

Thirteen Workers Killed in Mine Blast

PLYMOUTH, Pa., Jan. 15 (AP)—Edward Griffith, president and general manager of Glen Alden Coal company, announced Wednesday night 13 miners were known dead in a gas explosion at the company's Nottingham colliery. Two other men are not accounted for, the mine official said.

The blast was discovered by an unidentified foot tender at the bottom of a shaft who saw clouds of dust and sounded an alarm to the outside, Griffith reported.

He said the bodies of the dead men were still in the mine.

Three others were removed, two of them badly injured.

Griffith said the explosion occurred in the top ross vein, about 850 feet below the surface. Miners expressed belief the blast resulted from an accumulation of gas.

Rescue crews battled fumes to get to the bodies while on the surface hundreds of anxious relatives and friends gathered at the colliery entrance, some weeping. A police cordon was formed quickly to expedite the work of the rescue crews.

Arms Question Delayed

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 15 (AP)—The United States and Soviet Russia failed Wednesday to agree in a last-minute conference off the floor on the best way to tackle the arms question. The United States then requested the United Nations security council to delay action on the question until February 4 to allow time for study.

Volcano Erupts Again

MANILA, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Mayon volcano appeared boiling up to its most violent eruption of the century Wednesday as four more eruptions and a severe earthquake spread desolation along its slopes.

Weather Forecast

Oregon—Mostly cloudy Thursday and Friday with rain or snow extreme Northwest portion Thursday night. Not quite so cold Thursday night. Gentle, variable wind off coast.

AWS Council Forms Activities Commission

Petitions for the Women's Activities commission may be turned in to Alice May Robertson at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house by sophomore women before 5 p.m. Monday, January 20. Miss Robertson was chosen chairman of this newly-formed committee by the AWS council at the last meeting.

Purpose of the group, which will be composed of the chairman and a five-woman committee, will be to keep up the permanent activities cards for all women students, previously done by the dean of women's office. Each committeeman will be responsible for checking through one Emerald a week for women's activities, which will then be entered on the cards by the chairman.

Petitions Due

Petitions for the directorship of the Oregon Federation must be submitted to Tom Kay at McArthur court before Saturday, January 18. The position will entail planning the work of the Oregon Federation this summer.

The federation contacts high school graduates interested in attending the University and makes arrangements for the annual summer picnic at Jantzen beach. A tour of the state will be made by the director, probably accompanied by the alumni secretary.

Ford Slashes Vehicle Costs

DETROIT, Jan. 15 (AP)—Henry Ford II, president of the Ford Motor Co., Wednesday announced price reductions ranging from \$15 to \$50 on current models of Ford passenger cars and said the action was intended as "shock treatment" to halt "the insane spiral of mounting costs and rising prices."

The action, first of its kind since the end of the war brought an immediate commendation from presidential assistant John R. Steelman, who wired young Ford:

"Your announcement of price reductions is good news for the country and I believe good business for your company."

While the price cuts were announced as ranging from \$15 to \$50 in Detroit they will amount to from \$16.26 on some of the super-de-luxe eight cylinder models to \$54.20 on the super-de-luxe series. In explaining that the reductions applied only to Ford models, Ford said Mercury and Lincolns were excluded because "the Ford cars are our main line."

Policy of China Unseen

NANKING, Jan. 15 (AP)—Qualified observers in this government capital found no hint of compromise Wednesday in a policy speech at Yenan by General Chou En-Lai, chief Communist negotiator, sharply replying to General Marshall, the next United States secretary of state.

Final 'Baby' Blast Over

LAKE LENORE, Jan. 15 (AP)—The last of 20,000 pounds of surplus metallic sodium dumped into Lake Lenore was destroyed Tuesday in a 10-minute show of fire, smoke, and steam. War assets administration officials used TNT to explode two 3,500-pound drums which failed to dissipate all their sodium contents when rolled into the lake from a bluff last Friday.

Border Lines Disputed

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Deputy foreign ministers of the United States, Russia, Great Britain, and France started spadework for treaties with Austria and Germany Wednesday and were confronted unofficially with border disputes, a frequent cause of European wars.

Red Victory Predicted

WARSAW, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Premier Edward B. Osobka-Morawski predicted Wednesday night a sweeping victory for the Communist-dominated government bloc parties in next Sunday's elections and termed "fantastic" suggestions that the opposition Polish peasant party might score an upset.

State Supervision Of Jails Requested

SALEM, Jan. 15 (AP)—The legislature should provide for state supervision of county and city jails, either through the board of control or a new department, the Federal Bureau of Prisons recommended after investigating local jails.

The state should, the bureau said, inspect and approve jails, prescribe minimum standards, prescribe rules and regulations, have power to transfer prisoners from one jail to another, to consolidate jails, and have power to establish budgets to maintain jails.

Navy Asks Legislation; Weapons Swap Hinted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—The navy Wednesday asked congress for legislation to expand research on submarines and to swap weapons and information on arms with foreign countries.

The bills were among several navy legislative proposals, which speaker Martin R., Mass., referred to the house's new armed services committee.

Nations Sign Alliance

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Britain announced Wednesday night that she and France had agreed to conclude a treaty of alliance "at the earliest possible moment"—thus continuing the historic partnership which has bound them as allies in two wars in this century.

60 Oil Companies Hit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—The CIO oil workers, first major union to strike over wage demands after V-J day filed 30 day strike notices with the labor department Wednesday involving more than 60 oil companies in California.

Tax Evasion Issue

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 15.—(AP)—The defense and the government completed their cases today in the federal court trial of Joseph S. Fay, AFL union leader, on charges of evading payment of income taxes.



NEW FIRE ESCAPE SHOWN . . .

Irvin Bassett, 65, of Detroit, Mich., demonstrates the "Safety Scape" at an Atlanta, Ga., hotel for firemen and underwriters. Designed to save persons trapped in hotel fires, the simple mechanical device permits descent by steel ribbon released from an automatic reel. Left, Bassett leaves the 12th story window with the strap looped under his arms. Right, he descends at elevator speed toward the ground. The drop is completed in approximately 18 seconds.

Rent Ceilings Boosted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Announcement of a widespread boost in public housing rents was cited by a spokesman for some private property owners Wednesday as "convincing proof" that private rentals also should be permitted to rise.

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