

J.L. Lewis Threatens to Extend Coal Strike

Susan Peters Learns to Act In 'Barretts' from Wheelchair

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 29 (AP)—Nearly five years in a wheelchair haven't stopped Susan Peters. Recently she shot and killed a deer at 75 yards. Now she's starting out on a year's tour in "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

"I have to earn money," the brunette beauty says cheerfully. "I'm the most expensive luxury I know. Anyhow, I'm not happy unless I'm working."

An eight-week trial run in the play this summer gave her back her confidence. She played Princess, N. J., East Hampton, N. Y., and other eastern summer theaters, sometimes to standing room only.

Fans sent her handkerchiefs, bouquets, cigarettes, lighters and flowers. In Boston fans applauded when Susan was carried from the theater and placed in the smart green sedan she drives with hand controls. Special bus service was arranged from a Pennsylvania resort community because the last bus left before the play was over. "I found I was a big draw when I was pretty sure I wasn't," Susan says.

Drinks Lots of Water
Her attractive Beverly Hills apartment, with its dark green walls and gay lamps, is a busy place. Actors call, seeking parts. Friends drop in with reports on the house she wants to buy. The telephone rings frequently. It's on a wooden shelf that rests across the arms of her chrome-plated wheelchair. Also on it are her appointment pad and pencil, a notebook and a big glass of water—she's supposed to drink six quarts a day.

Twenty-seven-year-old Susan, in a wheelchair, is still a glamor girl. Her blue eyes sparkle. Her wavy dark brown hair, parted perfectly in the middle, falls abundantly to her shoulders. She wears gold ear clips. A four-strand pearl choker, and gold bracelet. Her green and white figured dress reached the floor.

No Hope of Walking
The screen star was on a duck-hunting trip New Year's day, 1945. She picked up a .22 rifle from under a bush, and the trigger caught on a branch. Surgeons who removed the slug from her spine gave her no hope of walking again. But Susan is radiant and animated. Only her body is confined.

As the invalid poet Elizabeth Barrett, Susan plays the first act lying on a couch. Katharine Cornell, in the same role, staggers across to a window to watch the departing Robert Browning. Susan struggles into a sitting position to look out the window. In the second act she sits on the couch. At the end of the third, where she is leaving London for Italy with her bridegroom, she is wheeled out the door by her maid.

Uses Different Clothes
Since she can't walk, as Cornell does occasionally in the role, Susan says:

"I try to show the progression of well-being with clothes, with hairdo—from severe to soft-looking—and with vitality and sparkle in the voice and laughter."

Both shyly and proudly, she shows you some reviews of her summer performances. Jay Carmody wrote in the Washington, D. C., Evening Star:

"Before she was left an invalid after a hunting accident, Susan Peters was Hollywood's most promising young actress."

"Those who go out of mere curiosity to see a brave performance will also see a completely rewarding one... From her couch and wheelchair, she endows her spirited Elizabeth with an emotional sweep and intellectual agility that never let it flag in energy and movement."

Never Been on Stage
Susan never had been on the stage before this summer. She says, "every night I died. It's still pretty frightening, but I may get used to it."

She has made one movie, "The Sign of the Ram," since her accident. Her performance was fine, but there have been no offers since. Wheelchair roles are pretty scarce.

She always has wanted to be independent. Having divorced dialogue director Richard Quine, whom she calls "a heck of a nice guy," she says she'll never marry. "I don't think I'm right for any man."

Her three-year-old adopted son, Timothy, will stay with a friend, Mrs. Jack Webb, during Susan's tour. She'll "probably" come home with an adopted sister for Timothy.

CLUB PLANS SHOWER
MIDDLE GROVE—Merry Mingle club met Thursday with Mrs. Robert Pickers, with 11 members present. The prize was won by Mrs. Robert Froom. A bridal shower was planned for November 10 at the home of Mrs. LeRoy Barker. Mrs. Orland Kring was received as a new member.

McARTHUR SPEAKS
INDEPENDENCE—Bill McArthur, football coach at Oregon College of Education, addressed the Monday meeting of the Lions club. Three of his squad members were also guests at the noon luncheon. Henry Decker, stand-out end also gave a brief talk.

BLADE SPINNERS
DAYTON, O. (INS)—A 4,000-horsepower electric motor weighing 48 tons has been built by Westinghouse to spin experimental helicopter propellers for the U.S. Air Force. The project is part of research aimed at bigger, more powerful copters.

