

Coal Wage Offer Rejected by Lewis

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—(AP)—John L. Lewis today in effect rejected the War Labor Board's compromise plan for settling the coal miners' wage dispute, as work stoppages continued to spread in the fields.

The United Mine Workers president advised district UMWAs presidents by telegram that he considered the WLB plan for approving a minimum \$1.12 1/2 a day earnings increase in the "model" contract to be the equivalent of a reduction in the basic wage rate.

Lewis' telegram read: "In order to allay confusion indicated by many inquiries I advise as follows: In rejecting the negotiated Illinois agreement and recommending the substitution of its own formula, the War Labor Board is asking the mine workers of the nation to accept a reduction in their basic hourly rate."

"The existing basic hourly rate is \$1 per hour for 7 hours work or \$7 per day."

"The war labor board proposes a rate of \$8.12 1/2 for a work day of 8 1/2 hours or an hourly rate of 95 cents per hour. Acceptance of this plan would impose a wage reduction on the mine workers of the nation amounting to 4 1/2 cents per hour."

LABOR BOARDING HIT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Members of the senate's war in-

vestigating committee voiced demand for drastic federal action to end labor boarding in aircraft and other war industries today after hearing from Charles E. Wilson, executive vice-chairman of the War Production Board, that needs of the North American Aviation plant at Dallas, Tex., could be reduced by 10,000 men.

War In Brief

By UNITED PRESS
Italy—Germans stiffen resistance on new battle line; allied troops capture eight towns in advances up to four miles; Anglo-American fifth army elements reported to have reached enemy's main defenses; allied planes raid Geta.

Russia—Russian break-through between Dnieper and Sea of Azov sends axis fleeing in disorder; Red army planes hit enemy in ceaseless attack; capture of Krivoi Rog near.

Yugoslavia—Partisans wipe out German force trying to capture Adriatic island of Bra; Slovenians repulse armored attacks; rail line near Ljubljana torn up.

Pacific—Tokyo reports allied troops land on Mono island in move to take over northern Solomons; American fliers blast Buin-Faisi with 500 tons of bombs in four-day attacks; 58 more enemy planes destroyed at Rabaul; American air force aids Chinese on Salween river front.

POSTMASTER DIES

ASHLAND, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Funeral services will be held here Saturday for Millard W. Grubb, Ashland postmaster, who died in Portland Thursday.

FREE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE—Mayflower Theater, Nov. 2, 8 p. m., auspices First Church of Christ, Scientist, Eugene. PUBLIC WELCOME.

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American Fliers Join China Fight

CHUNGKING, Oct. 28.—(AP)—American air forces have joined in the battle along the China-Burma frontier where Chinese troops are fighting to prevent a Japanese crossing of the Salween river, a communique from Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters disclosed today.

Planes of the China-based 14th U. S. air force hammered the Japanese base at Tengchung in western Yunnan province on Tuesday the communique reported.

W. A. Warfield—

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place together details and reports of the crime.

Dr. Joseph Beeman, crime detection bureau, Oregon State police, was to arrive some time Thursday for an autopsy on the body of Warfield. Any new statement regarding the case was to be made by officials following this autopsy.

Several acquaintances and friends of Warfield have reported him as saying he had received numerous threats against his life, several telephone calls coming in Wednesday afternoon with these threats.

He left his place of employment about 6:30 p. m. Wednesday, associates there saying he had received some of these calls during the afternoon. For some time, associates said, he had expressed concern over threats to his life.

His employer spoke of Warfield as "the best man I ever had. He was trustworthy, and a prince of a man." He had worked the last time for the feed concern for the past 15 months. Previously, he had worked there four or five years, then went to Montana for a time, returning here about a year ago.

He had been divorced for several years, his former wife and their son now said to be in Seattle. Warfield lived at the residence of his former mother-in-law, Mrs. E. C. Storm, who recently had gone to be with a member of her family following an accident to an arm.

The body was found near a garage which had been used in keeping chickens.

After questioning acquaintances and friends of the dead man, including Mrs. Ben Rogers the officers went to look for Rogers. The

Rogers couple were divorced a few months ago and Mrs. Rogers and their family of children live at another auto camp here. Officers said they found Rogers asleep at the residence of his brother-in-law and sister, Cabin City auto camp, the sister being Mildred Ecklund.

Officers said Rogers accounted for his time and that these points of information were being checked. He was said to have offered no heated protest when taken into custody.

Records at the sheriff's office show Rogers, then registered as a logger by occupation, had been picked up on a charge of assault and battery in August but the case had been dismissed two days later.

Thursday morning, Mrs. Rogers with her family of five children, had been at the jail for a time, seeking protection, it was reported. She was there, however, on no charge of any sort.

Working on the case are Sergeant Del Bates and Max Burris and Harry Nelson, all of the state police; Sheriff O. E. Crowe and his deputy, Nelson Whipples; William W. Bartle, district attorney; William S. Fort, deputy district attorney, and Harold Poole, deputy county coroner.

The murder is the third in Lane county in a little over a year.

In mid-September of 1942, Walter Van Atta died following an attack by Eugene Russell Burch, who later committed suicide. In early December of 1942, Grant Fluke died from a bullet wound inflicted by W. F. Turner, a neighbor in the Canary community on the coast.

VETERAN SHOEMAN DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28.—(AP)—Will A. Knight, 70, who rose from a Tacoma shoe clerk 54 years ago to a national authority on footwear during his career as a shoe retailer here, died at Los Angeles Wednesday according to word received here today.

