

All-Out Coal Fight Advised

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Washington Post says a group of highly placed Senate Democrats has advised President Truman that the "coal strike must be settled on the government's terms, even if it means a cold, unproductive winter."

The Post said word to that effect went to Mr. Truman following confidential talks on Capitol Hill.

"Several administration Democrats with good labor records, whom the President has consulted in previous emergencies, were said to have shared in the advice later relayed to the White House," the story added.

The Post said an informant, who asked not to be identified, took the view the coal strike had "ceased to be a labor dispute and has become a test of government itself."

"If we again yield to Lewis," the informant was quoted, "we will show we are incapable of governing ourselves."

Rock Found No Meteorite

J. Hugh Pruett, local astronomer, reported Thursday that the supposed meteorite, found near Vancouver, Wash., the night of the Oct. 9 meteor shower and given much publicity had been pronounced a "meteorite" by Dr. Frederick C. Leonard of the Astronomy department of UCLA, thus bearing out Pruett's own conclusions.

Dr. Leonard is a past president of the Society for Research on Meteorites and he has long used the term meteorite to apply only to the "real thing." Pruett said, and "meteorite" to apply to non-meteoritic material, Leonard said. "Apparently it is of no value either scientifically or commercially."

JAP UNION BALKS
TOKYO — (AP) — The Japanese electric industry workers union announced Thursday it would enforce a nation-wide blackout Dec. 2 after rejecting a management reply to demands for wage increases. Union headquarters said the blackout would not affect occupation forces.

Egypt has initiated an irrigation project on the Sinai Peninsula.

Fress Press Said Defense for U S

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — America's free press is its staunchest bulwark against warmongering propaganda, says Gov. Earl Warren of California.

The governor, addressing a meeting of the Associated Press Managing Editors Assn., voiced his convictions that a principal reason why the United States is not a warlike nation is "that our people are well and accurately informed on the issues of the day."

"Of some would-be warmonger in our country tried to tell the public that Canada, for instance, was arming for aggression against the United States," he continued, "he would be quickly laughed off the front pages because our newspapers would find out the truth and convey it to the people."

Warren declared if universal and lasting peace is to be established, one step that must be taken is "to establish the true concept of true and unbiased news in all parts of the globe."

Eventual unification of the armed service for economy reasons was forecast by Lt. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, U.S. Army chief of information, in another address. Collins predicted also that some form of universal military training for youths of 18 to 21, for a period of a year, will become necessary.

Collins said he found recent recruiting reports "rather discouraging" and said the Army may have to ask for extension of the selective service to maintain the Army at its fixed strength of 1,070,000 for July 1, he added.

PATROLMAN FACES

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. — (AP) — The Westchester County grand jury indicted a Yonkers patrolman Wednesday on three charges of stealing children's bicycles on his beat.

The patrolman, Stephen Spink, 32, a member of the Yonkers police force since 1939, surrendered to police Wednesday night and was held on \$1000 bail pending arraignment for pleading later.

Fuel Oil Users Worries Ended

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Those lucky people who use fuel oil were reassured by the interior department Thursday that they needn't worry about heat this winter.

The department's division of oil and gas said that no matter what the coal outlook the fuel oil supply will be ample. The statement was made after a conference with industry.

The division predicted that the coal shortage will increase consumption of heavy fuel oil by utilities and industrial plants by 1,500,000 to 3,000,000 barrels a month. The coal situation will have little effect, however, on the supply of light fuel oils for home heating, it said.

Egypt Colleges Closed Down

CAIRO — (AP) — The Egyptian government shut down the universities at Cairo and Alexandria and three secondary schools in Cairo Wednesday after five days of student rioting in protest against the terms of a proposed revised alliance with Great Britain.

Police sources said three students had been killed in the riots and a policeman was fatally injured Saturday. Demonstrations took place again today both at Foad I University in Cairo and Farouk I University in Alexandria, when the closing order came.

The administration at Guad I University said, "The university has decided to close until necessary measures can be taken to permit students to continue their studies in a clear atmosphere."

Students marched from the Cairo university in renewed demonstrations, shouting, "Down with Sikiy! Down with Bevin!" Ismail Sikiy, Egyptian prime minister, recently returned from London with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's proposals for revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

Social Democrats To 'Heckle' Males

TOKYO — (AP) — Leaders of the Social Democratic Party, which holds 97 of the 466 seats in the Diet House of Representatives, decided Thursday to conduct a "heckling campaign" against speakers of the pro-government Liberal and Progressive Parties.

Social Democratic Party Secretary Suehiro Nishio was expected to lead the battle with a stinging criticism of Premier Shigeru Yoshida's speech of Wednesday when he warned that labor disputes were delaying Japan's reconstruction.

Social Democrat leaders said Nishio might even demand the cabinet resign on charges the government was unable to carry out its previously announced program for economic recovery.

Inasmuch as Liberals and Progressives have a definite diet majority, jointly occupying 251 seats, it was believed the Social Democratic Party would have little chance of advancing a vote of no-confidence against the cabinet.

Ex-Mrs. Karloff Seeks More Funds From Boris

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — The fourth former Mrs. Boris Karloff, through a superior court suit, asked the famous bogey man of the screen Thursday for \$600 monthly support instead of \$250 for their eight-year-old daughter Sara Jane.

