

No Effort to Halt Coal Strike By Government

United Mine Workers All Out and Railroads Laying-off Men

Pittsburgh, Sept. 20 (AP)—The nationwide coal strike idled more than half a million miners and railroads today while the White House watched from the sidelines. A half-dozen coal-carrying railroads ordered more than 27,000 employees laid off as the "no pension no work" revolt of John L. Lewis' 480,000 United Mine Workers entered its second day. In Washington, Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said President Truman has "nothing in the works" to offer as a formula for settling either the coal or steel dispute.

"Nothing is in sight," he added. J. V. Sullivan, secretary of the West Virginia Coal association, said miners "are not striking of their own accord" but "because they got the signal."

He declared in a statement that Lewis' representatives "have been in the mining districts for a week advising local unions." High union officials had said the strike was voluntary among miner locals.

Chairman Ralph E. Taggart of the Pennsylvania Anthracite Operators wage agreement committee sent a telegram to Lewis asking the UMW chieftain to use his best efforts toward getting hard coal miners back to work.

The 80,000 anthracite diggers in eastern Pennsylvania joined the coal walkout in a sympathy work stoppage.

Violence Flared Another coal carrying railroad announced plans to lay off workers. The Norfolk and Western railway said 1650 workers will have to be furloughed Thursday. Violence developed in Kentucky and West Virginia. Governor William Tuck of Virginia took a verbal swipe at Lewis. So did two other top coal industry officials.

Lewis took it all in. He didn't say a word. And there was no indication from his United Mine Workers headquarters in Washington whether he will show up for scheduled resumption of contract talks with Southern Coal Operators at Bluefield, W. Va.

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Hearing Denied Earl Shelton

The state civil service commission refused today to grant a hearing to Earl R. Shelton, 31, state hospital attendant who was fired September 6 on charges of cruelty to patients.

The commission said it did not give Shelton his hearing because he is a conditional employe, instead of a regular employe. Conditional employes are those who hold their jobs without taking civil service examinations. They don't have the same hearing rights as employes who hold their jobs through examinations. Examinations never have been given for hospital attendant jobs, but the commission hopes to begin them in November.

Robert Johnson, state civil service administrator, said the commission could grant a hearing to a conditional employe if there was evidence he was fired for political, racial or religious reasons. But the law doesn't compel the commission to do so. Johnson explained that Shelton submitted no evidence that political, racial or religious issues were involved. He said he got no evidence of any kind from Shelton. All Shelton sent the commission was a request for a hearing, Johnson said.

Dr. C. E. Bates, hospital superintendent, confirmed that Shelton and his superior, Joe McCata, both were fired for abusing patients. McCata did not ask for a hearing.

\$104,060 Voted for Adair Road Damage

Washington, Sept. 20 (AP)—The senate appropriations committee approved today two appropriations for Oregon communities. They are \$150,000 for construction of public schools in Klamath county for white and Indian children, and \$104,060 in Polk county for wartime damage to its highways near Camp Adair during the war.

Steelworkers Go Ahead with Plans for Strike

Peace Conferences by Mediator Fail to Break Deadlock

Washington, Sept. 20 (AP)—The CIO steelworkers went ahead today with plans for a strategy meeting as the second day of government-sponsored peace talks brought no sign of an agreement in the steel dispute.

Philip Murray, leader of the steelworkers, said nothing was developed at the government mediation conferences to warrant postponing the union policy committee tomorrow in Pittsburgh.

The CIO chief said the 170 members of the policy group already are assembling in Pittsburgh for the session. Presumably, the committee will lay the plans for a walkout Saturday midnight when the current truce ends.

Million Quit Saturday Murray has warned that the 1,000,000 unionists will quit then unless a settlement is reached in the labor-management talks here with Federal Conciliation Director Cyrus Ching.

Ching met separately this morning with the union and industry negotiators. There was no direct word from him on what, if any, progress was made.

John A. Stephens, vice president in charge of industrial relations for U.S. Steel Corp., told reporters at mid-day that his company had taken no steps to bank its furnaces in preparation for a possible strike.

Stephens added that he knew of no other company that had done so.

