

Coal Miners Renew Strike

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recollect any strike by government employes against the government.

John L. Lewis, UMW president, conferred into the night with operators' representatives, but as the hours ticked away toward the midnight deadline no progress was apparent. Then the conferees recessed until tomorrow, and a UMW spokesman announced that the union would have no statement tonight.

What the government would do in case of a nation-wide work stoppage was not made known.

The United Mine Workers, it was learned, had not budged from their demand for an increase of \$2 a day to settle the portal to portal (underground travel) issue. In Pennsylvania meanwhile the Buckeye Coal company reported that 900 miners failed to report for day and night shifts at its Nemacolin mine, and an official of district five of the United Mine Workers said every mine in his district would close down at midnight unless some word was received from the UMW's international board. More than 800 men walked out of southeastern Kentucky mines earlier in the day.

CHICAGO, June 1—(Tuesday) (AP)—A strike of Illinois' 25,000 United Mine Workers was predicted today by spokesmen for both labor and mine owners.

A spokesman for state UMW headquarters in Springfield who declined use of his name said, "No contact; no work," and Fred S. Wilkey, secretary of the Illinois Coal Operators association said, "It looks very much as if mines in Illinois will be idle."

BELLAIRE, O., June 1—(AP)—Tom Starks, field representative for district 6, United Mine workers, said Monday night that most eastern Ohio miners expect to stay away from their jobs today unless a new wage contract is signed or the truce is extended.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 1 (Tuesday) (AP)—West Virginia's 130,000 coal miners, affiliated with the United Mine Workers, halted work today as the mountain state's 600 mines went idle pending word from UMW chief John L. Lewis or the announcement of a new contract.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., June 1—(AP)—No contract, no work" signs were posted throughout the Pennsylvania hard coal field Monday night and union officials expressed the opinion that most of the 80,000-odd anthracite miners would stay home today.

John B. Gallaher, auditor for the United Mine Workers, declared that no official word had been received on what course the men should follow, except that all necessary maintenance men were instructed to remain on the job.

HARLAN, Ky., May 31—(AP)—All soft coal mines in northeastern Kentucky were forced to shut down Monday night when 12,000 miners of the Big Sandy area failed to report at the pits for the night shift.

PITTSBURGH, May 31—(AP)—Pennsylvania's soft coal miners began quietly checking in their tools Monday night as orders were flashed shortly before midnight from district headquarters of the United Mine Workers that "there will be no work tomorrow."

William Hargest, secretary-treasurer of the union's district 5 (Pittsburgh) said telegraphic instructions had been received from Washington that the contract negotiations with the operators had been recessed until 10:30 a. m.

"That means no work, because we cannot trespass on the company's properties without a contract," said the veteran union leader.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 31—(AP)—Approximately 24,000 Alabama mine workers are expected to remain idle Tuesday, John J. Hanratty, international representative of the United Mine Workers of America declared here Monday night.

"We are not telling the men what to do," Hanratty declared, "but there is hardly any probability of them working without a contract, and since the contracts expire at midnight, I expect most of the mines in the state will not be in operation tomorrow."

Davies Safe In Fairbanks

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, May 31—(AP)—(Delayed)—Joseph E. Davies arrived here Monday from Moscow, where he delivered a secret message to Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin from President Roosevelt. Although the Fairbanks dispatch did not say, it was presumed Davies arrived in Alaska by plane—the mode of travel which he used on his journey to Moscow via the middle east.

Japs Lose Face, Pants and Lives to Carlson's Raiders

SAN DIEGO, Calif., (AP)—The Japanese lost face, lives and, on one occasion, their pants in encounters with the Carlson-Roosevelt marine raiders in Pacific warfare.

The methods and accomplishments of the raiders were related by their leader, Lt. Col. Evans F. Carlson, Plymouth, Conn., on his return from the south Pacific for a rest before returning to active duty.

Timberwolf Division to Test Soldiers

CAMP ADAIR, Ore., May 31—Strenuous qualification tests, successful completion of which will entitle soldiers to become "Wolf Scouts," will be held by the Timberwolf Division starting next week, it was announced here today.

Gaining of the coveted designation will be the highest honor which can be bestowed in the division for physical fitness and mental alertness, it is stated. Men will be selected after three full days and nights of grueling tests. The selection committee includes both officers and enlisted men.

The project was launched by the Timberwolf Division because a study of experiences of American troops so far in this war has clearly shown the vital need of superior scouts. Men so qualified will be of great value in combat situations, it is pointed out.

