

Lewis May Be Drawn Into Contempt Action
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plaint against the 370,000-member union. Now, he said, more specific charges may be lodged.

FBI Gathering Evidence

This dovetailed with reports from both union and industry sources—that Federal Bureau of Investigation agents have been busy in the coal fields, assembling evidence on the union's effort—or lack of effort—to comply with the court's back-to-work order.

Lewis, who has twice wired his defiant men to resume digging, smiled gently as he left each bargaining session, and said not a word.

As for legislation authorizing a seizure of the mines, the White House obviously regarded such a step as a last resort, to be taken only if all other efforts fail.

Senator Morse (R-Ore) believes the time has come. Morse, a member of the labor committee, told a reporter the government should take over the mines and run them until both sides "develop some common sense," and settle.

Administration leaders in Congress were said to be waiting on the White House. And the last word from the White House was: Mr. Truman neither has nor wants seizure power.

Reports of spreading unemployment, closing schools, hardship and violence built up the tension here.

Independents Join Strike

Ten thousand members of the Independent Progressive Mine Workers union went on strike in Illinois today. Negotiations, pursued sporadically since last summer, collapsed finally last night.

The PMW has been producing most of Illinois' coal supply since Lewis' much larger UMW went on strike. Simultaneously with the new blow, Rockford, Ill., closed its public schools for the rest of the week. The state capital, Springfield, followed New York's lead and began a "brownout."

Cleveland turned off almost 4,000 street lights. Pittsburgh suspended all night school classes, as Washington, D.C., did yesterday.

The Indiana Public Service Commission authorized the state's electric utilities to cut service as much as 25 percent, upon a showing of emergency.

Idleness in the steel mills and other coal-fueled industries totaled 55,500. Another 23,000 steel workers were due for furlough tonight.

State police in Pennsylvania reported that about 2,000 pickets were roving in the rich bituminous area northeast of Pittsburgh, trying to close down all non-union mines.

It was in this area that a fire-

fighting company yesterday smashed through a road blockade and a barrage of stones to put out a fire at a mine tippie. Police said the blaze was started by miners' pickets.

Dewey Plans Seizure

In Albany, Governor Thomas E. Dewey asked the New York state legislature for power to seize coal in "non-essential" private stocks. Saying the coal shortage is reaching the "desperate stage" in the state, he also sought authority to put price ceilings on the dwindling supplies.

A vice-president of the United States Chamber of Commerce accused UMW President Lewis of using "tactics which are little more than legalized blackmail" to bring about a crisis in the coal industry.

The official, Thomas R. Reed of Baltimore, made his accusation in a statement prepared for a Senate Judiciary subcommittee's hearing on a bill to apply anti-trust laws to unions. Reed said Lewis has succeeded because he holds "monopolistic power over an essential industry."

There was no sign from the coal fields that the miners were impressed either by the government's orders or by angry denunciations. Their unflinching reply to questioners was: "No contract, no work." One Pennsylvania coal digger added: "If some people are going with-out heat, remember our kids are a little short on food."

British Election Result Regarded As Tossup
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will be chosen from the party with the majority in this dominant body of parliament. Though Attlee and Churchill head their parties, their names will appear only on ballots in the district in which each is a candidate for election to the Commons.

100 Red Candidates

The full list of candidates totals 1,868, with 621 running for Labor, 620 for the Tories, 474 for the Liberals, 100 for the Communists and the rest scattered among independent and minor local parties.

The main issues Britons are being asked to decide are socialism, taxes, housing, Britain's dollar shortage and the cold war.

Labor is for more government ownership of industry. The Conservatives promise less.

The Conservatives claim they can cut taxes and still maintain social benefits by trimming government expenses. Although they are avowed anti-socialists, they do not propose to do away with the welfare state but only promise to run it more efficiently.

Telephone Strike Now Appears Inevitable
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tiate only in New York, where it has been meeting for weeks in fruitless bargaining sessions with the union.

The union representatives, who stood by all day yesterday while Ching argued with company officials to sit down with the union in his office, refused to return to New York for talks there.

The last nationwide phone strike was in 1947, by the same union, then the National Federation of Telephone Workers, an independent organization.

Now the union, under the leadership of Beirne, is affiliated with the CIO. It has solicited the cooperation of the CIO's 6,000,000 members in its effort to make the strike as effective as possible.

The Western Electric employees are the key groups in the strike plans, because Western Electric installation and sales divisions operate in nearly every major telephone exchange across the nation. Their pickets will be counted on by CWA leaders to keep telephone operators from taking their posts after Friday.

What Union Demands

The CWA's uniform demands are for a 15-cent hourly boost in a "package"—including higher wages, shorter hours, and shorter training periods. The company insists the union is not entitled to any increase, but that each unit of the parent American Telephone and Telegraph company should bargain locally. It has opposed arbitration.

The Western Electric company said in a statement issued last night in New York: "The company wants to bargain where it can do so most effectively. It had an opportunity to bargain less than two hours on the union's demand for a 15-cent-an-hour package increase when adjournment was occasioned by the receipt of Cyrus Ching's invitation. As explained to Mr. Ching, the company believes that progress toward a peaceful settlement of the dispute can be most easily and quickly facilitated in New York."

The National Geographic Society says that, contrary to general belief, only two important areas of Holland were flooded during the war.

The Weather
U. S. Weather Bureau Office
Roseburg, Oregon

Partly cloudy today and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

Highest temp. any Feb. 79
Lowest temp. any Feb. 3
Highest temp. yesterday 60
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 35
Precipitation last 24 hrs. 0
Precipitation from Feb. 1 2.11
Precipitation from Sept. 1 24.44
Deficiency from Feb. 1 1.37

City, where all of its records, personnel and other essential facilities for the careful consideration of the union's demands are immediately available.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP) The Oregon telephone union will join the projected nationwide phone strike at 6 a. m. Friday if earlier settlement is not reached.

