

Coal Operators Reject Demand For Wage Raise

(By the Associated Press) A major development today, in New York, was rejection by the nation's soft coal operators of CIO union demands for a blanket \$1-a-day wage increase. The operators proposed that the present contract, which covers 450,000 miners, be extended another two years.

The present contract, expiring March 31, provides \$6 a day for miners in the north and \$5.50 in the south. The big Aluminum Company of America plant at Edgewater, N. J., which had been operating seven days a week on aluminum airplane parts, was still by a strike early yesterday. Three thousand workers were affected. CIO union leaders contended the company had violated Sunday and holiday overtime pay provisions of a 1939 labor contract.

Also idle was the Labelle works of the Crucible Steel company at Pittsburgh. Officials of the company, which employs about 900 men, declared CIO steel workers had called an "unauthorized strike." Union headquarters declared to comment, but pickets yesterday morning began stopping workmen who did not have paid up union cards. The firm has defense orders for small arm parts.

Two other strikes of metal workers were in progress at Bridgeville, Pa. Four hundred employees of the Vanadium corporation walked out four weeks ago in protest, they said, to the company's action in ignoring unemployed union members in hiring six plant guards.

At the Universal-Cyclops Steel company, 1500 men have been out since February 20, claiming their wages were 30 per cent under the rate paid by other similar concerns.

At Milwaukee, where a CIO-called strike against the Allis Chalmers Manufacturing company was in its eighth week, John R. Steelman, chief of the U. S. conciliation service, planned separate conferences with union and company officials. The strike, which involves the question of union recognition, has held up work on \$45,000,000 in national defense orders.

Midget Newsboy Runs for Mayor

Los Angeles, March 13 (AP)—Angie S. Rossetto, midget newsboy running for mayor, Wednesday came out with a platform which was full-sized to say the least. It features a municipal lottery and free street car rides in Hollywood for the poor.

Rossetto is 33 years old and 35 inches tall. "What the hell?" he demanded. "My hands are small, but they won't be tied. And that's more than some other candidates can say."

The midget's opponents in the hotly contested race include incumbent Mayor Fletcher Bowron, who went into office on a reform ticket, and two former mayors.



Buckingham Palace Lodge Bombed—An air raid bomb caused this damage at a Buckingham palace lodge at London recently, wrecking the lodge house and part of the pillars of the portico at the left. This cable photo from London shows the Royal insignia still surmounts the pillars. — Associated Press Photo.

West Salem Athletic Project Attracts

West Salem, March 13—Fifteen attended the first meeting of the Adult Recreational club last night. Through the courtesy of the school board the adults of the community will have the use of the gymnasium every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 10 o'clock. Volleyball, basketball, badminton and indoor tennis will be played. Any adult in the community who is interested is invited to participate in the recreation Wednesday evening.

Club Plans Frolic

West Salem — The Sewing and Conversation club met Wednesday at the home of the leader, Mrs. Don Kuhn. The meeting was given over to the planning of a party to be given at the gymnasium Friday evening at 7 o'clock. Members will each invite a friend as their guest. Plans for the 4-H exhibit at the Community club meeting on March 17 were discussed. Members attending were Maxine Davenport, Pauline Forrest, Lenore Kilgore, Doris Schmidt and Marjorie Hathaway.

Church Board Called

West Salem—Mrs. G. E. Vosburgh, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, announces that an executive meeting will be held at her home Friday at 2 o'clock.

Register for Course

West Salem—Registering for the first aid class Tuesday evening were Mrs. Blanche Alsop, Douglas Alsop and Archie Cameron, bringing the total to 25 members after Ruth O'Brien had withdrawn from the class.



"Tiny" Thornhill Weds—Claude E. (Tiny) Thornhill, former Stanford football coach, and Miss Jean C. Liedloff, 25, of Palo Alto, Calif., were married at Reno, Nev. They are shown just after the ceremony with Fred Hage (right) on the steps of the courthouse at Reno. — Associated Press Photo.

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Washington, March 13 (AP)—Sidney Hoffman, Salem, Ore., has accepted a commission as second lieutenant in the officers' reserve corps, the war department said here.

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Children of France Thank United States

Marseilles, France, March 13 (AP)—Two little girls in white muslin frocks stepped in front of a striding American on a crowded pier here today and stopped him.

One little girl handed him a bouquet of flowers. The other pressed into his hand a note on which said: "From the children of France who are profoundly touched by this generosity of America towards France and her children."

"The children of France salute the friendship between our two countries and offer you these simple flowers as a token of their emotion and gratitude."

While this was happening more than 700 other French children, including 50 Boy Scouts and 50 Girl Guides, were waving little American and French flags and shouting: "Vive l'Amérique, vive President Roosevelt."