Men will be judged on six points, which include excellence of physical condition, knowledge of small arms, of compass and field glass, map reading, use of aerial photos, ability to swim with full field equipment, and use of field expedients such as first aid equipment.

Testing of the men under each point will be under actual field conditions. During the three days and nights the men will demonstrate physical endurance, hike a "compass" course, swim streams and completely demonstrate superior ability in all of the lines included.

Memorial Day Draws Crowd

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lisher, told an audience which all but filled the armory's seating space for the formal Memorial day exercises.

The obligation of that inheritance, sometimes ignored, just now is almost universally recognized, the speaker added; but its recognition must endure beyond the victory at arms. Future obligations include the preservation of internal unity against the threat of class warfare, and concern for external security expressed not only in the maintenance of military strength but in willingness to participate in world affairs.

Just as Americans now recognize that no form of government is self-perpetuating but endures only through constant effort, they must recognize that no mere formula—world government or league—will solve world problems; that these too must be solved by working at them persistently.

Glen Adams of the Federated Patriotic Societies was general chairman of the exercises and Col. Carl Abrams served as master of ceremonies. Appreciation of Salem's patriotic expression of courtesies shown the armed forces was expressed by Lt. Col. John W. Bonner, judge advocate of a Camp Adair division and attorney-general of Montana, now on leave for military service.

The exercises included the reading of General Logan's orders by Mrs. Faye Wright, a reading "The Changed Cross" by Mrs. Adie Curtis, invocation by Rev. George H. Swift, numbers by a military band with vocal solos by Cpl. Mackey Swan, and a closing patriotic number, a vocal solo by Jerardine des Georges with Jean Clement and Peggy Myers as flag bearers.

Gov. Earl Snell, State Treasurer Leslie Miller and District Attorney Joseph Miller Hayden who were chief of staff for the day's observance, had places on the platform and were introduced.

Nazis Claim Gain on Reds

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coded by the Soviet Monitor said the Germans had lost 2,000 planes on the whole front between May 2 and May 29, and the Leningrad action thus brought the total to at least 2,100 for May.

The Russian midnight communiqué, recorded by the Soviet Monitor, said red army troops "routed about two companies of enemy infantry" on the western front and smashed gun emplacements, but did not indicate if this action occurred in the Velich thrust.

It told also of a scouting thrust on the western front, dispersal of a concentration of German infantry south of Bialskaya on the Donets front, and repulse of a German attack west of Rostov-on-the-Don.

All these were small-scale actions, and there were no important changes anywhere, said the midnight communiqué.

300 Bombers Raid in South

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many fires were reported." The Cairo war bulletin said "Black smoke was observed rising from oil fires and buildings were left burning throughout the target area" in the Liberators' attack on Foggia airport.

"Numerous aircraft in the dispersal areas were destroyed, including some six-engine craft."

In Naples harbor the Fortresses sank a 320-foot merchant vessel and set a 150-foot tanker afire. The city's roundhouse and locomotive repair shop were hit and two oil storage tanks exploded.

At suburban Pomigliano they dumped explosives on an assembly plant, machine shops and hangars of an airplane factory. Over Capodichino airfield they were attacked by upward of 80 enemy fighters, mostly German, but their bombing runs were not broken and they shot down 10 of their attackers. Eight fires were left blazing in the field area.

Aerial photographs showed many grounded planes were damaged at Capodichino, but no figures were given. "I could see at least 20 planes on the ground and I don't see how any of them could have escaped being hit," said First Lieut. Robert L. Rawles of Los Angeles, a Fortress pilot.

Large formations of bomb-carrying fighters raged over Sardinia, hitting railway yards and stations, dock installations and a transformer station at Chivivania and shooting up a railway station, three trains, a water tower and a factory at Alghero.

Six ships were damaged at Aranc in northeast Sardinia and fires were seen on the mole, shore buildings and the railroad yard. Several waves of American medium bombers and fighters ravaged military targets on Pantelleria after British Wellingtons had bombed the island the previous night.

French Fleet Volunteers

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was accepted by both De Gaulle and Giraud.

The meeting began as a conference among a group of Frenchmen; it ended as the first assembly of France's new governing organism.

Some French political observers remarked that the new executive committee appeared to have a single defect—the lack of provision for its fall. These persons expected, however, that some means would be found so that the body could have those crises which have always been characteristic of French cabinets.

