

Lewis Gets Back \$2,800,000 of Contempt Fine

United Mine Workers Present \$100,000 Check To Telephone Strikers

Washington, April 24 (AP)—John L. Lewis today got back \$2,800,000 of a \$3,500,000 contempt fine imposed against his United Mine Workers and promptly contributed \$100,000 to striking telephone workers.

Less than an hour after Federal District Judge T. Alan Goldsborough refunded the \$2,800,000 UMW officials arrived at telephone strike headquarters with a check for the \$100,000 to help support the 18-day-old cross-country tieup.

In refunding the \$2,800,000 to the UMW, Goldsborough added a warning that a preliminary injunction prohibiting the miners from striking against the government "is still in force and can be invoked at any time."

Goldsborough fined the union last December because it ignored his order to call off a contract termination notice Lewis had served on the government.

The supreme court, on March 6, reduced the fine to \$700,000 provided the union showed that it had fully complied with Goldsborough's orders.

Government Satisfied It was reported today the government is satisfied that the union complied with the mandate by withdrawing the contract cancellation notice and by distributing the word of the withdrawal to its members.

The court was told that coal production has been "about normal" since April 14. Lewis called off the safety stoppage at that time. It was ordered originally on April 1, as a memorial to 111 miners killed in an explosion March 25 at Centralia, Ill.

A \$10,000 fine which Goldsborough imposed last December on Lewis individually already has been paid and the union promptly offered a certified check today for its \$700,000. It also submitted another check for \$35,000 representing a one per cent poundage charge on the \$3,500,000 in bonds which the union posted as security for the fine.

The poundage charge—for keeping the bonds—is required under District of Columbia law.

On the surface at least, the proceeding appeared to wind up the legal sparring in connection with the government's possession of the soft coal mines.

Death Date of OPA Set June 1

Washington, April 24 (AP)—OPA, its death date set officially for June 1, estimated today that about 2750 employees will receive dismissal notices in the next week.

An executive order by President Truman fixed the windup date for OPA and its two companion agencies in the office of temporary controls—the civilian production administration and the office of war mobilization and reconversion.

Most of the functions of the three wartime agencies will be transferred to other government offices on May 4 under the presidential directive issued yesterday.

To help carry on the duties to be transferred, commerce will take about 1200 employees from OPA; 550 from CPA and 100 from OWMR. The housing expediter will get about 6100 from OPA, while another 125 from OPA will go to RFC.

OSC Chemist Goes To Texas City Blast

Corvallis, April 24 (AP)—The Monsanto Chemical company has called J. S. Walton, head of the Oregon State College chemical engineering department, to Texas City to appraise blast damage.

Regarded as an authority on plants of the type Monsanto had at Texas City, Walton has been employed previously both by that firm and by the government in connection with surplus property. He expects to be in Texas City about two weeks.

The Weather (Released by United States Weather Bureau) Forecast for Salem and Vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Lowest temperature tonight 45-50 degrees. Conditions favorable for dusting and spraying will prevail Friday. Maximum yesterday 71. Minimum today 46. Mean temperature yesterday 56 which was 4 above normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today .90. Total precipitation for the month 1.96 which is .12 of an inch below normal. Willamette river height Thursday morning 1.8 feet.

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Motors Rejects Auto Workers Wage Proposal

Detroit, April 24 (AP)—General Motors corporation today rejected a CIO United Auto Workers proposal for arbitration of a dispute over division of a 15-cent hourly wage increase acceptable to both parties.

GM and the union have agreed in principle to the 15-cent boost but disagree as to how it would be paid. The UAW wants a flat wage increase while the corporation has offered to pay a straight 11 1/2 cent raise plus the equivalent of three and a half cents in six paid holidays annually.

Reuther's Proposal UAW President Walter P. Reuther suggested last night that the 11 1/2 cent increase go into effect immediately and that an arbitration panel decide how the remaining three and a half cents shall be paid.

Today, General Motors rejected that proposal.

Harry W. Anderson, GM vice president and corporation chief negotiator with the UAW, said in a letter to Reuther that General Motors was "opposed to arbitrating matters which should be settled by collective bargaining."

Points Out Loss "We consider our offer to be extremely advantageous to the employees represented by your union," he said. "Delay in acceptance is at their expense."

Anderson said that had the UAW accepted the GM offer on April 18, when it first was made, General Motors employees represented by the union would have profited by some \$8,000,000 between that date and May 31, when the current contract expires.

Reduction in Funds Decried

Washington, April 24 (AP)—The phrase "sabotage of the west" was used by Senator Taylor (R-Idaho), today in describing the interior department appropriations bill recommended by a house committee.

The committee reduced the \$295,420,420 requested by the president to \$156,538,513.

Taylor commented in an interview: "They chopped off slightly below the head."

