



HIS MOTHER'S HERO—Three-year-old Lewis Glosson of Atlanta, Ga., hands his mother a glass of water after the little hero engineered her revival when she fainted. When Mrs. Glosson became ill while washing dishes, Lewis calmly moved his baby chair to the sink, filled a cup with water, then bathed her face. After she recovered Lewis summoned help. (AP Wirephoto)



AFTER GUILTY PLEA—W. P. Kennedy (left), president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Edward B. Henslee, the brotherhood's general counsel, converse outside federal court in Washington, D.C., after the union pleaded guilty to contempt of court in the recent "sick" strikes of the switchmen. The brotherhood was fined \$75,000. (AP Wirephoto)

Government's Mobilization Program Bitterly Assailed By Disgruntled Labor Heads

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Organized labor, with a stronger voice than it ever had in World War II because it's more united now, has said "whoa" to the government's mobilization program.

This sudden stiff stand of labor may bring a crisis in the program unless it's soothed by concessions from the Truman administration. Labor's first emphatic stand was taken when three labor representatives on the Wage Stabilization board walked out. They didn't like the wage policy decided upon by the other six members—three from business, three representing the public.

And now there is a possibility labor might pull its representatives out of other agencies in the mobilization program unless it gets what it considers a more important task so in the whole show.

Labor got this new unity, greater than any it has had in years, by setting up a united labor policy committee last Dec. 15. John L. Lewis of the coal miners is not taking part.

But the committee is made up of five top AFL men, five top CIO men, two leaders of the International Association of Machinists, and two from the Railway Labor Executives' association. Since it was set up, the formerly independent machinists have affiliated with the AFL.

Altogether these four big organizations represent perhaps 15,000,000 union workers in factories, ships, railroads. The success of the defense program depends on their cooperation.

The other members of the wage board wanted to let workers have a wage increase no larger than 10 percent since Jan. 15, 1950. The labor members of the board wanted a figure no less than 12 percent.

Program Denounced
But this conflict over wages was only part of labor's dissatisfaction. After the walkout from the board by the labor members, the labor policy committee issued a statement.

This blasted the way the mobilization program is being handled. It said the program has been put in the hands of a few men from big business who:

"Believe they have a monopoly on experience, good ideas and patriotism. Not a single policy design so far has reflected in any way the recommendations of labor or any other group."

In short, labor was saying: "If there's going to be a mobilization program, we want an important part in it."

Wilson Makes Offer
Then the labor leaders received a letter from Charles E. Wilson, director of the mobilization and boss of the whole program. He said he'd be glad to consider appointment of a labor man as his deputy.

Maybe this will solve the problem, plus some other things, such as a change in the wage formula which the other members of the wage board agreed on.

And perhaps President Truman will try to pacify the labor leaders with a White House conference. This is all on a "perhaps" basis. Today or this week the jam may be ironed out.

But whatever is done will be

35 Red Divisions Massed In Poland, East Germany

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Soviet Union now has a fully armored or mechanized force of 35 divisions in East Germany and Poland alone, the State department says, and has restored East German railways which would serve as supply lines from Russia in the event of war.

Additionally, the State department report based on "current intelligence" said, the East German Communist party on Jan. 15 began a large scale purge of its ranks aimed at eliminating weak links.

The department's office of public affairs gave this information in an official publication picturing the background of a recent Soviet pressures on Germany.

The report came just when the Big Four powers appeared to be nearing agreement on plans for a "peace" conference. It questioned whether Russia really wants a Big Four meeting. Unless the powers can agree on discussing basic differences other than Germany there would be little point in meeting, it said.

The blast followed by a few hours the delivery in Moscow of the latest notes by the United States, Britain and France proposing a preliminary session of the foreign ministers' deputies in Paris on March 5. Moscow already has agreed to a discussion by the deputies of subjects to be taken up if a Big Four conference is held, but insists that German rearmament is the top issue.

The department termed "absurd" a Russian proposal to talk about Germany alone.

