

Truman Firm on Refugee Attitude

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. —(AP)—President Truman has sent a message to King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia reiterating his belief that steps should be taken to insure the immediate substantial immigration of refugee Jews into Palestine.

He told the Arab leader that he could not agree with the latter's statement that there was

inconsistency in the American position.

Replying to a letter received from Ibn Saud October 15, the president wrote:

"With regard to the possibility envisaged by your majesty that force and violence may be used by Jews in aggressive schemes against the neighboring Arab countries, I can assure you that this government stands opposed to aggression of any kind or to the employment of terrorism for political purposes. I may add, moreover, that I am convinced that responsible Jewish leaders do not contemplate a policy of aggression against the Arab countries adjacent to Palestine."

The president said he still adhered to the belief, "widely shared by the people of this country," that nothing would contribute more effectively to the alleviation of the plight of homeless Jews "than the authorization of the immediate entry of at least 100,000 of them to Palestine."

Rogge Will Continue Alien Meddling Exposure

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evidence he unearthed in Europe concerning a Nazi plot to defeat President Roosevelt in three consecutive elections.

"The complete report primarily concerned Nazi penetration of the United States in the propaganda field. When Mr. Clark came upon Sen. Burton K. Wheeler's name he said the report would not be made public.

Rogge explained that the material for his report was gathered in Europe while investigating possible Nazi connections of 30 Americans whose trials on wartime sedition charges have been held in abeyance since a mistrial in 1944.

American Zone Struck By Another Bombing

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cation board room. It blew out the windows of the room containing the records of Nazi sympathizers and members, but did not harm the papers, Semeschow said.

Security officers in Esslingen said they regarded the explosions as a protest against the German denazification boards, but there was still no indication whether the series of explosions were caused by extremists with right wing or left wing tendencies.

Armistice, Thanksgiving Days Are Proclaimed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. —(AP)—President Truman today called upon the nation to renew its efforts to obtain lasting peace as he issued proclamations designating Nov. 11 Armistice Day and Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day.

He asked for observance of Armistice Day with "appropriate ceremony" and directed that the American flag fly from all government buildings.

Federal Operation Of Coal Mines at Stage of Scandal

By PETER EDSON
WASHINGTON — (NEA) — U. S. government seizure and operation of the nation's 2300 coal mines is now costing the taxpayers \$150,000 a month. This \$5,000 a day may be a cheap bribe to pay to keep the mine owners in clover, the miners dig-

Continued operation of the coal mines by the government has now dragged on to the point of being a national scandal. Not that there's anything crooked about the government's administration. That's handled through the Department of Interior. The actual work is done by a staff of 125 Navy officers and about that many enlisted personnel, plus 25 civilian technical experts. They're all under Capt. Nathan F. Colson, the coal mines administrator. Colson recently succeeded Admiral Ben H. Moreell on his retirement from the Navy, but the admiral is staying on as consultant.

The government took over on May 22 — nearly six months ago. Seizure was made under the Smith-Connally act. It specifies that properties taken over by the government must be returned to private owners within 60 days. So continued government operation is really illegal.

From May 22 to Sept. 1, cost of government operation was \$350,000. That covers salaries, subsistence, travel, clerical help — everything except office rent, which is furnished free. For the last three months of the year, the Coal Mines Administration has asked Bureau of the Budget for \$450,000. The money comes from the President's emergency war funds, because there isn't any legal appropriation to cover the expenditure and there's no place

else it can come from.

No Reimbursement to U. S.

The unfortunate thing is that there is no way in which the cost of government operation can be assessed against the operators and the union, to take the taxpayers' off the hook. That might be a refinement which the new congress could consider while it's revising labor legislation — a law which would compel the parties to a labor dispute to reimburse the government for the cost of seizure. It would be an incentive to make management and labor get together and settle their differences.

But the really disgraceful part of the coal situation is that the government is left holding the bag through the bull-headedness of the mine operators and the United Mine Workers' union leadership who have been unable or unwilling to get together on a new contract.

A month ago the operators and John L. Lewis were called in by Admiral Moreell and urged to sign a new contract to replace the temporary contract now in effect, signed by Lewis and Interior Secretary J. A. Krug on behalf of the government and now in effect. The result was negative. Southern operators refused to accept the five-cents-a-ton royalty payment for miners' welfare funds, the mine safety code provisions, or recognition of supervisory employees' unions. Northern operators were willing to accept all three. So management was split.

The present contract between Lewis and the government is a national contract. The last contract which Lewis had with the operators was also a national contract. Before that there were separate regional contracts.

'Delusion, Farce,' Claimed

Faced with the possibility of going back to regional contract negotiations, Lewis said he would have to put the issue up to the U. M. W. national convention. Then Lewis had his appendix cut out and couldn't go to the convention. In his absence the convention passed resolutions calling government operation of the

mines "a farce and a delusion," stuck to the decision that it would negotiate on a national contract only.

On top of that, the convention decided that when it did negotiate with the operators for a new contract, it would ask for wage increases, shorter hours, longer vacations, better working conditions and a carload of other demands.