The committee's action, he said, given no evidence that it carefully considered each item and the effect of reductions, adding:

"The members could easily have thrown a wad of gum at a wall chart with the pledge: 'Where the wad sticks—that's where we will cut.'"

He predicted the action will hasten depression and retard development of the west many years.

As an example, he cited the committee's action on the Palisades project in eastern Idaho. It was given \$876,000 of a requested \$2,629,000.

"At that annual rate of expenditure," he said, "it would take 33 years to complete the project. The bureau had expected to finish it in five years."

"It's a good long-term project that way. A young man could begin work on the dam now and spend his whole life on just that one job."

He condemned the committee's denial of funds to the Bonneville Power Administration for transmission lines, including one to serve North Idaho farmers and one to reach the phosphate beds in the southern part of the state.

Both Tax and Debt Slashes Possible Under Present Plans

Washington, April 24 (AP)—John W. Hanes, former undersecretary of the treasury, said today reduction and debt reduction in "present plan" of slashing President Truman's 1948 budget.

He urged, in a statement to the senate finance committee, that the income tax reduction bill already passed by the house be enacted speedily.

Hanes was one of the first advocates of an income tax cut invited to testify before the committee which has devoted two days to hearing government officials criticize the bill.

Hanes told the committee: "The general feeling that the (federal) debt must be reduced during this period of prosperous business is most wholesome. I heartily agree. But to help to pay off debt without relieving the taxpayer of at least a part of his excessive tax burden is wrong. It will defeat the

Long Distance Lines Sabotaged In Eleven States

Washington, April 24 (AP)—The government today went after a new formula for settling the 18-day-old telephone strike amid reports that long distance lines have been sabotaged in at least 11 states.

The striking National Federation of Telephone Workers quickly accepted an invitation from Edgar L. Warren, federal conciliation director, to renewed bargaining talks with three strategic units in the Bell system.

The only immediate acceptance by the other side came from the Southwestern Bell Telephone company. The Western Electric company and the long lines division of the American Telephone and Telegraph company said they would think it over.

Between them the three units employ about 93,000 of the 340,000 workers made idle by the union walkout April 7 to enforce new contract demands including a \$12 a week pay hike.

Complaints by telephone company officials that lines have been cut were heard in Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, California, South Carolina, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Florida.

The government hoped to bring peace through the new negotiations by establishing a settlement wage pattern which might be acceptable for the entire chain of 29 Bell units.

But even officials of Southwestern Bell, in agreeing to be represented in the new parley, said "We are going with the explicit understanding that no cash offer will be made."

Joseph Beirne, president of the NFW, has said repeatedly that it will take a pay increase to get the union members back on the job.

Injunction Secured San Francisco, April 24 (AP)—Striking telephone workers in northern California today were prohibited by court order from interfering with the use of telephones and from mass picketing.

Superior Judge George W. Shonfeld issued the temporary order late yesterday, climaxing a day in which telephone wires were cut in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company officials charged the strikers with maliciously disrupting the service.

Union officials denied knowledge of the acts.

Fire Traps 11 Miners

Noranda, Que., April 24 (AP)—One man was killed early today in a fire at the East Malartic mine about 40 miles east of here and 11 men were reported trapped underground but believed safe. Rescue crews went to work to get them out.

The East Malartic is a gold mine, with some production of copper.

The man killed was Traien Lucaici, 42, Timmins, Ont. He was overcome by smoke as he attempted to force his way through the flames from the lower level. The body was recovered.

A call to nearby mines brought 18 volunteers who went underground to rescue the trapped men.

Sixteen men were at work when the fire started. Four reached the surface safely.



Acting Governor of Oregon—Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls, president of the senate, acting governor during the absence of Governor Snell in California says that he has no other plans than to sign necessary papers during his tenure in the executive office. He will deny any petitions for daylight saving time, if presented.

700 More Adair Buildings Sold, Only 100 Now Left

Portland, Ore., April 24 (AP)—The offering of 800 Camp Adair buildings produced a near "sellout." Portland war assets administration's office of real property disposal said today in announcing successful buyers. Some 700 of the structures went to approximately 260 individual buyers, leaving little more than 100 of the original lot of 1512 surplus buildings still to be disposed of.

Three Washington contractors were heaviest buyers. They were Matheny and Bacon of Seattle, 74 buildings; Henry Bacon of Seattle, 137 buildings; and Good Hope Wrecking company of Enumclaw, 104 buildings.

The Gates Women's club, Gates, Ore., bought the only guard house on the list. Other organizational buyers included Nehalem Rod and gun club, regimental exchange building, Agate Beach Country club, mess hall; Corvallis American Legion post No. 11; regimental exchange building, and Marion-Linn Farmers union of Jefferson, Ore., a storehouse and motor repair shop.

