

Byrnes Presses Discussion of German Treaty

General Clay Urges Two Zone Economic Integration

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes was reported today to press for discussion of Germany by the foreign ministers council the next time the Big Four strike a time-consuming snag in their work on Italian and other satellite peace treaties.

Following a conference with Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin on economic merger of American and British German occupation zones, Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay told reporters he and Ambassador Robert Murphy were standing by here for the German talks and for consultation with Byrnes on United States policy toward Germany.

Clay Urges Request

Clay is deputy commander in the American zone and Murphy is his top political adviser. While preparing for the Big-Four attack on long-range control and development of the defeated enemy country, they are also winding up arrangements for the two-zone economic integration.

This step, Clay told a news conference last night, should make the two zones economically self-sufficient in the next three years but meanwhile will add many millions a year to the American budget for importing food into the reich.

American expenditures for this purpose, exclusive of military costs, presently amount to \$200,000,000 annually. The British, with a larger population to feed, are spending about twice that much.

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Bevin Wants All Arms Reported

Lake Success, N. Y., Nov. 21 (AP)—British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin said today that he could not accept the Russian proposal for reports to the United Nations on disposition of troops on foreign soil unless it was amended to cover forces on domestic fronts and the whole broad question of disarmament.

Bevin then formally proposed that troops disposition and general disarmament be combined into one subject for further discussion immediately.

Bevin thus went a step farther than the general position taken by the United States and China, which called for overall troop reports but sought to keep the questions of troop data and disarmament separate.

These two powers merely asked that Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's plan be broadened without flatly stating opposition.

An American delegation spokesman, stressing the desire for inclusion of all forces in the reports, said Russia "had come a long way" toward meeting the United States position.

France qualified its approval of the Soviet proposal with a suggestion that the UN fix the exact needs for troops stationed in ex-enemy states such as Germany.

Bevin, making his first speech before the UN here in committee, stressed that the subjects of disarmament and troop dispositions were really one.

Pari-Mutuel Races Net State \$513,117

Pari-mutuel racing revenues for 1946 netted the state \$513,117, 28 percent more than last year's \$398,755, figures released by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., showed today.

Each of Oregon's 36 counties received \$5,938 of the \$213,800 collected since Aug. 8. Total for 1946 received by each of the counties was \$9,755.

Other distributions included \$35,000 to the state fair; \$35,000 Pacific International Livestock Exposition; \$5,000 Eastern Oregon Livestock Show; \$1,210, Northwest Turkey Show; \$5,000, Pendleton Roundup; and \$80,717, state general fund.

The Weather

(Released by United States Weather Bureau) Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Cloudy with continued light rains tonight and Friday. Slightly warmer temperatures for Friday. Lowest temperature tonight, 38 degrees. Maximum yesterday, 44. Minimum today, 38. Mean temperature yesterday, 40. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today, .27. Total precipitation for the month, 3.86, which is .10 of inch below normal. Willamette river height: 9.5 feet.

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Cold Wave Grips Northwest as Snow Piles-up

(By the Associated Press) The mid-November cold wave continued to grip the Pacific northwest today from Medford, Ore., well into British Columbia as the weather bureau gave rise to slight hopes of relief with the prediction that occasional snow flurries today would change to "occasional rain" Friday.

Another storm like that which punished northern California and southern Oregon Monday and Tuesday was forecast for today by the weather bureau, which ordered storm warnings posted from Point Conception, near Santa Barbara, Calif., to Cape Blanco, halfway up the Oregon coast, until 10 p.m. tonight.

Southerly winds of from strong to gale proportions were forecast, accompanied by rain. Snow was predicted in the mountains.

Six Fatalities

The storm-caused death toll increased to six last night—five in Washington and one in British Columbia. Mrs. Irene Davis Buell, 25, wed at Helena, Mont., five days before, was fatally injured when her car ran off the snowy highway at Eltopia, en route to Pasco, and an elderly man, identified as Hans Rasmussen, 35, was found dead beside his boat at a Seattle wharf. Police expressed belief he had slipped during the first snowfall Monday.