KRAMER TOPS PANCHO
MILWAUKEE, Oct. 29 (AP)—Jack Kramer defeated Richard (Panchito) Gonzales, former U.S. amateur champion, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, in a professional tennis game tonight before a crowd of 2,700. Kramer now leads Gonzales 2-1 in the series.

EZ HURTS HAND
LOS ANGELES, Oct. 29 (AP)—Because of an injured hand, NBA Heavyweight Champion Ezzard Charles will not box a scheduled exhibition with Al Hoosman in Spokane, Wash., Wednesday, Fred Sommers, spokesman for Charles, said tonight.

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HONORED—Peter Ivanovich Farshin, minister of machinery and instrument industry, was awarded Russia's highest decoration — The Order of Lenin. Speculation outside USSR was that he might have received it for atomic bomb work.

U.N. Rejects 'Dog of Peace'

LAKE SUCCESS (AP)—U. N. officials have decided not to use a Brooklyn dog whose master says could keep peace in the Security Council. The letter of a 10-year-old boy to the United Nations said:

"I have a dog. He is a German shepherd and his name is Butchie. Everybody in our house is happy when Butchie is around. He is so good in keeping peace when my friends start to fight. I would like to bring Butchie to the Security Council. If there are any arguments Butchie would bark and tell them to be more quiet. I think everybody will then get along much better."

Officials in the office of Trygve Lie, secretary general, told the boy they would be glad to see him, but he had better not bring his dog along.

Reds Threaten U.S. Tin Supply

NEW YORK (AP)—Two-thirds of America's tin supply comes from a thin strip of land along the Malacca Straits near Siam. It's being threatened now by the guerrilla war of communists in the Orient. Edna Doo Free Nelson writes in Steelways magazine. If the output of tin were cut off for any length of time, "the peacetime standard of living in the United States will fall," she warns. Tin finds uses in food containers, tools, farm machines, auto parts, planes, and countless other products.

Teachers Should Build Confidence

WICHITA, Kas. (INS)—The biggest job of teachers is to help children become "confident and competent human beings."

This advice was given by Dr. John G. Sullivan, professor of education at Wayne University in Detroit, who addressed Wichita public school teachers.

He said: "Pay attention to the children, to the multiplicity of their needs. Children need to be loved and wanted. They need to belong and they need to feel their individual worth."

BADGES TO BE GIVEN

WILLAMINA—Willamina Scouts who will receive mail badges at the district court of honor to be held in Yamhill, November 3, are Everett Lemons, Ross Bailey, Bill Felton, Rollin Hines and Bill Yoast. The Willamina troop will be in charge of the ceremony.

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Miners' Chief Talks of Idling 100,000 More

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 29 (AP)—Another sliver of hope slanted feebly across the nation's darkened steel strike picture today but the outlook in coal grew even blacker.

United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis threatened to extend the six-week-old bituminous (soft) coal strike to the 100,000 UMW members who are still working.

Lewis spoke at Scranton, Pa., at a dinner honoring the memory of John Mitchell, a former president of the powerful miner's union.

Lewis said the working UMW members might be "called into action at any time" to help win the current mine strike.

The approximately 100,000 UMW miners now at work form roughly a fifth of the UMW membership. They are employed in the bituminous fields west of the Mississippi, in all the anthracite areas and in Canada.

Dropped in CIO's Lap

Meanwhile the government dropped squarely in the lap of the CIO United steelworkers a move by small producers to recall the presidential fact finding board for clarification of its peace formula.

The only note of cheer—if it could be called that—came from Dr. Leo J. Wolman of the national bureau of economics research.

He predicted the coal and steel strikes probably will be settled within three weeks. Speaking at Hershey, Pa., Dr. Wolman said his "well-based" guess also would include a settlement of the steel strike before a coal settlement.

Economy Battered
The steel and coal strike twins have outgrown their swaddling clothes. A robust four and six weeks old respectively, they have left the nation's economy battered.

While President Truman says the strikes do not yet add up to a national emergency, more than a million workers are idled and losses are in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

In the steel and coal capital of Pittsburgh, requests for jobless aid are flooding state employment offices at the rate of 10,000 a day, most of them as an indirect result of the strikes. That's the pattern elsewhere.

Talks Continue
Federal mediators are continuing talks with top steel producers in an effort to drive a peace wedge into the stalemate but say they haven't gotten anywhere yet. The coal strike is just joggling along with negotiations off until Tuesday.