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Top Experts on Palestine Due

Lake Success, N. Y., April 24 (AP)—Top experts on Palestine problems converged upon United Nations headquarters today as the fast-working secretariat completed plans for opening the first U. N. special session on Palestine next Monday.

Two major questions have been put on the provisional agenda upon which the assembly must decide by a two-thirds vote.

They are: 1—A British request for appointment of a special committee to prepare for consideration of the Palestine question at the regular session in September.

2—Identical requests by the five members of the Arab League who are U. N. states for the special session to consider termination of the British mandate over Palestine and the declaration of Palestine's independence.

The United States, Britain and several other delegations, have indicated opposition to the second item. They insist that the special session must not go into the questions itself beyond appointing the investigating committee.

Camp Offered Problem Boys

Mrs. Nona White, county probation officer, announced Thursday, that a rancher near Jefferson, who does not as yet wish to have his name revealed has offered a privately financed camp for Marion county problem boys and that she hopes to see the plan carried out, the main drawback now being finding the right kind of a woman to cook at the camp.

Location of the proposed camp is on a river bank in a mint growing section. The donor has purchased army camp cots and equipment and can handle up to 12 boys at a time. The plan contemplates development of a mint growing project by the boys who would receive wages and returns from the project and in return would work part time and the rest of the time be afforded recreational privileges such as swimming, tennis, horseback riding and other games and amusements.

The program as planned will be very helpful this summer if it can be worked out," commented Mrs. White. "The proposed location is an ideal one. The man in question has two sons who have returned from army service and are able to take over his farm so he will be left free to supervise the camp and handle the details and he has made the offer in the hope of being some help to the boys. If we can find the proper woman as a cook I am confident the plan can be worked out very beneficially."

Commies Asked to Help Expose Fascists

Washington, April 24 (AP)—Communists, who have been getting rough handling from the house committee on un-American activities, were invited today to help the committee expose fascists.

Rep. McDowell (R., Pa.), told reporters that preliminary checks by a subcommittee which he heads show some revival of fascist activities in America. He said there is evidence of it in Georgia, New York, Chicago, parts of Texas and southern California.

And he added that he will extend a formal invitation to communists to supply any information they may have, since they are always "screaming" about it.

Congress Plc Own Blueprint On Foreign Aid

Washington, April 24 (AP)—Congress showed signs today of seeking a global blueprint of its own on foreign relief needs—and American ability to meet them.

That was the situation as the house delayed until next week a decision on the administration's \$350,000,000 measure to do part of the relief job in Europe and China.

The house abruptly halted its consideration of the measure yesterday in the midst of (a) protests against "excessive" drains on the treasury, (b) demands that congress first find out the final amount to be needed, and (c), a controversy over banning any aid to communist-dominated nations.

The interruption was ordered to give priority consideration, beginning today, to the sharply-pruned measure carrying appropriations for the interior department.

Meanwhile, however, the powerful house rules committee was taking these two important steps of its own:

1. It approved a measure to set up a 15-member house committee with broad powers to study relief needs and the domestic and international sources to meet them. Such a study was proposed by Rep. Herter (R-Mass), close friend and onetime relief associate of former President Herbert Hoover.

2. It ordered a hearing Monday to determine the procedure for bringing to the floor sometime next week the senate-approved measure to bolster Greece and Turkey against encroaching communism with \$400,000,000 worth of supplies and limited military aid.

Reds Release U. S. Attaches

Nanking, April 24 (AP)—The U. S. embassy announced today that Maj. Robert Rigg and Capt. John Collins, assistant military attaches held prisoner by the Chinese communists since March 1, were released in good health today.

The two American officers reached Changchun five hours after their release by the communists at noon. The release was made by prior arrangement at Hung-Fangtze, 10 miles north of the edge of the Nationalist bridgehead over the Sungari river.

Brig. Robert Soule, the American military attache, said both Rigg and Collins were in good health after their 55-day detention.

Rigg is from Chicago and Collins from Galleon, Ala. They were captured while on an observation assignment with Nationalist troops.

Body of Boy Found In Boston Sewer

Boston, April 24 (AP)—The body of a three-year-old Jamaica Plain boy, who toppled through an open manhole, was found last night lodged against an outlet screen at the Nut Island pumping station after passing through nine miles of sewer pipes.

The victim, Anthony Tammaro, dropped through the opening while he and his brother, John, 4, were tossing stones in a nearby brook.

Westerners Plan Assaults To Restore Reclamation Cuts

Washington, April 24 (AP)—With a cry of "more money for reclamation," western house members buckled today for assaults on republican plans for a 43 percent slash in the interior department budget.