In Oregon, snow was falling today along the Columbia river from Troutdale, just east of Portland, to Arlington. Temperatures in the eastern part of the state were low, with Pendleton reporting 21 degrees at 9:30 a.m. Elsewhere, Grants Pass was digging out from under yesterday's heavy fall which hampered highway travel, and Crater Lake national park reported 42 inches with one-way road travel open, except from park headquarters to the rim, where the road was closed.

Greeks Victors In Skra Battle

Athens, Nov. 21 (AP)—An official announcement today said the nine-day "Battle of Skra," in the Vardar valley six miles from the Yugoslav frontier, had been terminated and that General Ventiris, commander of the Greek third army corps, had returned to his headquarters in Salonika.

In earlier reports, the army said leftist raiders, described as having come from across the Yugoslav border, had been driven back after bloody fighting which resulted in casualties and the destruction of several villages.

Three newspapers in Athens containing a purported "communist party communique" denying that the bands in northern Greece were receiving aid from outside the country were seized early today by police, but later were allowed to publish after removing the article.

A spokesman for EAM (national liberation front) and KKE (the communist party) said he had no knowledge of the alleged "communique" and "no idea how it came here nor how it was distributed." He added that "it was not an official statement from the communist party."

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Outlook for Wrecked Fliers Held Hopeless

Paris, Nov. 21 (AP)—American authorities at Orly airfield said tonight they feared the outlook was virtually hopeless for the 11 persons aboard a crashed C-53 transport unless rescue crews reached within a few hours the spot in the Alps where the plane came down two days ago.

They pointed out the 12,000-foot-high area was swept by bitter winds. U. S. army headquarters at Frankfurt reported a radio message saying eight of the 11 were stretcher cases.

The passengers included a brigadier general, Loyal M. Haynes and the wives of three brigadier generals.

Some One Sighted

The Lyon airport radio station reported a message that "someone on the ground" had been sighted but it did not know whether this referred to the plane's occupants or to rescue parties toiling up the snow-cloped slopes of the Mt. Denis region.

A mysterious radio message led to a premature announcement of the plane's discovery. Col. Hilbert F. Muentner, commander of the U. S. European Air Transport service, made the announcement and then withdrew it. This message, saying the wreckage had been sighted on a glacier, was attributed to one of the search planes, but other planes said they had no knowledge of it.

"We Want to Live"

The Lyon-Bron radio announced a message from the C-53 at 5 p.m. (8 a.m. PST) saying "We want to live." A C-54 circled the area 10 hours in clear weather without sighting any wreckage. The weather was beginning to close in as the pilot left the district.

Earlier, the Istres airport said a Panamerican Airways plane had sighted the transport, but Panamerican reported from its Turin office that none of its planes landed there had sighted the wreckage.

List of Passengers

Those aboard the C-53 transport: Brig. Gen. Loyal M. Haynes, head of Gen. Mark W. Clark's advisory group in Austria, of Manchester, Iowa, and Washington, D. C.; Mrs. L. M. Haynes; Mrs. Ralph Tate, Louisville, Ky., and Alexandria, Va., wife of Brig. Gen. Ralph H. Tate, deputy commander in Austria, and mother of the plane's pilot; Capt. Ralph H. Tate, Jr., pilot; Col. William C. McMahon, Buffalo, retiring chief of staff in Austria; Mrs. W. C. McMahon; Alice McMahon, 11; Mrs. Albert Snavely, Surfside, Calif., wife of Brig. Gen. Ralph Snavely, chief of the air division in Austria; 2nd Lt. Irving Mathews, Richmond, Va., co-pilot; Sgt. Louis C. Hill, Portales, N. M., radio operator; S/Sgt. Wayne G. Folsom, Postville, Iowa, engineer.

Unmasked Robber Gets \$932 From Cafe

Portland, Nov. 21 (AP)—An unmasked gunman walked out of the Coffee Cup cafe, on Portland's east side, with \$932 cash late Wednesday after threatening the operator, James Hyde.