Recall of the steel fact finders was suggested by President William H. Colvin, Jr., of Crucible Steel company in Pittsburgh. He directed the request to U. S. Mediation Director Cyrus H. King, who passed it along to Murray In Cleveland for the convention of the CIO which he also heads, Murray was not available for comment. But Steelworker Secretary-Treasurer David J. McDonald said a decision on recall of the board would be up to the union's policy committee.

SHAMROCKS RETAIN LEAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29 (AP)—The San Francisco Shamrocks held their leadership of the Southern Division of the Pacific Coast Hockey league with a 5 to 3 victory over the Oakland Oaks to night before 2,800 fans at the Winterland arena.

FIGHT SET

Seattle, Oct. 29 (AP)—Tony Bosnich, big San Francisco heavy-weight, will box Jack Flood of Seattle in a 10-round main event here next Friday night, the Elliott Bay Boxing club announced tonight.

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Pigeon Holed Up in City Jail

There is more than one way of running afoul of the law. Just ask any pigeon who is caught ducking around Salem streets late at night.

In the coop at the city hall Saturday night was a lonely grey pigeon found lurking in the doorway of a downtown business house by city police. Police say they have the goods on the bird and his goose is cooked. It is charged with vagrancy.

Steam Shovel 'Sabotaged'

CLARION, Pa., Oct. 29 (AP)—A steam shovel was dynamited tonight at the non-union Mack Coal company strip (surface) mine at nearby Rimersburg.

Sheriff Arthur Hanold said the dynamiting apparently was done by someone familiar with the mine's operation. He estimated damage at \$10,000.

The blast was the latest violence in the central Pennsylvania coal fields since the coal strike started seven weeks ago.

Retail Food Prices to Ease Off Next Year

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP)—Retail food prices likely will ease off a bit next year in a period of "fairly high economic activity," the agriculture department forecast today.

Americans will eat as much or more with food supplies running plentiful, the report said.

Foods expected to be available in larger quantities include lamb, pork, eggs, butter, cheese, canned fish, dry beans, frozen foods and perhaps some fresh vegetables.

On the other hand, some declines in consumer purchases of ice cream, fluid milk and cream canned citrus juices, lamb and mutton may be recorded, the report said.

Very large crops of grain again this year will provide plentiful supplies of cereal products for food, record large livestock feed supplies, and substantial quantities for export.

Milk, butter, poultry and egg production are at a higher rate than a year earlier.

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Observant Man Claims Reward

Jeffrey Elliott, 420 Leslie st., got fast action when he offered a reward for the recovery of a stolen bicycle Saturday.

Leon Scheidemann, 805 N. Cottage st., heard about the reward of \$5 for the bike and thief, \$2.50 for the bicycle alone, and remembered seeing one in the weeds at the southwest corner of North Cottage and Church streets Saturday evening. He notified city police; police notified Elliott and Scheidemann collected the \$2.50.

Ladies Bury Heads While Males Look Up with Defiance

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Do ostriches really bury their heads in the sand at the sign of danger? To settle the age-old question, two Cape Province airmen flew low over two semi-wild ostriches standing on a sand dune.

The lady ostrich buried her head, the male looked up defiantly.

Leading ostrich farmers, however, say this was deceptive. They say the female will always bend down at sign of danger—for camouflage—the long neck and head are hidden and the grey feathers merge with the sand. So the argument is still unsettled.

Accidents in U. S. homes killed 35,000 people in 1948.

Witnesses in Racial Case Being Sought

An investigation proceeded Saturday into the allegation that Salem Police Officer Arch Wilson ordered a negro to leave town October 22 and told him colored folk were "not tolerated" in Salem.

Wilson's accuser, Ward Jackson of Portland, returned home after testifying at a hearing in Salem Friday.

Assistant Police Chief E. C. Charlton said he was attempting to find persons who might have overheard Wilson's conversation with Jackson. Jackson said no one was near enough. W. D. Hudson, 111 Chemeketa st., however, told Charlton that he heard it and that Jackson's story was incorrect. Wilson denied saying anything offensive.

Jackson Friday filed an affidavit in Portland with Ulysses G. Plummer, Portland negro attorney, swearing he was ordered out of Salem.

Plummer is a member of the state fair employment practices advisory committee.

W. E. Kinsey, commissioner of the state bureau of labor, said the state's fair employment practices act did not cover incidents outside of actual employment and employment advancement.

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