

Truman 'Quoted' as Saying Coal, Steel Strikes Near End

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (AP)—A close friend today quoted President Truman as predicting settlement of the coal and steel strikes in less than ten days—but later said he didn't mean it that way.

"It was my own prediction," he said afterwards. "I think I was misunderstood. If I wasn't, I made a mistake."

The friend, Arthur Clarendon Smith, sr., president of the District of Columbia Democratic club, visited the White house Friday and told about it at a Sunday breakfast meeting of the club.

Reporters said Smith quoted Mr. Truman as saying:

"I tell you, Arthur, we are right on the verge of two most prosperous years."

Strikes to Be Settled

"I think both of these strikes will be settled within ten days if not before and we are going to have prosperous times."

Immediately after the breakfast Smith told an inquiring reporter the president did not indicate the basis for optimism or disclose whether he had any administration moves in mind to end the strikes.

There was no formal comment from the White house, but one presidential adviser, who is in daily contact with Mr. Truman, said he knew of no development warranting any particular optimism on either the steel or coal strike fronts.

No Such Comment

This official said the president had made no such comment as Smith reported, to him or the White house staff.

During the breakfast, Smith introduced Major General Harry H. Vaughan, the president's army aide, who was a guest of honor.

In the introduction, Smith said: "I believe that this coal strike will be settled within ten days."

Reporters said he elaborated in a second talk later to embrace both strikes and to quote the president directly.

At his home after the event, Smith said the prediction was his own, not the president's.

Don't Quote President

He observed to the reporter that one does not directly quote the president after a White house call.

Smith said he was anxious to clarify his remarks. He added that what the president said was that the nation is on the verge of two years of sustained prosperity; that it was a shame the two major strikes had occurred when we are on the verge of prosperity.

Smith said that he was taking bets that the two strikes would be ended in the next 10 days. He did not say why he so believed.

The president suggested that labor and management get together and settle the coal and steel strikes in the interest of themselves and the country. But he said he had no present plans for seizure of either industry and he still hoped mediation would be successful.

Prague Reds Sentenced for Taking Bribes

PRAGUE, Oct. 23 (AP)—Two prominent Prague communist officials, charged with accepting bribes to finance high life in night clubs and resorts, have been sentenced to long prison terms, an official announcement said today.

The announcement said the men were sentenced to eight years because they were members of the communist party who "faked a devotion to the party in order to obtain important posts."

They were also purged from their party jobs.

A businessman, charged with handing out the bribes to keep his shop from being nationalized, was sentenced to nine years.

The communist officials were Dr. Alois Sklenar, commissioner of apartments of the central national committee of Prague, and Josef Pokorny, local commissioner of security for the committee.

National committees are the executive bodies which administer governmental affairs for cities and districts.

Robeson Bust Placed on Peak

MOSCOW, Oct. 23 (AP)—The Soviet youth newspaper Komsomol Pravda said today a group of Kirgiz mountain climbers has placed a bust of American negro singer Paul Robeson atop the Central Asian peak the Russians named for him earlier this month.

The picture magazine Ogonek carried photographs of the bust and told how the climbers carried it up the rugged 13,000-foot mountain. Standing in sub-freezing weather, the group dedicated their feat and the bust in the name of "battling solidarity with those millions of ordinary people of America whom Paul Robeson represents."

Dayton WCTU Chapter Elects New Officers

Statesman News Service

DAYTON, Oct. 23 (AP)—The WCTU met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Frank Foster. Reports were heard from the delegates to the state convention, Mrs. Phelps and Mrs. Foster.

Officers elected for the coming year are Mrs. F. Foster, president; Mrs. Ralph Timm, vice-president; Mrs. L. Phelps, secretary; Mrs. Mariam Krake, treasurer. The November meeting will be a tea which will be held at the Pioneer church.

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LaGRANGE, Ga., Oct. 23—Four-year-old Joyce Ann Whitworth of LaGrange, Ga., sits up in her hospital bed at Emory hospital at Atlanta, Ga., and smiles as she anticipates the fun she is going to have blowing "therapeutic" bubbles. Her mother, Mrs. T. D. Whitworth is assisting. Several months ago Joyce was operated on for a heart ailment. A lung congestion developed when she returned home. Doctors prescribed deep breathing to clear the condition but Joyce didn't understand. So they rigged the water bottles and a bubble pipe. It's fun now she says. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Carl Hall Plans One-Man Art Show in Lincoln County

DeLAKE, Oct. 23 (Special)—Carl Hall, Salem, nationally known water colorist and oil painter, will have a one-man show at the Lincoln County Art center here starting November 1.

His exhibit will be a part of the center's stress on National Art week from November 1 through 7. Hall is now head of Willamette university's art department.

Showing of his paintings, many of which were featured in Life magazine last year, will extend through the latter part of November.

The center has asked art schools throughout Oregon to exhibit works of their pupils if possible.

Nehru Given Welcome at Canada Capital

OTTAWA, Oct. 23 (AP)—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru received a 19-gun salute as he arrived in the Canadian capital tonight on a good will tour. He was welcomed by Canadian Prime Minister Louis Stephen St. Laurent.

St. Laurent told reporters he hoped Nehru's good will efforts would be "helpful in bringing about a realization of the importance to the whole world of good east-west relations."

"To have peace in the world we must have peace in the whole world," the Canadian prime minister said.

Nehru wore a black overcoat and a western-type business suit, as he stepped from a Royal Air Force transport plane that brought him from Toronto. His host introduced him to cabinet officials and diplomats among a crowd of 200 persons who assembled to greet him.

Norway Builds Atomic Pile

OSLO, Norway, Oct. 23 (AP)—Norway is making headway in atomic research, the council for scientific research said today in its annual report.

The report said drilling for uranium in Setesdal valley has been successful, and underground mining operations have started with a working crew of 30.

The country's first atomic pile is being built at Kjeller, near Oslo, and the Universities of Oslo, Bergen and Trondheim have received equipment for atomic research.

East Reich Police Sent to Bulgaria

BERLIN, Oct. 23 (AP)—The British-licensed Sozialdemokrat said today an armed convoy of 1,200 East German peoples police had been sent to strengthen Bulgarian armed forces on the Yugoslav frontier.

The newspaper published a dispatch from Frankfurt-on-Oder, in the Russian zone, that the convoy had 16 anti-tank guns, eight heavy anti-aircraft guns, small arms and field pieces, and was led by two Russian officers.

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TO LAY CORNERSTONE

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Don Newcombe Rookie of Year

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 23 (AP)—Don Newcombe, brilliant Brooklyn Dodger pitcher, and Roy Sievers, the St. Louis Browns' slugging rookie outfielder, were named today "rookie of the year" for their respective leagues by the Sporting News.

The double selection by the weekly sports publication was a departure from its past custom of selecting only one outstanding freshman.

Three Die in Plane Crash

WILLOWS, Calif., Oct. 23 (AP)—Three northern California men were killed in the crash of their light plane near here today. The plane burned, charring the bodies.

Glenn county officers tentatively identified them as George Adlyott of Willows, Harold Doughty of Napa and Wilder Mills of Hornbrook, Siskiyou county.

Adlyott operates a hunters' resort and a lumber yard here and a tavern at Hornbrook. Doughty is an automobile dealer and garage operator.

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