Hyde told police the robber calmly walked past a man and woman customer on his way out with the loot.

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Minnesota Deer Hunter Is Killed—Coroner Frank Gottry examines the body of Carl Holmdahl, 21, of St. Paul, killed by a bullet intended for a deer near Pine City, Minn. Holmdahl was shot as he stood watching a companion start to clean a deer shot just a few minutes before (carcass left of Holmdahl's body). Taking notes is Lew Fiero, state parks director. (AP Wirephoto.)

4 Persons Critically Ill From Food Poisoning

Four persons became critically ill Thursday at the North Salem motel, 2673 Portland road, with what is believed to be botulinus food poisoning. They are Mr. and Mrs. Grover Ritchie, 242 South E street, Oxnard, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Jay E. Ritchie of Coffeyville, Kans. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ritchie were taken to Salem Deaconess hospital at noon. The two others remain in their rooms at the motel.

The two men are brothers of the late J. W. Ritchie of Salem who was agent here for the Oregon Electric Railway company. They became ill after having dinner late Wednesday at the home of Mrs. J. W. Ritchie, 270 North 20th, where hamburger and string beans were reported on the table.

Puzzling to the attending physician and first-aid attendants, however, if the case proves to be botulinus, is the circumstance that no one else is reported ill. Police investigated just before noon to find out if the Salem relative or some students who live at her home were ill.

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Dairy Product Prices at Peak

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—The agriculture department said today dairy product prices have about reached their peak for this year and should begin to decline after production starts a seasonal increase within a few weeks.

It said the prospective upturn in production will be accompanied, as a price influencing factor, by indications that consumers are beginning to spend less for food as industrial products become available in larger quantities.

Reflecting resistance to price increases and heavy demand for milk for manufactured products, the consumption of fluid milk and cream has declined more than normal at this time of the year.

Much of the cream has gone into the production of creamery butter. The department said that despite an increase in the rate of butter production this fall, the 1946 production will be little more than 1,100,000,000 pounds compared with 1,362,000,000 last year and a 1,935-39 average of 1,691,000,000.

The department predicted that December and January supplies of creamery butter will be smaller than in the same months last year because storage stocks are much smaller.

Gearhart Buys Land For Public Beach

Gearhart, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—The city of Gearhart has announced the purchase of more than 4500 feet of beach front and tidal land on the Pacific ocean and the Necanicum river for public beach use.

The land, comprising three long, narrow tracts along the water limits of the city, was purchased from the O. W. Taylor estate at a price of \$3000, according to George C. Lindner, city auditor.

Miners of Hard Coal Also Join In Walkout

Pittsburgh, Nov. 21 (AP)—A general walkout by the United Mine Workers shut down the nation's soft coal industry today. The 400,000 United Mine Workers in the bituminous fields predicated their walkout upon what John L. Lewis regarded as a termination of the union's contract with the government.

The walkouts spread into the anthracite field of Pennsylvania, with 7,500 employees of eight large mines quitting work. The hard coal industry employs 80,000 miners, who are under a contract separate from the bituminous one.

The situation in the fields was generally calm. Miners simply failed to show up at the pits. Old Glory Still Flies

The Stars and Stripes—symbol of government management of the mines—still waved over mine properties deserted by grimy-faced coal diggers who chose not to heed the government's plea that they remain at work.

The state-by-state picture: West Virginia—All 102,000 miners walked off jobs at 605 commercial pits in the nation's leading coal state. The Chesapeake and Ohio railroad expected to reduce shifting crews as soon as all coal is pulled from sidings.

All Coal Miners Quit

Pennsylvania—All 100,000 soft coal miners in western Pennsylvania idle. Walkouts spread to anthracite fields employing 80,000 in eastern Pennsylvania.

Kentucky—All the state's 50,000 UMW miners were idle, closing 260 large mines. Approximately 1,000 progressive mine workers were still on the job in four large mines and about 5,000 independents were working 1,250 small truck mines.

