

By Charles A. Stryker

The quiet capitulation of John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers to the decision of the U. S. supreme court is reassuring evidence of the internal unity in this country. Labor and business both accept the decisions of the high court, whether they like them or not.

The withdrawal of notice of contract termination by the miners' union merely gives a respite until the war powers act expires next June. The country now should demand that mine owners and union heads get together to work out a new contract. This brings into public attention the wages and working conditions and living conditions of miners and their families.

Last month at the meeting of the Oregon Council of Churches in Eugene a panel discussion of industrial relations was held, with an employer and a union man as spokesmen. Since both, as good Christians, agreed on the Gold Rule, little contention was generated. When asked about John L. Lewis, the labor man replied that he did not defend Lewis's actions but that the cause of trouble in the industry could be observed in the living conditions of the coal mining towns. The March "Ladies Home Journal" has two excellent articles on this very subject. One is in the series "How America Lives" and gives a case-study of a coal miner's family. The other is a general article on "The Hard Price of Soft Coal."

A study of these articles convinces one that the responsibility for the poor living conditions is divided among the miners themselves, the mine owners

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B 29 Starts Weather Check At North Pole

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—An army air force B29 flew over the North Pole this week, inaugurating what is expected to be routine weather reports from the top of the world, AAF officials disclosed today.

The B29, converted from a bomber into a weather observation plane, was commanded by Brig. Gen. Donald M. Yates, weather expert for the AAF, who arrived in Washington today to report to headquarters.

No effort was made to keep the flight over the polar cap secret, the airplane transmitting a weather report from the "position North Pole" in uncoded message available to all other nations listening in.

The B29 left the army air base near Fairbanks, Alaska, and was in the air 16 hours and 30 minutes before returning to its field early Tuesday morning.

While there have been indications that the AAF has steadily increased the range of its observation flights from Alaska bases, this was the first definite word of operations at the pole.

All-Out War in China Claimed

NANKING, March 20 (AP)—The Chinese government has embarked on a program of total war calculated to defeat the communists within three months, the government's army chief of staff declared today in discussing the sudden capture of Yen-an, communist capital.

Speaking at a press conference Gen. Chen Cheng said, "This does not mean the end of all armed communists—naturally there will be pockets left—but it does mean an enemy will cease to exist as a formal, armed opposition."

The capture of Yen-an yesterday was accomplished by five government divisions, he said, and was the first big objective in the three-month timetable for defeating the main communist forces.

U. S. Jury Indicts Garsson Again

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—A special grand jury returned new indictments today against Henry M. Garsson and Joseph F. Freeman, key figures in the \$73,000,000 munitions combine case, charging them with perjury on two counts each.

They had previously been indicted along with former Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) and Murray Garsson, brother of Henry, on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States in connection with war contracts.

Robert L. Marks Dies in Albany

ALBANY, Ore., March 21 (AP)—Robert L. Marks, 32, Albany attorney and son of Willard L. Marks, president of the state board of higher education, died in a hospital here today after a heart attack.

Policy Not War Bid—Acheson

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson predicted today that the Truman program to bolster Greece and Turkey will not lead to war with Russia, and he laid before congressmen "secret" documents which promptly churned up a furor.

They were distributed to members of the house foreign affairs committee in the form of large loose-leaf notebooks for background on United States policies in the Mediterranean, and the congressmen protested the department's "secret" labels.

Chairman Eaton (R-N.J.) announced he will demand that the "secret" information be made public.

Eaton is press for action. It is only one way to handle this and that is to make all the facts public, Eaton told newsmen. "I certainly intend to make it clear tomorrow that the document must be made available to the American people."

Acheson will return for more questions tomorrow and the committee members will have a chance then to thrash out the "secret" restrictions with him.

In his testimony today, Acheson called for quick action to aid Greece and Turkey. He said that otherwise there may be a "chain reaction," unfavorable to the United States, among other nations struggling against communist domination.

Speed Said Essential Under a barrage of questions, he told the house foreign affairs committee that this country could not risk waiting for action by the United Nations — that Greece, weakly battling a communist-led insurrection, has funds enough for only 14 days more of vital imports.

His testimony marked the preliminary round of a searching congressional examination of President Truman's request for \$400,000,000 in money and material, and "limited" military missions to the two Mediterranean countries.

Slaying Hints Communists Split in Greece

SALONIKA, Greece, March 20 (AP)—Three slugs from an assassin's gun cut down Gen. John Zervos, communist minister of agriculture, as he stood on a busy corner in Salonika today, and police said a man who claimed to be a member of the communist party's "execution squad" had confessed the slaying.