This view was neither humorous nor cynical; the "crisis" has long been the safety valve of French politics, for a cabinet shuffle has often confined disruptions to the cabinet itself while the rest of the government and country carried on as usual.

French officials expected to be eliminated under the new regime include Governor General Marcel Peyroux of Algeria; Resident General Auguste Nogues of Morocco; Governor Pierre Boisson of Dakar; General Rene Prioux, chief of staff; General Jean Mendrigal, chief of air force; Admiral Ernest Michelier, commander of French naval forces in Morocco, and General Jean Bergeret, aviation commander in west Africa.

The committee's first meeting was held in a former girl's school of bright stucco set among palm trees and bright flowers. The place had been kept secret and scarcely anyone was in sight as the members arrived.

It was learned that as Giraud offered his hand to De Gaulle when the latter descended from his plane Sunday his greeting was "Bon jour, De Gaulle." De Gaulle replied "Bon jour, mon general," thus recognizing by the use of the word "mon" Giraud's superior military rank.

The rigid censorship of the local press has not yet been lifted.

Byrnes Tells Of US Record Arms Delivery

SPARTANBURG, SC., May 31.—(AP)—In a speech bristling with the hard figures of overwhelming armament production, James E. Byrnes declared Monday that "Many attacks on many fronts lie ahead" and "We are just entering the critical period of the war."

The director of war mobilization, making his first address since President Roosevelt named him chief of America's home front, pledged himself to do all possible "to bring about the same coordination of efforts" in civilian government "that exists on the military fronts."

Government officials, he said, must work as a team even as the armed forces do. His address to a home town audience was packed. "With bad news for the man Mr. Churchill calls 'Corporal Hitler' and 'For the Japanese too.'"

Story Tells Carrier Saga

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and planes at Wake island December 3, 1941.

2. Pursuing a Japanese carrier force December 7, 1941.

3. Patrolling the approaches to Oahu through December and January.

4. Attempting to relieve the garrison at Wake island.

5. The Marshall island raid.

6. The Wake island raid.

7. The Marcus island raid.

8. Covering troop landings throughout unarmored South Pacific islands, and nailing down the supply route to Australia.

9. Landing marine pilots at Efati (in the New Hebrides), then the farthest base in the South Pacific.

10. The Midway battle June 4-6, during which "Big E" sank two enemy carriers and helped sink a third.

11. Covering marine landings at Guadalcanal August 7-9.

12. The first Solomon holding battle August 24.

13. The battle of Santa Cruz islands October 26, in which 84 planes attacked the Enterprise.

The Enterprise's story, essentially a resume of the war in the Pacific in the last year, is one of aviators' fearlessly risking their lives to press home attack; of gunner crews shooting straight despite enemy strafing; of engineers' keeping steamup; of damage repair crews' controlling fires.

An all of this despite fearful odds.

Sham Battle Proves Worth Of US Troops

SOMEWHERE IN SOUTH-WESTERN ENGLAND, Tuesday, June 1—(AP)—The speed, precision and aggressive punch of American soldiers slated to form a part of the allies' invasion spearhead has won the praise both of their own and British officers in maneuvers against the same British armor which will bulwark them when they hit the continent.

Delighted by the first battle practice against the British in England, Brig.-Gen. Leonard T. Gerow of the U. S. army, a spectator, declared that "I believe they are as well prepared for battle as any troops we have ever sent into action."

A heavy British force played the part of an invading allied army, striving to trap and wipe out a fleeing "German" army in occupied Europe.

The American unit, about one-third the size of its opponents, was cast in the role of a "German" rearguard ordered to hold up the advance as long as possible in a two-day battle so that the theoretical main body of retreating troops could escape.

With a little bunch of rangers jabbing like a needle and their artillery and infantry hitting hard, the Americans did their job so well that the main body of British forces which was supposed to cross a key water barrier at dawn of the second day actually could not cross until about seven hours later and never did catch up with its schedule.

Rail Damage Is Sabotage

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., May 31.—(AP)—Inspector William G. Ingram of the Ontario provincial police said Monday that the removal of spikes from tracks of the Canadian Pacific railway line west of here Sunday was the work of a saboteur, but he challenged the story of a 55-year-old section man who said he was shot from a m. b. u. s. after discovering the damage.

Trucker's Magazine Still Fighting for Extension of Law on Overloads During War

By RALPH C. CURTIS

Legislative lobbies are hard losers. Though the issue involved is decidedly stale—at this moment approximately 14 weeks stale—each member of the 1943 Oregon legislature owes it to himself to hunt up a copy of the

apologized privately—but not publicly—for the discourtesy accorded men of the US army, men of the US Navy and men of the US Federal government's civilian agencies by the Oregon legislature in 1943.