Taft C. of C. Asks Fish Bill Support From Roseburg

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, which already has endorsed the Coastal Streams Fishing Bill, No. 312, by resolution, has received request for additional support from the Chamber of Commerce at Taft, Oregon.

Don Mitchell, secretary of the Taft chamber, in a message addressed to similar organizations throughout the state urging group support for Bill 312, declares:

"If the depleted runs of salmon, steelhead and trout are not given some protection NOW, these fish will become extinct and commercial fishing as well as angling will be hopeless. The netting of salmon and steelhead in spawning streams has depleted the runs 90 per cent over the past ten years."

Pengra Returns From Broadcasters' Conclave

Marshall Pengra, manager of KRNR radio station, returned to his home in Roseburg Saturday night, following a trip to Chicago to attend the National Association of Broadcasters convention. Mr. Pengra, who is chairman of the committee for small markets stations, gave a two-hour presentation Wednesday, October 23. The convention was broadcast with television.

Myrtle Creek High Six Defeats Sutherland, 48-0

Myrtle Creek High School handed Sutherland High School a 48-to-0 defeat in the Douglas County Six-Man Football league on the Myrtle Creek field Friday. The winners dominated the play from the opening kick-off, holding Sutherland to one first down.

It was the third league win for Myrtle Creek in the "B" league play. Friday, Nov. 1, Myrtle Creek will play at Oakland. All "B" league games are played in the afternoons.

It is estimated that before World War II, the United States owned one-third of the world's rail mileage, one-third of its highways, and seven out of every ten motor vehicles.

Showdown Nears Over Pre-Election Coal Crisis

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termination clause in his last contract with the operators, which he voided last March 31, had been carried over into the government pact.

Lewis, accusing the Federal Coal Mines Administration of breaching the Krug-Lewis contract, through "misinterpretations," wants to begin negotiating Friday for a new agreement — calling for higher wages or possibly a shorter work week without loss in pay.

Further, the UMW boss says if Krug fails to "honor" his demand for the November 1 meeting, the current contract will be void as of that date instead of November 20, when Lewis originally indicated he planned to end the government agreement.

U. S. Policies on Hot Issues to Be Declared

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report on their troops in foreign countries.

Will Russia Yield?

Foreign Minister Molotov is already here and, with other members of the Soviet delegation, is the center of heated speculation over whether Russia may be developing a more "conciliatory" or "cooperative" attitude toward working with the western powers on grave international issues.

Molotov's very presence here, ahead of the other great power ministers, is interpreted by some U. N. informants as a possible indication of a new attitude. Moreover, three days ago in a committee meeting, Deputy For-

eign Minister Vishinsky unexpectedly withdrew certain Russian proposals when they met stiff majority opposition.

Topping off this trend of events, Vishinsky and Ambassador Novikov yesterday headed a five-man Russian group which participated along with other U. N. delegates in a solemn pon-

tifical high mass in Roman Catholic St. Patrick's cathedral on Fifth Avenue.

The Soviet and all other delegations had been invited to the mass "to invoke divine guidance upon the deliberations of the general assembly" several days ago, in the name of Cardinal Spell-

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Precinct	Polling Place
Benson	Benson Schoolhouse
Calapooia	Turkey Hall
Camas Valley	Schoolhouse
Canyonville	Canyonville Hotel
Carroll	Residence of Mrs. Lucy Jennings, 318 Woodward St.
Civil Bend	Schoolhouse at Dillard
Coles Valley	Community Hall
Comstock	Schoolhouse at Curtin
Cow Creek	Grange Hall
Days Creek	Schoolhouse
Deer Creek	Courthouse
Dixonville	Community Hall
Drain	Community Hall
East Umpqua	Grange Hall at Glide
Edenbower East—Packard Sales Room, Hy. No. 99 and Garden Valley Road.	
Edenbower West	Schoolhouse, former Dist. No. 33
Elkton	I. O. O. F. Hall
Garden Valley	Women's Club
Gardiner	Gardiner Confectionery
Glendale	City Hall
Green	Evergreen Grange Hall
Gunter	Community Hall
Hamilton	Roseburg Hotel
Hermann	Basement of Presbyterian Church
Kellogg	Grange Hall
Lane	Junior High School
Lookingglass	Grange Hall
Leon Lake	Schoolhouse
Melrose	Grange Hall
Mill	U. S. Forestry Bldg.
North Myrtle	Grange Hall
South Myrtle	Town Hall
Oakland	City Hall
Olalla	Tenmile Hall
Parrott	Residence of C. E. Thomas, 911 South Main St.
East Reedsport	P. U. D. Office
West Reedsport	Schoolhouse
Riddle	Christian Church
Roseburg	Parish House, St. George's Church
Scottsburg	Schoolhouse
Smith River	Grange Hall
East Sutherland	City Hall
Tiller	Red Diamond Fuel Company
Umpqua	530 N. Jackson St., Nielsen's Market Annex
West Roseburg	West Side Grocery
Wilbur	Schoolhouse
Winchester Bay	Schoolhouse
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