermen here have announced they will halt fishing after May unless a 25 per cent increase is granted.

New Date to Be Fixed For Legion Convention

PORTLAND, April 30.—(AP)—The American Legion state convention was postponed today from its July 29-31 scheduled dates in order not to conflict with Market Week here.

Legion officials will meet with Chamber of Commerce and hotel representatives May 2 to set other dates. "Market Week," to be held from July 28 to August 10, is the time when merchants come to the city to view fall and winter wearing apparel and place orders.

The kingbird chases hawks, crows and even eagles, but is afraid of the tiny hummingbird and will flee from its attack.

The Greeks believed that if a young woman bathed in certain sacred pools, her yearnings for offspring soon would be gratified.

In Java it is believed that if a husband will slit the wife's robe with a sharp knife from throat to hem without touching her, she will be freed of the pains of childbirth.

Army's Food, Cooking Records Draw Reproof

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(AP)—The Army got a bad report card today for a lot of its department's.

Secretary of War Patterson was told the Army has overstocked food, wasted it and cooked and served it in a manner "definitely below the accepted practices of commercial hotels and restaurants."

The findings were made by a special nine-man committee of civilian food experts assigned by Patterson to survey Army food management and propose conservation methods.

The report card wasn't all bad marks, however. The experts found GI bakeries superior in operation. They also commended the "good quality" of provisions purchased for Army use at "the greatest economy." And they found storage facilities generally adequate and well located.

Budget Lists Pay Hikes For Roseburg Employees

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ent—were also recommended for an increase to \$2,400 a year each. Salaries of City Attorney A. N. Orcutt, City Recorder A. J. Geddes, and City Treasurer T. J. Brown were slated to continue at \$1,500, \$2,100, and \$1,500, respectively.

When Short was called upon to explain his budget requests for the coming year, he pointed out that other cities usually maintain a ratio of one policeman to every 750 persons residing in the city. At present, the state police and sheriff's offices take many calls intended for the city police, because the city police are on patrol and cannot be reached, he said.

"One member of the police force gave his notice two weeks ago," the chief said. "Every time I talk to someone about joining the police," they laugh at me." Short asked a \$20 boost to the \$170 a month now received by the police officers.

Short's salary is \$185 a month. In addition, he receives, \$15 a month as city electrical inspector.

Jobs Hard to Fill

Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor asked for salaries starting at \$160 a month for a third driver, \$170 a month for second driver, \$180 for first driver, \$200 for himself. The fire chief declared that he "can't get drivers for the fire department when garbage truck drivers get \$200 a month without having to know about fire hydrants or fire engines."

The fire chief is paid \$185 a month now, his first and second drivers \$160 and \$150, respectively. A third driver would operate the truck answering rural fire calls. Taylor himself also receives the fees paid for city building permits, which amounted to \$710.50 for the year ending April 1, 1946, and averaged \$39.50 a month over a 31-month period. Taylor furnishes his own car.

for building inspection trips, because it is a "sure thing you can't take a fire truck."

Other items recommended: An assistant superintendent of streets, \$2,220 annually, and three street department employees at \$2,160 each.

An allowance of \$7,000 for reinforcement of the dike at the sewage disposal plant was temporarily struck from the budget pending further information from the city engineer on types and costs of construction for a permanent wall.

U. S. Proposes 25-Year Vigil Over Germany

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Japan, but declined to reveal details of this proposal.

Russia Hesitant on Plan
Byrnes says Premier Stalin had supported the idea for the four-power treaty on Germany when the two discussed the matter in Moscow last Christmas. However, Molotov, Russian foreign minister, yesterday opposed placing the matter on the conference agenda in connection with general discussions on Germany.

France and Britain have accepted the proposal in principle. Byrnes said, and Russia has expressed willingness to discuss it, although without setting a definite time.

Whether the treaty draft will be placed on the agenda remained unsettled when Byrnes asked for adjournment of the conference last night.

The proposed pact apparently was put forward with the sanction of Sen. Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich.), ranking minority party member of the committee, who are acting as Byrnes' assistants at the conference.

Answers Stalin's Fears

It was an answer to fears, which Byrnes said had been expressed by Stalin and other leaders, that the United States might withdraw from European affairs as it did after the First World War.

The proposal requires German acceptance as a condition for the withdrawal of allied occupation forces from the Reich, and provides for four-power supervision of Germany for at least 25 years after the end of the present occupation.

Byrnes' suggestion would insure that German armed forces are "completely disarmed, demobilized and disbanded," that such organizations as the storm troopers and the Gestapo are wiped out, and that no military equipment or explosives are manufactured. Atomic energy research would be outlawed through a prohibition of the production of "all fissionable materials for any purpose."

Constant Vigilance Planned

The four signatories would adopt a "system of quadripartite inspection" to make certain that Germany obeyed the instructions and armed forces of the

four powers would stand ready to move promptly against the Reich in the event of rearmament or other infractions.

The only decision reached by the ministers yesterday was to place at the tail-end of the agenda the "preliminary" discussion of the "whole German problem."

This generally was interpreted as a victory for Britain over French requests for definite talks on the Ruhr and Rhineland.

Most of the session was devoted to discussion of the future of Italian colonies, with Russia expressing willingness to compromise on her earlier demands for exclusive trusteeship over Tripolitania.

Income Tax Dodgers in Black Market Targets

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supply stocks 19 per cent under last year's figures.

Secretary Anderson warned that food shortages here may continue into 1948 and asserted in a speech yesterday that further food sacrifices will be sought from the people. He did not go into details on the latter point.

Latest government statistics disclosed that the general level of farm product prices soared this month to their highest mark since July, 1920. The lift came from major advances in prices for meat animals, fruits and cotton.

Clergymen's Aid Asked

President Truman canvassed the food situation again yesterday in a conference with four high-ranking aides. A brief while earlier he appealed to a group of 300 Washington clergymen for their help in promoting food conservation.

"You can help in that. You can make the people realize their responsibility. You can awaken in them the moral responsibility that goes with leadership," he said.

OPA Cut Said Endorsed

House Republicans meanwhile insisted today their visit back home convinced them they were right in voting to whittle down OPA.

Not one of the G. O. P. members returning from a hurried pre-campaign trip to the political grass roots reported any widespread dissatisfaction among constituents over the drastic curbs written into the price control extension bill just before the House quit for its 10-day Easter vacation.

Public sentiment over that action was one of the things members wanted to learn about at



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