

Coal Output for Year Behind 1948 Figure

By Harold W. Ward
WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (AP)—U.S. soft coal production is running 125,000,000 tons behind the 1948 pace, the national coal association reported today. To no one's surprise, the association blamed most of the loss on "John L. Lewis' strikes."

The production slump was disclosed as indications grew that the White House is aiming at a settlement of the 22-day-old steel strike before it hopes to do much about ending the coal shutdown.

Talks between Cyrus S. Ching, conciliation chief and U. S. Steel corporation leaders in New York city were in recess for the weekend, but will be resumed Monday. Ching said the dispute seemed no closer to settlement after three days of talks.

Talking with Leaders

Ching has been talking with the steel leaders face to face and consulting with the strike bosses by telephone.

U.S. Steel, the key producer and usually the pattern fixer for the industry, stood pat against pensions and insurance without employee contribution. CIO President Philip Murray, who also heads the more than 500,000 steelworkers out on strike since October 1, has been just as firm against employee contributions.

Demand Contribution

Murray has demanded that the steel companies contribute 10 cents an hour per man toward old age and welfare benefits. That is what a presidential fact finding board recommended and Murray accepted, waiving his earlier demand for a fourth round wage increase.

The coal strike was rapidly interfering with the normal lives of people who have never been in a mine. The interstate commerce commission yesterday ordered coal-fueled railroads with less than 25 days coal supply to slash their passenger train operations by one-fourth.

The national coal association reported that production from January 1 to October 8 this year was \$41,633,000 tons. John D. Battle, executive vice president of the NCA, said Lewis' strikes were responsible for most of the 125 million ton drop below last year's production, although he conceded that a part of the decrease was attributable to market conditions.

No One Swings at Butte Dogcatcher

BUTTE, Mont.—(AP)—One of the toughest jobs in Butte—that of dogcatcher—has been filled after being vacated for several years.

The new man's identity is carefully kept secret and his working hours are entirely at night in order to avoid undue friction with young and old dog owners.

System's working pretty well, too. In his first week he caught 51 stray pooches and didn't collect a single punch on the nose.



JAPANESE BOY SCOUTS PARADE—Japanese Boy Scouts highlighted a three-day convention and jamboree in Tokyo by parading through the streets to the palace grounds.

Social Studies, Art, Music to Be Discussed

(Story also on page 1.)
New curriculum adoptions—social studies, art and music—will be stressed at the Marion county elementary teachers conference in Salem Monday and Tuesday. About 400 instructors are expected, since the first class districts also are included this year.

Arrangements were made by Mrs. Agnes Booth, Marion county school superintendent, Mrs. Vivian Hoenig and Mrs. Marguerite Burton, rural school supervisors. The meeting will be opened at 9:30 a.m. Monday by Florence Beardsley, state director of elementary education. All sessions will be at Leslie junior high school. Teachers will be divided into groups according to grades taught, in order to hear talks, see films and discuss problems and programs.

Consultants will be as follows:
Art—Marion Ady, Southern Oregon College of Education.
Music—Mrs. Bernice Tucker, assistant Multnomah county school superintendent.

Social studies—Elizabeth Rader, Alice Heenan, V. Mae Lindsay, Laura Keller and Neva Dallas, all supervisors with the state education department; Ruby Peterson, Portland teacher; Mary Donaldson, Oregon College of Education; Bernice Hughes and Mrs. Lillian Downey, consultants from publishers.

NEW TECHNIQUE

THE HAGUE (INS)—New Danish fishing techniques, in which use is made of a floating trawl, having been discussed at an international conference at the Hague. It is estimated they may increase herring, sardine and menhaden catches as much as 50 percent.

Czech Reds Declare 'Spy Ring' Crushed

By Nate Polowetzky
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Oct. 22 (AP)—Czechoslovakia's communist-controlled government announced tonight it had crushed a large band of "desperate spies and terrorists" who sought to assassinate certain government officials.

The official account declared the group was in league with the intelligence service of a foreign power, which it did not name, and had carried out a bombing raid in the center of Prague last August.

The arrested band was reported on trial at Louvny, a small town 40 miles west of Prague.

It was the second Czechoslovak announcement within twenty-four hours reporting the cracking of spy rings.

Yesterday the government announced the arrest of one employee of the American embassy here and the expulsion of another on charges that they directed operations for espionage, terrorism and the smuggling of political refugees.

Extensive Roundups
These announcements came after three weeks of extensive police roundups which had thrown thousands of Czechoslovak citizens into jail or forced labor camps and purged hundreds of "political untrustworthies" from their jobs.

Other developments were:
1. A secret treason trial ended at Prague's Pankrac prison with the sentencing of one defendant to life imprisonment and 36 others to lesser terms.
2. Roman Catholic sources reported dozens more priests arrested in the government's campaign to break resistance to its new church control law, which goes into effect November 1.

