

## 4 Men Shot in Battle with Coal Miners

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 16-(AP)—Defiance of striking soft coal miners to back-to-work orders exploded today into a running gun battle which felled four men.

The gunfire broke out at a non-union West Virginia mine. The son of a co-owner of the mine said the four wounded in a pitched fight were roving pickets trying to close the pit.

There's been other violence in Pennsylvania and Kentucky where independents are trying to operate despite the "no contract no work" strike of 372,000 United Mine Workers.

As tension grew in the coal fields, strike-born unemployment over the nation edged past the 41,000 mark.

A second strike of coal miners was ordered — this one in Illinois. The Progressive Mine Workers, an independent, called a strike for midnight Tuesday.

President John Marchiondo said eight months of contract negotiations have ended in a deadlock.

The 9,000 PMW members produced about 20 per cent of all Illinois coal mined. Previously, 1,000 of them had been idle in sympathy with the nationwide UMW strike.

On the strike effects front, coal shortages hit harder in several cities.

A big Pittsburgh utility — Duquesne Light company — cut electrical supplies 20 per cent to 44,000 industrial and commercial customers. The company blamed coal shortages. The order is effective only during daylight hours.

## Truman Gets Hot Telling Irate News Reporters to Keep Cool

By Douglas B. Cornell  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16-(AP)—President Truman hotly told reporters today they aren't going to censor him and he isn't so sure their business is important, anyway.

Temper soared to one of the highest points ever reached at Mr. Truman's regular weekly news conferences.

Behind the heat was the fact that the president had given an exclusive interview this week to Arthur Krock of the New York Times.

Newsmen started boring with questions for more details on parts of the interview relating to Russian-American relations. Mr. Truman started telling them off.

He said they were disgruntled. He said he is a free agent who will see whom he pleases when he pleases and say what he pleases.

To the dozens of reporters facing him across his big mahogany desk, he said he won't be censored by them or by anybody else. He said he didn't like their attitude and they ought to cool off.

Will Do as He Pleases  
Furthermore, he bristled, he will do as he pleases about exclusive interviews in the future. There is a custom against it at the White House, he said, and the custom will continue, but he'll do as he pleases about breaking it.

Yes, the president said, he intentionally left out a "damn" in emphasizing he will do as he pleases but.

You can put it in if you want to. Mr. Truman invited what he called sensible questions and said these would be answered. And then under questioning he said that:

1. The door always is open for international discussion of atomic controls, this doesn't require dramatizing, and this is no time to send Chief Justice Vinson of the supreme court to Moscow. (In 1948 he thought of sending Vinson to talk peace with Stalin but the plan was dropped.)

Not Right Time  
2. This isn't the right time to push for a political union of Atlantic pact countries.

3. Here in Washington the door always is open for a top-flight meeting of British, Russian and American leaders. But no comment on Winston Churchill's proposal for a conference.

4. The president plans to take newsmen on what he called an other non-political tour. He isn't naming now all the states in which he will campaign for democratic congressional candidates once the primaries are over.

5. Reporters must wait and see whether George Lucky, California man, was right in concluding Mr. Truman will try for the presidency again in 1952.

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## Truman Scoffs At GOP Label Of 'Socialism'

(Story also on page one)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16-(AP)—President Truman scoffed tonight at recent assertions by Republicans that the present democratic party program is "socialistic."

Mr. Truman spoke at Washington's annual Jefferson-Jackson \$100 a plate dinner attended by more than 5,300 democrats in the huge national guard armory here.

The president, who plans to take the stump this year for democratic congressional candidates in key states, said the country found out how much "harm can be done" when a "congressional election goes wrong" as he said it did in 1946.

He said the democratic party "will not play politics with the federal budget" or follow the course of those "who would like to return to the days of McKinley."

Asked Program Continue  
He called for the continuance of the defense and foreign aid programs and the "fair deal" program for health, education, social security and "economic stability."

The president poked fun at the Republicans for what he called their latest scare word of "socialism." The GOP in a campaign document ten days ago, said the prime domestic issue was "liberty versus socialism."

Instead of presenting a positive program of their own, the president declared, "the Republicans sit around waiting for us to make a proposal."

"Scare Words"  
"Then they react with an outburst of scare words," he continued. "They are like a cuttlefish that squirts out a cloud of black ink whenever its slumber is disturbed."

The president boasted that Herbert Lehman forced them to drop "statism" as a slogan by winning the senate election in New York. The president called the slogan "socialism," now used against the democrats an old standby scare word.

"Not Socialism"  
The democratic program, Mr. Truman declared, "is not socialism."