"Without agreement on the agenda there would be little point in having a conference," the State department said. "Even with agreement on the subjects to be discussed, it would be an extraordinary conference that could resolve such differences as have already produced a war in Asia."

"By their very nature, the Soviet notes have aroused serious doubts that the Kremlin actually wants a conference. Past experience and current intelligence have made the U. S. skeptical on the Kremlin's good faith."

Ample Gasoline For All Assured For This Summer

By SAM DAWSON
NEW YORK — (AP) — There'll be enough gasoline for all the Sunday drivers and all the military forces this summer, without rationing and with about the same octane rating they now buy—barring an all-out war.

Oil economists say they feel sure of this, but they add: The defense program — still in its warming-up stage — may put pressure on oil at the industrial-power and home-heating levels. The industry has the facilities to meet demands as now foreseen, but there might be a tight pinch.

And it could cost \$5 billion or more, some oil economists estimate, to put the nation's oil facilities into a comfortable position to meet all industrial, military, and civilian demands in this highly seasonal industry — and be ready for emergencies.

The nation is expected to want 19 percent more gasoline this summer than last. The oil industry has the facilities to provide it, and the petroleum administration for defense says today it has abandoned its play to put ceilings on civilian gasoline octanes.

Military demand for gasoline will be only about five percent of the total consumed. Last year the armed services took an average of 240,000 barrels a day, and this year's daily average may rise to 375,000. It need not affect civilian supplies.

The real rub — if there is one — would come next winter. The rapidly increasing demand for oil products needed to power and heat the nation's expanding industrial plant, run its trains and ships, — all will reach the usual seasonal peak next winter, with defense production needs added.

To meet the expected new record demands the industry must make and store more surplus fuel oil this summer than it did last, oil economists are warning the industry.

The American Petroleum institute puts refinery capacity at 6,732,200 barrels a day, against only 4,856,599 in 1941. Last year, many for oil products went up 10,000 barrels a day, and this year demand is expected to increase another 550,000 barrels a day.

Steel Cut Faces Auto Industry Coming Quarter

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Steel for passenger cars and other consumer durable goods will be cut 20 percent during the second quarter of this year below the average quarterly level of the first half of 1950.

The reduction program, announced by the National Production authority (NPA), will apply to radio and television sets, washing machines and other household appliances, furniture, utensils and a number of other products.

NPA officials said average quarterly passenger car production during the first half of last year was about 1,350,000. Manufacturers will be limited to 80 percent of the steel that went into these cars. They will be free to make as many cars with this steel as they can.

Manly Fleischmann, NPA administrator said the program is designed to save about a million tons of steel for defense and defense-supporting production.

Fleischmann said the cut will be made in such a way as to insure minimum amount of product and employment affected in industry.

OUT OUR WAY



Battle For Survival Facing Protestant Colleges, Due To Current U.S. Emergency

COLUMBUS, O. — (AP) — Dr. E. Fay Campbell of Philadelphia warns that Protestant colleges—as a result of the national emergency—face the most critical struggle for survival since the civil war.

He urged adoption of emergency financial measures by supporting churches to keep the colleges going.

Dr. Campbell is executive director of the 80-member commission on Christian higher education of the newly-formed National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. His statements were in a speech prepared for delivery before leaders of more than 20 Protestant denominations at the first session of the commission.

Dr. Campbell said that dwindling college enrollments and resulting financial losses because of the draft and defense jobs. But the biggest loss, he added, in the morale of American youth of college age, "who seems to have lost his grip on the future."

"None yet is on the verge of closing," Dr. Campbell said, "but many Protestant-affiliated institutions now are wrestling with the problem of how they may stay open beyond next June."

Some of these colleges, he said, are older than the United States. Dr. Campbell said the 475 Protestant-related colleges and universities have assets of \$500,000,000 in buildings and \$600,000,000 in endowments. For an enrollment of 450,000 students, there are 25,000 teachers, he added.

These colleges, the Philadelphian continued, may accept tuition from

tries during a transition into defense work. He said it will permit continued production of consumer durable goods at very high levels — "in most instances, at levels never attained before 1949 and 1950."