The official press agency's account of the latest spy-terrorist ring did not disclose just how many persons were involved. But it described them as desperate men, including some dispossessed former factory owners whose properties had been confiscated by the government for nationalization.

The ring was said to have been headed by one Josef Horejfi, a former factory owner officially described as also a "racketeer who joined up with professional criminals to pursue his anti-state activities."

They were charged before the state court in Louvny with "various terrorist activities, the attempted assassination of public functionaries and representatives of the people's administration, the distribution of anti-state pamphlets and espionage for a foreign intelligence service."

The government did not identify the targets of the purported plot.



DUTCH CHEESE FOR EXPORT—A workman checks ripening cheese in a 300-year-old storage house at Oude-water, Holland. The industry exported \$40,000,000 worth last year.

Christmas Seals Will Be Put In Mails During Next Month

Mailing of this year's anti-tuberculosis Christmas seals will begin in mid-November, the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health association announced Saturday. The seals depict a dove in flight and the traditional Christmas holly.

Special chairmen for seal sale this year are Mrs. Barbara Stumbo Eloffson, county sales; E. Burr Miller, county bonds, and Mrs. Sam Campbell, president of Salem Junior Woman's club, bangle pins. Booth chairmen for Salem announced by the association include:

Mrs. Harry E. Aston, 2050 N. Capitol st., Amaranth lodge; Ulva Derby, 245 N. Winter st., Eastern Star lodge 37; Mrs. Ronald Rossner and Mrs. Hal DeSart, Eastern Star lodge 162; Mrs. Roy A. Fedje, 2470 S. Commercial st., Council of Church Women; and Mrs. Josephine Erickson, Rebekah lodge.

Other county chairmen announced are Mrs. Elmer Klein, Aumsville; Mrs. George B. Elliott, Aurora; Mrs. Ronald Jones, Brooks; Mrs. Marion Druba, Gervais; Mrs. Clarence Friend, Hubbard and Donald; Mrs. Floy Story, Idanha and Detroit; Mrs. Paul Smith, Jefferson; Mrs. Arthur Dreiver, Mill City; Anne Erwert, Mt. Angel; Mrs. John Myers, Silverton; Mrs. Kenneth Hansen, Stayton; Mrs. Carl Smith, St. Paul; Mrs. Carl Magnuson, Woodburn, and Mrs. James T. Brand, Salem.

Traditional sale of Christmas seals in the schools will be featured this year with presentation of a Santa Claus lapel button to children contributing. Those purchasing seals at downtown booths will be given the familiar double-barred red cross for their lapels.

The \$19,142.08 collected last year by the seal sale is expected to be eclipsed this year since the county's population has greatly increased. Last year 23,625 letters containing the seals were mailed to residents of the county with an average of 74 cents per letter returned.

Rock Slated for Elkhorn Road

The rugged mountain road connecting Gates and Elkhorn will be gravelled soon, Marion county court said Saturday.

The road, which is snow-blocked during the winter months, was partially graded and rocked early this fall. The court said that, even if it is rocked, the road will never be a year-round road.

Several families live on the south slope of the mountain and use the road constantly, the court was told.

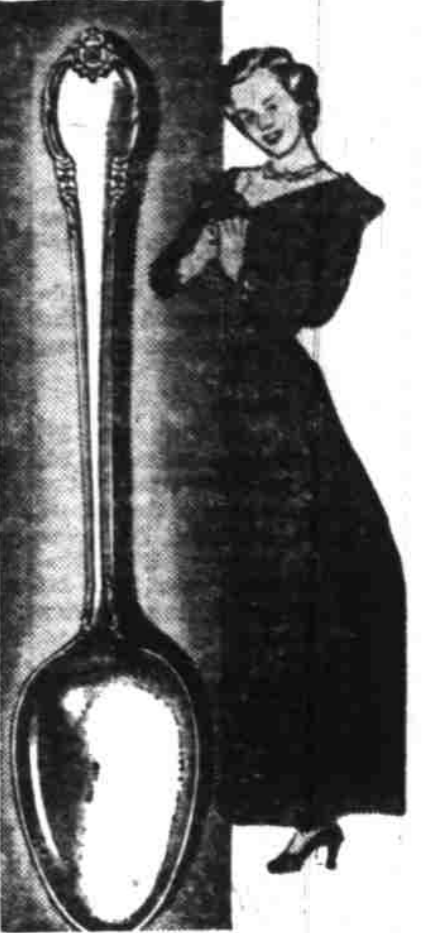
WELL LIGHTED

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., (INS)—The average passenger airliner uses 182 light bulbs to illuminate interiors, instruments, and indicators for navigating and signalling. There are 104 types of bulbs in general use for planes and 57 others for airports.



JOHNSONS ALL—Five unrelated girls named Johnson are freshmen at Endicott Junior College, Beverly, Mass. From left are: Diane, Torrington, Conn.; Nancy Ann, Short Hills, N. J.; Suzanne, Grosse Point, Mich.; Susan, Longmeadow, Mass.; and Mona, Presque Isle, Me.

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