Observers saw in the killing another indication of a rift in communist ranks. They recalled that the recent arrests of more than 500 suspected communists in Athens were made on the basis of information supplied by communists to the Greek police.

Police quoted Christos Vlachos, 30-year-old butcher from Serres, as saying he killed Zervos "for what I suffered in the mountains."

He said he claimed to have been imprisoned at Buljies in Yugoslavia for six months "because I would not accept the communist line against Greece."

Army Air Base Plan Disclosed

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—The army air forces disclosed plans tonight to make permanent one of its airfields in Newfoundland.

A building program of "several million dollars" will transform the temporary wartime installation at Harmon field "into permanent permanence," an AAF announcement said.

The base was one of those acquired under the pre-war 99-year lease agreement with Britain in exchange for American destroyers.

Hess Eats Meal Lying on Cold Floor

Palace of Justice Resembles Wrecked Cold Storage Plant, Justice Says

Editor's note: Following is another edition of the Statesman exclusively for The Statesman by James T. Brand, associate justice of the Oregon supreme court who now is on leave to sit as trial judge on the military tribunal considering charges in Nuernberg, Germany.

By James T. Brand NUERNBERG, Germany, March 20 (Special to the Statesman)—If one would take the Pentagon building in Washington, eliminate its heating system, drop a few bombs on it, completely jumble its room numbers, and then turn the whole thing into a cold-storage plant, he would have a fair replica of the Palace of Justice in Nuernberg.

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Plane 'Classroom' for Scouts



Salem air scouts have a real airplane to use as a classroom in their study of aeronautics. The BT-13 into which these scouts are peering is a war surplus trainer given to the scouts by the government. Shown delving into the intricate workings of the plane are John Bladsen, (left), 1170 Fairmount st., and Richard Wyatt, 1960 S. Church st. An army surplus barracks at McNary field is also being fixed up for a meeting place and workshops. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Fuel Oil, Other Gasolines Follow Increase in Price

The Salem Fuel Oil Dealers association Thursday announced raises in the prices of heating oil effective Thursday. The boost is concurrent with major oil company price increases.

Stove oil now sells for 11 1/2 cents per gallon; diesel or furnace oil, 10 1/2 cents per gallon and fuel oil (crude), \$2.55 per barrel. Dealers cited increased operating costs, freight tariffs and the new increase in major company posted prices as the reasons for the new prices.

Gasoline prices on all popular brands followed the eight-tenths cent increase announced Wednesday by Standard. Gasoline containing ethyl is now 25 1/2 cents per gallon and regular is 23 1/2 cents.

Unity Favored By War Chief

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP)—Secretary of War Patterson informed senators today that the United States lacks "any overall plan for defense of the nation" and will continue to lack one until army, navy and air forces are unified.

The secretary told the senate armed forces committee that the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor and the attack on the "old idea of voluntary cooperation" between the war and navy departments.

Patterson asked congressional approval of the administration bill for unification of the armed services under a single secretary of national defense.

FATHER GUILTY OF TORTURE

CINCINNATI, March 20 (AP)—Municipal Judge Clarence Spraul today found Jack Slagle, 34, guilty of torturing his five-month-old son by burning his feet with a cigarette and sentenced him to serve six months in the city workhouse.

Lebanon Boy Bruised When Hit by City Bus

LEBANON, March 20 (Special)—Ronald Hetzendorfer, 6, was knocked down by a Lebanon city bus Thursday. Ronald, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hetzendorfer of Lebanon, was bruised by the accident and taken to the city hospital for observation.

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Property Change Endorsed

By Wendell Webb

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The proposal for a 3 per cent retail sales tax was approved by the house 38 to 22 Thursday after three hectic hours of argument. The measure now goes to the senate, and will be voted on by a special state-wide election, probably June 24, if given final legislative blessing.

Passage of the sales tax issue climaxed the 44th legislative assembly's heaviest day, during which the senate all but stole the hour by passing 18 to 11 the highly-controversial measure to make Oregon a community property state instead of a common law state. The bill, designed primarily to effect a reduction in federal income tax, now goes to the house.

Funds Voted Cities, Counties

The third major piece of legislation Thursday constituted house approval of its own bills to alter division of highway commission revenue by giving counties 20 per cent (instead of 15.7 per cent) and cities 12.5 per cent (instead of 5 per cent). The counties' bill was approved 51 to 7, the cities' 45 to 14.