Percent Of Recoveries From War Wounds Upped

BALTIMORE — (AP) — Ninety-eight percent of the wounded American soldiers treated in Korea recover, an army medical officer reported.

Col. Laurence A. Potter, assistant chief of medical plans and operations in the office of the army surgeon general told 350 reserve medical officers this represents a big gain over previous records.

During World War II, 96 percent of the wounded recovered. And during the first world war 92 percent pulled through. Col. Potter said the "post-war menace" has been emphasized too greatly. Ninety percent of the frostbite victims are treated in the area, he said, and only 10 percent have to be evacuated to the United States.

By J. R. Williams



PULLED FROM DEATH — A Coast Guard helicopter, piloted by Lt. J. E. Thomas J. Hynes, lifts George Monaco from overturned fishing boat and certain death in the Pacific Ocean off San Francisco. Six others were drowned when waves overturned the small craft. The seven men were engaged in salmon tagging to help the State Fish and Game Commission determine movements of the fish. (NEA Telephoto)

South Korean Soldier Still Lacks Qualities Necessary To Cope With Chinese Reds

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK — (AP) — The fate of Korea in the long run depends on G. I. Kim.

He's the native equivalent of G. I. Joe. And when G. I. Joe finally goes home it is going to be up to private Kim to defend his own country.

Whether he can do it is doubtful. For after nearly eight months of war the stature of Private Kim as a soldier is still in question. No one is sure just what he can do—and can't do—in combat.

Right now a fresh army of 200,000 to 300,000 Private Kims is being built up in South Korea. It should be ready for action some time this spring and put new punch into Republic of Korea's fighting power.

"The big problem with the ROKS is that they simply won't fight the Chinese on an overall basis," said an American staff officer. "They are scared to death of them. A few units have stood up well against the Chinese, but others just disintegrated completely."

There are many reasons for this. Here are three:

1. The average South Korean recruit hasn't had enough basic training to take the shock of a major battle.

2. He knows that for centuries in the orient Korea was known as "little brother" and China as "big brother."

3. The ROK divisions are smaller than American divisions and lack their artillery and tank strength.

Rice Crop Chief Interest
What kind of a fellow is Private Kim generally, he is rather dazed young country boy who has spent most of his life padding around a rice paddy. He doesn't have much education and knows little about the clash of international ideologies that has made his land a bloody battleground. His chief interest is in his family and his rice crop.

Going into the army was to him a shattering experience. He may have had only ten days of training — fired one clip from his rifle — before he was put into the front lines. He has been told that he is now a soldier, but he doesn't really feel like one. Nobody in his family ever was a soldier. All he feels is lost and lonely and homesick.

Is it any wonder that Private Kim often drops his rifle and heads back full speed in the general direction of the rice paddy he remembers best?

Has Making of Soldier
But basically he has everything it takes to make a first class fighting man. He is stoical. He can

walk 35 miles in a day with a full pack. He knows how to live in the open. And he can endure more hardships and get by with less food than perhaps any other oriental.

The new Private Kim will probably get their big test against the Chinese this spring. On their performance will hinge the real future of Korea.

"These men should be the equal of any soldiers in the world," said one American officer. He added thoughtfully:

"All they really need is the tradition of victory!"
But it's up to Private Kim to start that tradition himself.

Bridge Job Points To Access Road

An important step toward securing access to more than one billion board-feet of federal timber in Josephine county was taken by the Bureau of Land Management early this month when Regional Administrator Daniel L. Goldy approved a contract providing for the reconstruction of the Helgate bridge across the Rogue river on the Merlin-Galice county road.

The contract, which provides for bridge reconstruction and the improvement of bridge approaches at a cost of approximately \$62,000, was awarded to Grosbeck and Hickson, contractors at Eugene, by the Portland office of the Bureau of Public Roads with the concurrence of the Bureau of Land Management. Work on the project, the first to be undertaken by the B. L. M. in western Oregon for the improvement of timber access roads, is to be completed by Sept. 1, 1951.

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