The sharply-trimmed interior department bill came up for house debate with western republicans ready for a war of amendments in behalf of reclamation projects. They were certain of some democratic support and hoped for general minority backing.

The republican-ruled house appropriations committee sent the interior bill to the floor carrying only \$150,538,513 of the \$295,420,420 requested by President Truman. It was the mightiest economy blow yet in the committee's drive for a \$6,000,000 cut in President Truman's total budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The measure was slated for two days of house debate with consideration of amendments expected to come tomorrow.

The 43 percent slash voted by the committee brought angry outbursts from westerners, whose reclamation projects would feel it most.

Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug charged the action would run the nation into "bankruptcy of its natural resources."

Republicans from the 11 reclamation states met twice to consider strategy for their fight to save the projects. Chairman Richard Welch (R., Calif.) of the house public lands committee, said they felt short of achieving a master plan to increase funds in the bill.

Big 4 Moscow Conference Ends in Disagreement on All Major German-Austrian Issues

U. S. Secretary of State Marshall expressed disappointment that the council had failed to reach agreement on the Austrian treaty and the American-proposed four-power pact to keep Germany disarmed.

The next meeting was set for London in November, but there was a possibility that the foreign ministers might meet earlier in New York, during a session of the United Nations general assembly.

At last night's session, at which Marshall declared that if an Austrian peace treaty remains uncompleted in September the United States would favor tossing the question into the lap of the United Nations, the ministers finally disposed of many long-debated issues blocking agreement on a peace treaty for Germany.

The disposition, for the most part, however, consisted of referring the questions either to the deputy foreign ministers or the four-power control council in Berlin. American sources said neither group could solve the major problems on which the council of foreign ministers itself had fallen down.

The conference ended tonight with a banquet given at the Kremlin by Generalissimo Stalin.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall will leave for Washington by plane tomorrow morning barring unexpected last minute developments. Apparently only large and unexpected Soviet concessions could cause a change in the windup plans.

Stalin's First Meeting The final business session was perfunctory. After that, the delegates went to the Kremlin for the state banquet. It will be Stalin's first meeting of the seven-week conference with the visiting ministers in a group. He has talked with each of them privately.

The first large group of the American delegation will fly to the United States tomorrow afternoon. Special trains are waiting to carry the British and French delegations home.

Blames Molotov Ten men from each visiting delegation were Stalin's dinner guests. The dinner began at 8:30 p.m. (12:30 p.m. EST).

Marshall blames Molotov for the ministers' failure to reach any major concrete agreements on Austria and Germany during their seven weeks of debate. He charges the Russians with widening rather than narrowing the differences on Austria.

Molotov accused the United States of "obstructing" progress by refusing to consider the Soviets' blanket amendments to the American draft of a four-power German disarmament treaty.

The agriculture department predicted today that meat supplies will not be large enough to cause a material price decline unless there is a business recession.

Latest reports indicate, the agency said, that consumer demand for meat probably is at a record level despite current prices. Consumption during the January-March quarter was said to have been the greatest for the period in at least 35 years, or at the rate of more than 150 pounds per person a year.

The department said total production of meat this year probably will be somewhat greater than last year, but not enough greater to pull down prices noticeably unless there is a rather sharp decline in consumer buying power.

Biggest Battle Rages in Greece

Athens, April 24 (AP)—Greek press reports said today that the year's biggest battle was raging at Orthris mountain, north of Lamia in central Greece with regulars striking at forces under the direct command of top guerrilla chieftain "General" Markos Vafiades.

According to newspaper dispatches, Greek regulars of the first and second corps clashed yesterday morning with 1000 guerrillas, driving them toward mountain heights in fighting which was still going on. Sixty-three guerrilla bodies were picked up after the first few hours' action, accounts said.

One guerrilla body was that of their Thessaly leader, Captain Faros. Greek planes made direct attacks on one position and left 33 guerrillas dead and 40 wounded.

Deputy Prime Minister Constantinos Tsaldaris said he had received reports indicating only 20 of 150 gendarmes survived an ambush near Sparta yesterday.

Lidice, destroyed in 1942, in reprisal for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, Hitler's "protector" of Czechoslovakia, became a world symbol of Nazi savagery.

Pioneer Albany Resident Dies

Portland, April 24 (AP)—W. Sherman Thompson, 85, who migrated from Kentucky as a child with his family and arrived in the Willamette valley via the South Santiam fork in 1887, died here yesterday at a nursing home.

He taught school in Lebanon and Albany and later was cashier of the Bank of Oregon and a partner in business in Albany. About 1900 he moved to a wheat ranch in eastern Washington, but returned to Oregon in 1920.

Royalty Going Home Capetown, April 24 (AP)—The British Royal family winds up its South African tour today. The Battleship Vanguard was scheduled to hoist anchor this afternoon for the return trip to England.