"EPILOGUE—The curtain falls on the drama of the closed session. The characters have dispersed whence they came. It is our hope that the men of the armed forces who fought and did not run away do live to fight another day—fight for the million and more good people of the State of Oregon. As to the railroad mountebanks in their legislature, we hope all have passed on the railroad to oblivion and use them soon."

Reference in the heading is to the special hearing arranged by Speaker William M. McAllister and the 5-to-4 majority of the house highways and highway revenue committee—arranged at a moment when it was recognized that drastic action was necessary if the "long truck" bill was to be saved. Intent of the measure was to make permanent the war-emergency tolerance, under special permit, of truck-trailer units longer and heavier than are authorized by Oregon law. The hearing was held before a "closed" session of both legislative houses—the public except the press being barred on the supposition some military secrets might be disclosed.

For the purpose of gauging the "hard loser" quality of lobbyists, be it remembered that by a majority of three votes, the lower house postponed action on the bill in order to hear the federal spokesmen; then after hearing them, defeated it 45 to 15.

Now for the truckers' belated version of the story, its author identified only as "Motor Transportation Staff Correspondent." There is a boxed synopsis headed "It Happened in Salem" with the further explanation that "This Salem is the capital of the state of Oregon—not the Salem famed for the practice—and punishment of witchcraft." It lists the "players" as representatives of the army, navy, air force, petroleum administration for war, office of defense transportation, interstate commerce commission; and as "supernumeraries" the members of the legislature. Under "effects" it lists sound, masks, prompters and clackers contributed by Association of Oregon Railroads.

After insisting that the speakers attended the hearing at the behest of high officials in the war, navy and other departments and "confined their remarks to the need for improved transportation facilities as the war proceeds," the article closes with these paragraphs as to the treatment they received:

"These representatives of the federal agencies were cross questioned and heckled by the lawmakers. They were asked what truck companies they worked for; what truck associations they represented; why they were present; what difference action on the bill would mean to them; what had been their previous business connections. They were the objects of insinuation and innuendo, ridicule and aspersions.

"Tipped off in advance that they might be subjected to rough treatment, the representatives of military and civilian agencies took the abuse as it came for as long as they could. When it became evident that their tunics could not suppress their emotions much longer, the chairman terminated the meeting. Both committee chairmen subsequently

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., (AP)—Competition for rental vacancies in war crowded Jacksonville is keen.

Area rent director Ray Chapman said one man had secured a house by putting up \$100 for the funeral expenses of the late tenant.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

The tall, bronzed man gave us his bit of news, then asked to use the telephone. Conscious of how often I overhear conversations to which I do not wish to listen, I tried to close my ears, but his voice boomed out.

"Is this John W. Bonner?" he asked. "This is . . ." and I thought he used a nickname; then apparently in response to a question from the other end, he added his complete label.

"Well, John, I've just come to Salem. I'm living in Portland now. I get a job and lose it, get a job and lose it, get another and lose that—you know John. But now I'm joining the teamster's union, John. And when I get well started, I thought I'd like to truck stuff to the camp."

There were other features of the end of the conversation with the colonel which I heard, but that was the gist of it.

When he had hung up, the stranger in civilian garb came back to my desk and declared a little proudly, "That's our Montana attorney general." "Yes, I know," I responded. "Did you come up to hear him speak at the Memorial day exercises?"

"No," said my new acquaintance. "I just got in. Here, I'll show you who I am," and he tossed his opened billfold out in front of me. On the card which licensed him to ride a bicycle was the name Godfrey—I don't recall the initial—Sprague.

"Sprague? Related to our boss?" "That I wouldn't rightly know," answered the Montana, who probably didn't recognize the fact that I was speaking of the man who recently returned to our editorial sanctum from the governor's chair. "But this one thing about our family I will tell you: We speak our minds and then we lose our jobs!"

New Tax Bill Said Certain

WASHINGTON, May 31—(AP)—Both democratic and republican leaders predicted Monday that congress will put on President Roosevelt's desk before the week ends the compromise pay-as-you-go tax measure.

Administration spokesmen were understood to have been assured that Mr. Roosevelt will let the legislation become law. It abates 75 to 100 per cent of one year's income taxes and imposes a 20 per cent withholding levy beginning July 1, against taxable portions of wages and salaries.

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