Illinois—All mines employing UMW members closed, idling 20,000. About 850 progressive mine workers also did not report for work. However, other progressive mines operated. The progressives have about 18,000 members in the state.

In Other States

Alabama—UMW mines in the southern steel state were down 100 percent, idling 20,000. Some 2,000 men kept working at non-union operations.

Maryland—100 percent walkout in western Maryland's two coal-producing counties, normally employing 2,500. A spokesman for one group of miners said they would be permitted to dig coal for a miners' hospital and local schools if fuel supplies run out.

Other states reporting complete walkouts, included Ohio, 20,000 miners; Virginia, 16,000; Indiana, 8,000 and New Mexico 1,300.

The nation-wide shutdown of soft coal choked off the flow of fuel to industries and homes.

Portland Landlords Sued

Portland, Nov. 21 (AP)—OPA has asked the federal court here to order three Portland landlords to pay treble damages on alleged tenant overcharges. OPA asks one-third payment to the tenants and two-thirds to the government in the first suit brought here under the supreme court decision authorizing restitution.

Coal Strike to Hit Portland Brick Plant

Portland, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—The coal strike within a week may cause a 60 per cent reduction in the output of one of the largest producers of bricks in the Portland area, H. R. Kreitzer, vice president of the Columbia Brick Works at Gresham, said here last night.

Kreitzer said his firm has enough coal on hand to keep the kiln fires going only for a week. He reported that 75 per cent of the company's output is earmarked for veterans' housing and the other 25 per cent going to commercial building approved by the civilian production administration.

Kreitzer said that, once the kiln fires go out, it would take a month to resume production.

Spares With New Autos

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—The civilian production administration has decided that after December 16 new automobiles may be sold with a spare tire and tube for the first time since 1942, when wartime restrictions were imposed.

Citation Papers Presented to Judge Goldsborough as Strike Shuts Down All Soft Coal Mines

Papers Presented Court by Assistant Attorney General John Sonnett After Approval by Clark—Decision Expected Shortly

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—Assistant Attorney General John Sonnett left the justice department for federal court at 3:15 p.m., today to ask that John L. Lewis be cited for contempt.

Sonnett arrived at the district court building a few minutes later and promptly went into the chambers of Judge T. Alan Goldsborough.

Judge Goldsborough, who enjoined Lewis from permitting a coal mine walkout last Monday—an injunction which Lewis had disregarded—had adjourned his court several hours earlier.

The government's petition could be acted on in chambers, however. Goldsborough issued an order last Monday directing Lewis to recall his notice to the government ending the miners' contract as of last midnight. Lewis did not do so. Today reports indicated that virtually all of his 400,000 soft coal miners were idle and production of the vitally needed fuel was grinding to a halt.

Reports from the field indicated some anthracite miners were joining the 400,000 bituminous diggers in a stoppage that could eventually touch all industry. Work suspension came in the face of government pleas to keep the mines going.

Lewis, who disregarded a court order to restore the effectiveness of the miners' contract with the government, continued silent.

The United Mine Worker boss was at his home in suburban Alexandria, Va., and as the morning passed there was no indication that he planned to come into his Washington union headquarters. There were indications there that Lewis may have made arrangements for an extended absence from his office. It was known that he spent much of yesterday answering mail and otherwise clearing his desk of pending business.

Curtail Hearing

Orders went out to cushion the impact of a prospective coal famine.

Federal Works Administrator Philip B. Fleming ordered a return to wartime heating and lighting strictures in all federal buildings throughout the country which depend on coal.

Fleming said he will seek to reduce temperatures to the wartime level of 68 degrees. The order affects approximately 300 buildings in the capital alone.

The civilian production administration prepared a directive designed to help ration artificial gas, produced from coal. The same agency pondered an electricity conservation order.

Petition Drawn Up

Assistant Attorney General John Sonnett awaited only the word from Attorney General Tom Clark before presenting the contempt citation before Judge Goldsborough.

The petition, it was learned, was drawn up by Clark, Sonnett, and other government lawyers.