Mrs. Dorothy Stine Pratt, 45, said Karloff, whose legal name is William Henry Pratt, owned property worth \$100,000 and his earnings this year were \$90,000.

Karloff married Mrs. Evelyn Helmore, New York divorcee, after his divorce at Las Vegas, Nev., in April.

Bank Officials Locked In Vaults by Robbers

BILLINGS, Mo. — (AP) — It was near closing time when two men carrying pistols entered the bank of Billings Wednesday. Almost all of the bank's money was in the vault and the vault door was open.

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CPA Reviews Industry's Gains

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Industrial production soared to new postwar peaks in October, but it will drop again unless the coal strike is ended quickly, the Civilian Production Administration reported Thursday.

At the same time, CPA said, October prices also were the highest since the war ended. A check of 28 key commodities showed an average increase of 50 per cent since June 30. In the wake of President Truman's mass decontrol order, some items jumped as much as 50 per cent during October alone.

Included in October production were 286,000 automobiles, 1,800,000 radios and 280,000 refrigerators.

CPA said employment continued at near-peak levels, but it warned that both employment and production would nose-dive if the coal strike is prolonged. Steel output, it said, would be cut 50 per cent within two weeks.

"The shutdown will disrupt American industry more quickly and more severely this time than last spring," the agency said. "Only prompt resumption of coal mining will permit a continuation of the high level of production so important to ward off inflationary price rises."

October employment, 57,400,000, was barely off the summer peak of 58,000,000. The unemployment figure continued to remain below 2,000,000.

Production was 81 per cent above the average of the late 1930's. There was a dark spot, however, in the construction industry, where a decline was registered in both housing and non-residential building.

Production of sheet steel, wire, soda ash, and lumber continued to lag, thereby holding down both housing and non-residential construction. The production of freight cars continued to fall slightly for the second month in a row, and the October output of fractional horsepower motors remained at September levels.

In clothing, there was increased production of shoes and women's silk stockings, but a slight decline in the output of women's rayon hose, men's suits and shirts. Nylon hose continued to account for three out of every five pairs of new stockings.

Fire Sweeps Venice Amusements Beach

VENICE, Calif. — (AP) — A three-alarm fire Wednesday swept concessions on the Venice amusement pier close by holiday crowds brought out by summerlike weather.

Nine fire companies battled for an hour before controlling the flames, which leaped 100 feet in the air and for a time threatened establishments along the ocean front.

The pier, whose ship cafe, drag-on slide and merry-go-round were familiar to generations of California beach-goers, was condemned last spring and was in process of being demolished.

Meat Workers Set to Strike

CHICAGO — (AP) — International officers of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers were empowered Thursday to call a nationwide meat production strike unless a satisfactory contract is negotiated with the packers.

The union's strike strategy committee said proposals offered by the packers were "inadequate" and the strike was authorized "when and if such action is necessary."

The committee said that in the meantime the union would make every effort to negotiate the differences that now exist.

The CIO union seeks a uniform \$1 an hour minimum wage for both men and women, a guaranteed annual wage, and a cost-of-living bonus. Its 200,000 members were notified Nov. 12 to prepare for a strike within two weeks. That period ended Tuesday and the committee announced its decision after a day-long session Wednesday.

Obsidians Invited To Mazama Banquet

A letter from the Mazamas, Portland outdoor club, has been received by the Obsidians, asking the Eugene group to attend their annual banquet Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8:30 p. m. in the NOW Hall, S. W. 14th and Morrison Sts.

A good program has been arranged, and dancing will follow. Tickets may be secured from Ral Kemp, 1431 N. E. 12th Ave., Portland.

Use of Subpoena Asked For Hearing on Bilbo

JACKSON, Miss. — (AP) — Negro leaders asked the senate campaign investigating committee Thursday to reverse its plan to hear "volunteer" witnesses and resort to the subpoena for testimony against Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo next Monday.

T. B. Wilson, Negro realtor, said that the hearing "will be a complete flop if the committee relies on Negroes to appear voluntarily," explaining that witnesses would not appear, owing to fear of reprisals.

Bilbo is being investigated on primary election charges that his

campaign statements about Negroes from voting. Insulin was discovered.

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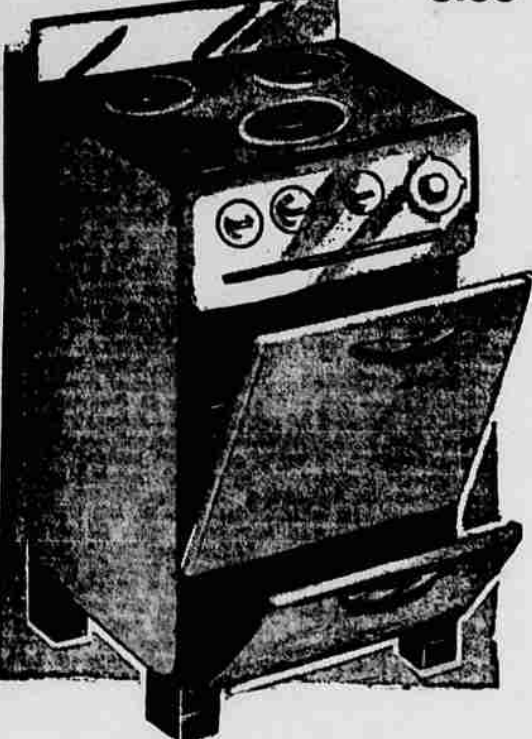
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