C. H. Wright, head of the Oregon union which is affiliated with the CIO Communications Workers, said the effect would be to tie up all long lines and all Oregon exchanges of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. West Coast Telephone company and the several smaller independents will not be affected, Wright said.

The union's locals are located at Portland, Baker, Pendleton, The Dalles, Bend, Klamath Falls, Medford, Ashland, Roseburg, Eugene, Corvallis-Albany, Newport, Salem, Tillamook and Astoria. There are also a number of sub-locals, such as Milton-Freewater and Hermiston, under Pendleton, and St. Helens, under Portland, blanketing the PT&T operations, Wright said.

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Terror, Death System Used in Bulgaria
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in Hungary of "political persecution and acts of injustice to citizens of foreign nationality."

Trie "Tortured, Killed"

About the same time as the blast at Hungary was issued, the state department disclosed the secret details of American efforts to protect its last Bulgarian translator at the American legation at Sofia against probable death at the hands of the Communist authorities. Apparently efforts to save the life of this man, Michael Shipkov, had delayed action on the actual break until yesterday.

Last summer the Bulgarian police, according to State department disclosure, seized three Bulgarian employees of the legation on charges of spying. The Bulgarian government, the State department said, "permitted the torture and killing of these three men."

Shortly thereafter, in August, Shipkov was arrested when efforts of American Minister Donald R. Heath to obtain an exit permit for Shipkov and his wife and child fell through.

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Atom Control Stand Taken By President
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stroy them. The most aggressive of these enemies today is Communism.

"Communism seeks to induce men to surrender their freedom by false promises of a better life, but the great danger of Communism does not lie in its false promises. It lies in the fact that it is an instrument of an armed imperialism which seeks to extend its influence by force."

Peace Desire Paramount

When he turned to discussion of atomic weapons, the President reiterated his support of the Baruch control plan involving international inspection of atomic plants but declared "the stakes are too large to let us, or any nation, stand on pride of authorship."

"We asked only for a plan that provides an effective, workable system—anything less would be a sham agreement," he said.

Asserting that the United States "must make Democracy work and we must defend it against its enemies," the President declared: "While the free nations stand prepared to resist aggression, they are doing their utmost to find peaceful means for settling international disputes. They know that another great war could destroy victor and vanquished alike."

The United States, he said, will continue "to do all that lies within our power to prevent the horror of another war."

He said that this country is working for reduction of armaments and control of weapons of mass destruction.

He applauded the North Atlantic treaty and the mutual defense assistance program and asserted: "We shall continue to work with the other free nations associated with us in the common defense—

chancery where he was relatively safe from arrest.

Subsequently Foreign Minister Poptomov deplored the police treatment of Shipkov, indicated responsible officials would be punished and also indicated such action would not recur. The American government held to its hope that the Shipkovs could leave Bulgaria.

On Jan. 12 the foreign office sent Minister Heath a formal request for Shipkov, saying that he was wanted in connection with acts against the Bulgarian state.

The American envoy declined to release him "in the light of Shipkov's loyalty and the Bulgarian record of ruthlessness and injustice."

He remained at the legation until recently, when he left to seek "a more permanent refuge." Yesterday word came that he had been seized by Bulgarian authorities in another of "the long chain of tragedies which have overwhelmed the cent, freedom loving Bulgarians."

It was against the then secret background of what had happened to Shipkov and the other Bulgarian employees of the legation and also in view of "intolerable restrictions placed on American officials, that the United States government decided to sever diplomatic contacts with the Russian satellite country.

The specific incident which caused the break was a Bulgarian demand last Jan. 19 for recall of Heath on the grounds that he had plotted for the overthrow of the Bulgarian government. The United States said this charge was utterly false.

ACTIVE CLUB DATED

The Roseburg Active club will meet Thursday at 7 a. m. in the Shammar for breakfast. Each member is asked to bring a guest.

High School Society Trial Reaches Yawning Stage
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Dal M. King of Coquille, isn't a bit interesting. In fact, it has been so dull, monotonous and repetitious that Judge King has been pleading for the boys' attorneys to speed things up.

At first, the boys' lawyers planned to claim the 1909 law is unconstitutional, but they dropped this line of attack. Now they are trying to prove that the fraternity is not secret, and thus legal.

Secrecy Is Denied

The boys and their parents have testified that their meetings were wide open. They said they talked business at the meetings, and drank coffee and milk, and ate fudge, cookies and banana jello.

The defense also tried to prove that school board members were not interested in the parent's side of the case. The parents testified that, before the boys were tossed out of school, the school board held a hearing for the parents, and that some school board members and school officials went sound asleep while the parents talked.

During this sleeping testimony Attorney Moody fell asleep and tipped his chair partly over with a loud thump. Even Judge King had to laugh at that one.

for our defense is theirs, and their defense is ours."

Americans, Mr. Truman continued must "be no less firm, no less resolute, no less steadfast" than George Washington was.

While the stage is larger today than in Washington's time, fundamentally the problem is the same—"to make Democracy work and defend it from its enemies."

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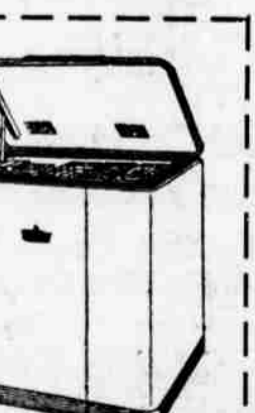
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