Sales Tax a Necessity

Portland, Nov. 21 (AP)—Oregon may be forced eventually to resort to a sales tax to gain revenue to meet obligations, State Legislator Joseph E. Harvey told a retail trade bureau meeting here. His comment came after Dr. F. H. Dammasch said the state faces a deficit if all budget requests now filed are approved.

Secret Referendum Extends Maritime Strike Until Monday

San Francisco, Nov. 21 (AP)—A secret referendum by AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots on contract proposals appeared certain today of extending the 52-day west coast maritime strike to Monday.

Capt. C. F. May, president of West Coast local 90, expressed some doubt over the outcome of the voting. He said the employers' offer did not include the same sort of union security clause as that gained by the AFL east coast deck officers.

AFL pickets appeared along west coast waterfronts yesterday, replacing CIO pickets from the international longshoremen's and warehousemen's union and the marine engineers' beneficial association. Both of the CIO unions had signed agreements with employers and officially called off their strike yesterday morning.

May said it would take at least 48 hours for the referendum to be completed. He said the pickets went on duty in the meantime "to protect our interests."

Omar Hoskins, federal conciliator, said that as soon as the referendum results were known he would call union leaders and the Pacific American shipowners' association together again, either to sign a contract or for renewed negotiations.

Meanwhile, fresh waterfront trouble broke out in the Puget Sound area of the Pacific northwest when 900 AFL longshoremen walked out at four ports as negotiations over a new contract broke down. Ports affected were Seattle, Tacoma, Anacortes and Port Angeles, all in Washington.

Strike Chest Of Coal Miners

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—Labor experts differed today on how long John L. Lewis' coal miners could hold out in a fight-to-the-finish strike.

On one point most of them agreed: the miners generally lead a hand-to-mouth existence, even at top pay of \$75.25 a week, and few have cash reserves in the bank.

But—in past strikes, notably in last spring's 59-day walkout, the miners and their families have undergone little if any actual suffering from hunger.

For one thing, the thrifty wives usually keep a "war chest" of supplies stored away in their cupboards against just such a rainy day. Then, too, a good many of the miners are skilled hunters—and the pits lie in some of the finest hunting land in the country.

Although the union has an estimated \$13,500,000 reserve, it does not generally disburse relief funds in strikes. At best, it would be a drop in the bucket for the 400,000 miners in a long strike. Nor could they count much on state help to weather the storm, since most states reported they will give no unemployment compensation to miners on strike.

In a pinch, the union might revert to past practice. Years ago, striking miners paid their bills with union-backed scrip which was accepted by stores.

Washington Mines Closed

Seattle, Nov. 21 (AP)—Washington state's coal mines, which produce an estimated 4,500 tons daily, were closed today in the nationwide miners walkout. Lieut. Comdr. L. A. Judin, area representative of the coal mines administration, said on the basis of early-forenoon reports.

The large Roslyn-Cle Elum field, with about 500 of the state's 1200 miners was among the first to report. Other smaller mines also closed, he said, were the Big 4 mines at Elko, east of here, which supplies the University of Washington, the Renton Mining Co., the Blanco Coal Mines and the Wilkeson-Wingate operations.

Maintenance men were being kept in the mines, Commander Judin said, in line with the usual policy of the United Mine Workers union.

At Bellingham, 150 miners failed to report at the mines there. O. A. Rhinehart, president of the Bellingham union local, said. The mine has been operating only one shift.

The shutdown comes at a time when the state's coal supplies are at an extremely low level, the solid fuels administration office said.

Mt. Angel College Gets Vets Buildings

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—Mount Angel college and seminary, Mount Angel, Ore., will receive surplus government-owned structures to be converted into facilities for classrooms, library, study hall and offices to enable it to accommodate an increased enrollment of veterans studying under the GI bill or rights, Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, federal works administrator, announced today in approving the school's application.

The added facilities will enable the school to accommodate 400 students, 200 of whom are expected to be veterans. This compares with the estimated maximum capacity, with present facilities, of 300 students, including 100 veterans, George H. Field, commissioner of the bureau of community facilities, FWA, said.