

Barkley Optimistic That Cease Fire Is Coming

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Vice president Barkley said he is "still hopeful and optimistic" that a cease fire can be arranged in Korea by Dec. 27.

Barkley made the statement to newsmen after giving President Truman a report at the White House on the recent Far Eastern trip that took him to the front lines in Korea.

The Vice President said he found "an atmosphere of optimism" among the United Nations truce negotiators. He said this feeling is shared by the chief negotiator, Adm. C. Turner Joy.

However, Barkley said, Joy does not underestimate the difficulties yet to be encountered. He added that the chief negotiator has exhibited a patience like that of Job in dealing with the Reds.

Barkley said he sees no reason why negotiations could not be reopened if the present Dec. 27 deadline is passed without agreement being reached.

The Vice President said he told Mr. Truman he never saw an army better fed or better clothed than the U. S. army in Korea.

"They all have warm, thick, heavy clothing, and they have marvelous food — not less than two hot meals a day and three if possible."

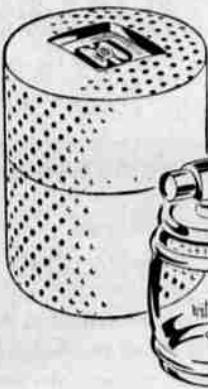
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Rail Dispute Ends After Union Ignores It

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A presidential emergency board has completed hearings in the three-year labor dispute between the major railroads and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (Ind.).

Carroll R. Daugherty, board chairman, said in closing the case that the union refused to the end to furnish evidence to back its contentions.

The union made only a preliminary statement when the hearings started Nov. 27. Its representatives then walked out and refused to participate further, charging members of the board with bias.

The board is under White House instructions to make a report by Jan. 15 on its recommendations for settling the dispute.

The carriers and union have agreed on an immediate wage increase of 34 cents an hour for yard employees, and 18¢-cents an hour for road employees.

They have disagreed, however, on the amount of a further increase for yard employees when a 40-hour work week becomes effective. The railroads offered to pay four cents when the shorter work week is adopted, the union demanded 9¢ cents hourly. There is also disagreement on certain working rule changes.

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