The fight on the sales tax measure was led by Rep. Lyle Thomas of Dallas, who joined with Rep. H. H. Caudgren of Molalla in asking adoption of a minority dissent-report of the house committee on assessment and taxation. The majority report of the committee was adopted and the legislation passed.

Proponents of the sales tax, led by Reps. Frank Van Dyke and Earl H. Schmeidler, declared it was a vitally necessary measure to balance the budget, to prevent confiscatory property taxes, and to provide adequate funds for schools, welfare and local government. Van Dyke termed unconstitutional Gov. Earl Snell's plan to transfer \$7,000,000 of surplus to the state treasury, and to make up the budget deficit, and Hill declared the sales tax "the most equitable levy there is."

Defeat Predicted

Opponents, sparkplugged by Reps. Lyle Thomas and Carl Francis, declared the sales tax would be defeated for a fifth time in referendum, even if given legislative approval, and that it would be unnecessary in any event if other tax measures were adopted. Thomas denied the government's plan to use corporate excise taxes to fund the deficit and said sales tax proponents were trying to "drive the people into a corner and make them take it."

It has been estimated the sales tax would provide \$24,000,000 a year. The bill as passed Thursday would give half to the general fund, a sixth to each of the counties and schools. Food, other than restaurant meals, would be exempt. Income tax exemptions would be increased.

Voting yes were: Reps. Bates, Bengtson, R. H. C. Bennett, Chadwick, Darmasch, Dickson, Doerflinger, Duraway, Eys, Frisbie, Gantenben, Gile, Hillberg, Carl H. Hill, Earl Hill, Houston, Earl Johnson, J. O. Johnson, Lage, Landon, Lueallen, Lindberg, Lorgerian, McKenzie, Moore, Morse, Niskanen, Peterson, Pier, Pucile, Simon, Snellstrom, Van Dyke, Wells, Wilcox, Wilhelm, Yeater, Hall (38).

Voting no were: Reps. Adams, Barry, J. E. Bennett, R. A. Bennett, Chidester, Condit, Eberhart, Francis, French, Gallagher, Greenwood, Harvey, Heisler, Hendersholt, Hendricks, Kimball, King, Schmeidler, Snyder, Thomas, Wiley, Joe Wilson, Manley Wilson (22).

School Accident Insurance Planned

PORTLAND, March 20 (AP)—A plan to offer high and grade school pupils accident insurance on a state-wide basis this fall was disclosed today by Tom Pigott, secretary of the Oregon High School Activities association.

The plan, in use in 33 states, is designed to give coverage at low cost for school ground accidents. A bill signed by Gov. Snell yesterday authorized such a program.

Bank Building Costs \$500,000; Opening Set for 10 a.m. Monday

The new building of the First National bank of Portland, at Liberty and Chermeketa, which will be opened for business at 10 a.m. Monday, represents an investment in excess of \$500,000, it was disclosed Thursday. It had been estimated originally that the structure would cost around \$350,000.

Flowers, food and finances all will find a place among activities at Monday's opening. Monday will be a day of refreshments and refreshments to all visitors — even during the usual 3 p.m. closing hour, and that gardenias would be the order of the day for feminine patrons.

The bank's staff officers and 34 staff members will constitute the reception committee, and a special guest will be Pietro Belluschi, Portland architect, whose treatment of Vermont marble, Minnesota granite, plate glass, bronze, brick and wood paneling has resulted in a building attracting wide attention. Individual conference rooms are a feature of the main floor.

The general contract has been held by L. H. Hoffman of Portland, and sub-contractors include Carl B. Armipriest, Bowen Brothers, Walling Sand & Gravel, Capitol Lumber and F. O. Repine company.

The new structure is 83 by 109 feet, with a 26.5 foot ceiling and lower walls of bleached birch. Service areas and the safe deposit vaults, one door of which weighs 29,000 pounds, are on the lower level (basement). There are 3800 safe deposit boxes. An elevator is to be installed as soon as it arrives.

The bookkeeping department and record vaults are on a mezzanine floor in the rear. A new night depository chute from the street is an innovation.

Officers in the Salem branch with Hickok are S. G. Dempsey, assistant manager; A. W. Morris, C. E. Greig, R. B. Hynd and Harry K. Johanson, assistant cashiers. Johanson is chief clerk. A. F. Aymong, Donald D. Driggs and Blanch Hill are the junior officers.

The First National bank of Portland has been represented in Salem since Sept. 25, 1933, when it purchased the First National bank here.