In the harbor, aboard a little, undistinguished-looking ship, a grizzled sea captain shook his skipper's cap and said: "I am more touched than I can say."

The American on the pier, halted just as he was about to stride up the gangplank to board the ship, was Richard Allen, director of the American Red Cross in France.

The skipper was Capt. Albert M. Moore, and his ship was the 5,010-ton freighted Cold Harbor, safe in Marseilles harbor after a long-delayed voyage through the British blockade with 1,500 tons of milk, vitamins, and clothing for the children of unoccupied France.

First Mission Service Sunday

The first mission services to be held in the new St. William's Catholic church at Molalla will open on Sunday morning, March 16, at the mass at 10 o'clock, according to information received from Rev. Michael J. Raleigh of Canby. Rev. Alcuin Heibel, O.S.B., pastor of St. Mary's church, Mt. Angel, will be in charge of the services and deliver special sermons each evening of the week at 8 o'clock. Father Alcuin is a well-known missionary and world traveler. The new edifice at Molalla was completed and dedicated last fall. Non-Catholics as well as Catholics are invited to hear the lecturer. Father Raleigh, former assistant at St. Joseph's church, Salem, is now the pastor at St. Patrick's, Canby, and in addition serves the parishes at Molalla and Hubbard.

Meat Prices Boost Family Living

Washington, March 13 (AP)—Sharply rising meat prices again increased slightly the total cost of the family food budget in February, the bureau of labor statistics reported Wednesday. Increases in retail prices of pork and chicken offset slight decreases in beef and staples since January, the report showed. Compared with a year ago the housewives' food allowance is buying a lot less meat of all kind. On February 18 roasting chickens were 13.9 per cent higher than a year ago, pork chops were 26.6 per cent higher, round steak 13.6 per cent higher, and rib roast was 10.4 per cent higher, the bureau reported. Staples, such as coffee, sugar and bread, were slightly lower; eggs were 13.3 per cent cheaper and potatoes 23.9 per cent cheaper than a year ago.

Old Destroyers May Go to Britain

Washington, March 13 (AP)—House naval experts advanced the opinion Wednesday that United States destroyers built in World War days might eventually be released to the British, under the lease-lend program, as new destroyers now being built join the fleet. A total of 74 of the old destroyers now are in service with the navy, 39 others have been converted into seaplane tenders, mine-layers and mine-sweepers and six have been mad over into troop transports for the marine corps.

In the opinion of naval authorities such of these as might ultimately be transferred to the British would be valuable for escorting merchant convoys for duty in the English channel.

Persons in close touch with administration plans for British assistance in the near future have said that no early transfer of naval craft, other than torpedo boats and submarine chasers, was contemplated.

The house experts emphasized, however, that they were concerned with the long range prospects and they made the possibility of destroying or transferring dependent on the commissioning of new vessels.

At present the navy has 160 destroyers in service, including the 74 old ones. Its construction schedule calls for completion of at least 115 more by the end of 1943.



Tom Mann

Noted British Communist Dies

London, March 13 (AP)—Tom Mann, veteran British labor leader, died today at his home in Grassington, Yorkshire. Tom Mann, veteran leader of the communist movement in Great Britain, was a revolutionary fighter since the early 80's.

In his tempestuous career he was deported from Germany, France, Belgium and Ireland and barred from the United States. He was jailed in Australia and Germany in his younger years and, at the age of 78 when most leaders are content to muse on social and political strife, he went to a London jail.

He was a welcome guest on several trips to the Soviet Union and in 1927 visited China to advise and encourage communists of the far east.

Right to the last Mann remained a fiery open-air speaker and agitator. Almost every May day saw him in London addressing communist demonstrators, his arms waving above the crowd, the red flag of revolution billowing behind him.

"I am a communist," he would boast. "I'm not a socialist or a syndicalist. None of those fancy names for me. Just a plain communist—that's me!"

School Board Host

Monmouth — Members of the Elkins school board, the Suver school board and their wives and other boards transporting children to school in Monmouth were guests of the Monmouth board Monday evening. Representative Lytle Thomas discussed recent school legislation. Josiah Wills of Dallas and Mr. Wilcox of the state department of education also participated. Refreshments were served by girls from Monmouth high school.

House Reverses Vote On Elk River Fish

A bill to open the Elk river in Curry county to commercial fishing in November of each year was passed late yesterday by the house, which had defeated it a few hours previously. The measure goes to the senate.

The house, however, did not reconsider the vote by which it overwhelmingly defeated a bill to open the Pistol, Winchuck and Chetco rivers, also in Curry county, during December, January and February.

Armory Bill Passes

The house passed and sent to the senate yesterday a bill to authorize the board of control to spend up to \$100,000 to construct national guard armories.

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