TWO FIRES WEDNESDAY

City firemen reported two calls answered Wednesday. At Irish and Swartz, Sixth and Madison, a popcorn machine caught fire but caused no damage. A minor flue fire occurred Wednesday evening at 470 11th Avenue east.

NEW AIR BASE SLATED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Rep. Stockman (R.-Ore.) said today the navy plans to start construction in a few days on a naval air base at Klamath Falls and Lake View, Ore.

Union Convention—

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putes should not be eliminated for that reason. Its policies are improving with experience, Davis said.

The labor member of the west coast lumber commission, William Curtis called the program first on controlled prices and wages for stabilization, which would freeze substandard wages, and second the anti-unionism of new laborers in war industries. Unionism has been "missing the boat" in dealing with these newcomers, he said. Unions must give them sympathetic treatment and teach them trade unionism principles.

Curtis also called for protection of minorities if the American way of life is to be maintained.

The following nominations were made at the Thursday morning sessions:

President: John Christensen, Seattle; James Whalen, Portland. Vice-President: J. W. Whitley, Everett, Wash.; Don Reed, Baker. Executive secretary: Kenneth Davis, Portland.

Warden: Sid Elin, Anacortes, Wash.; W. A. Davis, Weed, Cal.; Joe Campbell, Coquille.

Conductor: John Cruikshank, Marshfield; Harvey Crockett, Prineville; Ray Boone, Toledo.

Trustee (3 years): Ernest Jorgenson, Seattle; C. P. Richards, Eugene; John Abrams, Tacoma; Charles Taylor, Spokane; Herb Sweitzer, Tacoma, and Harry Moe, Libby, Montana.

The convention is expected to adjourn Thursday afternoon.

Nazis Using—

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may have been enough to hold the defenses preparatory to next year's campaign. Then he would have been able to spare some 50 divisions for a strategic reserve to be held in mid-Germany.

The Russian thrust across the Dnieper not only forced him to throw in every formation he could muster, but inflicted such losses of men and materials that little or nothing was left available for a central reserve.

A large number of divisions on the eastern front already are fighting well under regular strength, due to such losses. Even if the Germans get most of their men out of the Dnieper bend they will have been so thoroughly mauled and have lost so much equipment that they will be of little value until given a chance to reform and rearm.

Aerial Pounding—

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aging or destruction of 148 others at the very heart of Japanese air might in the southwest. Pacific has cost General MacArthur only 13 planes and some of their crews were saved.

Rabaul is being cracked wide open. Bougainville, Rabaul's Solomon outpost, has sustained plane losses of more than 400 since the current allied offensive opened June 30 and presently cannot even put planes in the air to halt methodical destruction of its airfields.

Wevak, New Guinea, through which Rabaul's air replacements once moved from the west, lost upwards of 400 planes in August and September to allied raiders and that traffic virtually has stopped. Rabaul now is understood to get replacements largely from Truk to the north.

By United Press
One of the bills presented to the Japanese diet for its rubberstamp approval provides for the evacuation of leading industrial centers in anticipation of "big raids by enemy planes," a Tokyo broadcast said today.

Sunday Programs at USO Being Resumed

Sunday afternoon programs at the USO, recessed during the summer, will be resumed, the first to be held Sunday, November 7, at 1:30 p. m. Programs again will be under the sponsorship of Phi Beta, national music and drama honorary.

Mrs. Robert D. Horn is chairman of the program committee this year, and other members of the committee are Maud Garnett, of the school of music at the university; Horace Robinson, of the school of drama; Mrs. Thomas Fox and Mrs. W. C. Cloyes.

Groups who have been in charge of entertainment at the USO during October are the auxiliary to United Spanish

American War Veterans, home science club, mothers' service club of the First Christian church, and the Daughters of the Nile. The cookie jar was kept supplied by the women of the Evangelical church and the Unitarian women's alliance.

Another Italy—

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secured a bridgehead over the Trigno river, despite sharp and continuous enemy fighting wipe out his position on the northwest bank.

Artillery fire also was intense to the southwest on the eighth army front, where eighth army units in a four-mile drive captured the town of Torrella del Sannio nine miles northwest of Gampobasso, and Mafalde, seven miles northwest of Montecifone and near the southeast bank of the Trigno.

The town of Castelmauro, six miles southwest of Palata, was taken by eighth army units.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's troops attacked and drove the Germans from important high ground along both sides of the Volturno and widened the base of their salient by taking Riardo, nine miles southwest of Raviscanina and 11 miles northwest of Capua.

Man Puts Children in Orphanage and Enlists

ST. LOUIS.—(AP)—After placing his four children in an orphan's home, Tillman Hogard, 24, war worker, volunteered for immediate military service, and was sworn into the navy as an apprentice seaman.

In making arrangements for care of the children, Hogard said his wife had left him. The children are Betty, 4; Martha, 3; Robert, 2; and Diana Joyce, 1.

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Marquam Lake Bed Acreage Sold by State

SALEM, Ore., — (AP) — The state land board has sold 206 acres of the Marquam lake bed in Multnomah county for \$5400, according to Lewis D. Griffith, clerk of the board.

The land was purchased by its

riparian owners, David and Andrew Vetch and Van Vetch.

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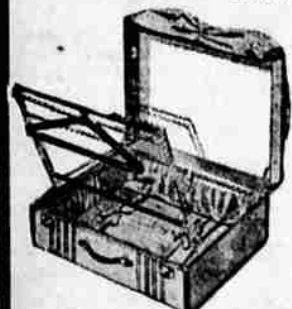
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