"It is based upon a firm faith in the strength of free enterprise," he said. "It is designed to strengthen the markets of free enterprise and to expand the investments of free enterprise. It will make our citizens economically secure, well educated and confident of the future. Only in a nation of such citizens can free enterprise grow and expand and reach its full possibilities."

No Limitation on Freedom  
He said that the democrats had no desire to limit freedom and added:

"About the only freedom we have limited is the freedom of the Republicans to run the country. Maybe that is what they are complaining about."

"For the Republicans to drag out the same old moth-eaten scare-crow of 'socialism' again in 1950—after having used it, or something very like it in opposition to every progressive step the nation has taken since 1933—is an insult to the intelligence of the American people."

U.N. Reports World Trade Balance Slips

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 16-(AP)—United Nations economists reported tonight that all efforts to balance world trade have failed and that the situation became worse in 1949.

In the light of this, they suggested a complete re-evaluation of world economic policies and programs. This presumably would include the European recovery program (ERP), although the economists did not say so specifically.

The suggestion was submitted to the 18-nation economic and social council in a 50-page survey of major economic changes in 1949. The survey was prepared by experts in the U.N. secretariat.

The space devoted to the world trade situation indicated the U.N. experts regard this as the No. 1 economic problem of the movement. They reported world industrial production continued to increase last year and that employment also remained at a high level.

Spread of Rats In Portland Area Forecast

PORTLAND, Feb. 16-(AP)—The danger of rat infestation in homes that never saw one of the creatures before was reported by the city health bureau today.

The city rodent control supervisor said rats are migrating, having been forced out of old haunts by dwindling food supplies. He urged Portlanders not to leave food around, and to keep all garbage tightly covered.

Rats will stop at any place where they find food, he explained. They travel, generally, via the sewer system.

POLE WON'T GO HOME  
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 16-(AP)—Stanislaw A. Skarynski, 38-year-old assistant to the Polish consul, quit his job today rather than re-

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## College Drama Shows Conflict Of Emotions

By John H. White  
Staff Writer, The Statesman  
"Ghosts," a play once banned from the stage for its frank portrayal of human relations, opened Thursday night at Willamette university as a contribution of the school's drama department.

The second and final showing of Henrik Ibsen's famous tragedy is scheduled at 8:30 o'clock tonight in Waller hall.

The drama openly reveals the conflict between what society chooses to call "law and order" and what "free-thinkers" might term the "joy of living."

Directed by Ruane B. Hill, the five-student cast accomplished the professional feat of keeping the audience so interested in the central theme of the play that minor production flaws were overlooked.

Wandering Artist  
Leading figure in the play is Oswald Alving, portrayed by Dave Place from Hood River. He is an artist who has wandered since childhood. Both heredity and environment, he tends toward the insanity that killed his father.

His mother, played by Marion Sparks of Salem, is torn between the "duty" of attempting to make her son conform to accepted ideals of the church and her desire that he should experience happiness during his limited life.

Object of Affection  
Margaret Guice from Seattle plays Regina, a maid whose relation to the family is unfolded as the play progresses and who is the object of Oswald's love.

Phil Hammond from Portland plays Parson Manders, a minister who is shocked to find his lifelong friends could be entangled in such "abhorrent" circumstances.

Brief comedy relief is provided by George Bynon of Salem, who portrays Jacob Engstrand, a crippled carpenter who gains most of his desires by a clever play on the befuddled parson.

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## Newly-Formed Public Service Forum Hears University Dean

Members of the newly-formed Public Service Forum were congratulated for "sensing their responsibilities" last night by Dr. Eldon L. Johnson, dean of liberal arts at the University of Oregon.

The forum held its first organizational meeting at the statehouse, electing eight members to the board of directors from which officers will be chosen.

Dr. Johnson told the group, made up of administrative leaders in state departments, that "we are living in an administrative state" (on all levels: government), and that "the role of public service is at its peak in numbers and impact."

He commended administrators in federal government for having reached "a higher degree of professionalization" than those in some states, but praised Oregon as being "on the right road" toward the highest possible efficiency in supervision.

Dr. Johnson was introduced by J. B. Avison, Presiding was Fred Gast.

Named to the board of directors were: William Collier, tax commissioner; Fred Gast, state industrial accident commission; James Clinton, civil service commission; Jack Horner, Fairview home staff; Bjarne Erickson, public utilities; Melvin Cleveland, game commission; Walter Snyder, public instruction; Tom Hill, highway department; and John Rademaker, Willamette university (representing the public).

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