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Ford Seeking To Avert Strike

Detroit, Sept. 20 (AP)—Faced with a strike deadline, the Ford Motor Co. was reported today attempting to reach a settlement with the CIO-United Auto Workers with a tentative offer of a company-financed pension plan.

The union served notice on the Motor company yesterday a strike would become effective September 29 if its pension, health and welfare and wage demands were not met.

The union maneuver dampened but failed to dispel hopes of a peaceful settlement without a strike by Ford's 115,000 production workers.

Top negotiators of the company and the union called for renewal of bargaining talks today. Both John S. Bugas, Ford vice president, and Walter Reuther, UAW chief, acknowledged some progress had been made since negotiations began June 2.

Union sources said Ford had made a tentative offer of company-financed pensions equivalent to eight cents an hour. The proposal, these sources said, would provide pensions of about \$30 a month for workers reaching the age of 68, exclusive of social security benefits.

Company spokesmen declined comment.

Tax Revenue Increase Forecast by Governor

By JAMES D. OLSON

An increase in state tax revenues resulting from expanding industrial and agricultural activities was forecast Tuesday by Governor Douglas McKay speaking before county assessors at the state capital.

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Panel Discussion—Monroe Sweetland (left), national democratic committeeman from Oregon, presides over panel discussion at Western States democratic conference, which opened in San Francisco. Others, left to right, William M. Boyle, democratic national chairman; Charles Sawyer, secretary of commerce; Maurice J. Tobin, secretary of labor. (AP Wirephoto) (Story on Page 8)

Arms Bill Urged By Vandenberg

Washington, Sept. 20 (AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R., Mich.), told the senate today that congress will simply be investing in "fire or life insurance" if it approves the \$1,314,010,000 foreign arms program.

Vandenberg began the second day of debate on the arms aid bill as leaders maneuvered for a final vote on the measure Thursday.

The Michigan senator said the arms bill is congress' direct and specific answer to the mutual defense pledge this country took in signing and ratifying the North Atlantic pact.

"This program does not involve an arms race in any of its aspects," he said. Instead, he added, it is aimed only toward equipping existing forces.

Vandenberg said the arms program is far overshadowed by the agreement of treaty nations that an attack on one shall be regarded as an attack on all.

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Farm Equipment Workers Strike

Chicago, Sept. 20 (AP)—CIO farm equipment workers went on strike against the International Harvester tractor works today because the firm suspended 23 employes, including the local president and 16 stewards.

About 200 pickets patrolled the five gates of the plant and jeered at employes going to work. There were no attempts to stop the workers from entering the plant.

According to early estimates about 3,700 of the plant's 4,200 workers failed to report for work as the morning shift began.

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The two-day session will close late Wednesday afternoon.

3 Escape Dallas Jail Sawing Way to Freedom

Dallas, Sept. 20—Three men sawed and pried their way to freedom from the Polk county jail here during the early hours of Tuesday morning, while four other prisoners in the same cell elected to remain behind.

When a check of the jail was made at 10 a.m. Tuesday, it was discovered that John Theodore Forrester, Wesley James Edwards and William H. Phillips had escaped by sawing off a top bar in their cell, then using the piece of cell-bar to pry off a window frame leading to the outside from the "bull pen."

Four cellmates—Tipton Auliff, Franklin Norwest, Lloyd Riggs and Pat Wycaver—stood by while the trio was making its escape, and were still in the jail with its doors and windows open, when authorities discovered the escape.

Forrester, from Oklahoma, had served but three weeks of a ten-month sentence for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He is described as 43 years old, 140 pounds, 5 feet 11 inches tall, blue eyes, brown hair and ruddy complexion.

Edwards, whom authorities believe engineered the escape plot, is a federal parole violator who had 144 days left to serve in the McNeil Island prison in Washington state on a charge of concealing stolen property for which he had been sentenced to two years. Police records list him as 49 years old, 160 pounds, 5 feet 9 inches, brown eyes, red hair, fair complexion.

Phillips, whose home is in the state of Washington, was awaiting action by the grand jury on an alleged charge that he had obtained money under false pretenses. He is 29 years, 238 pounds, 6 feet 2 inches, hazel eyes, brown hair, medium complexion.

\$1,934,264 Bid Salem Building

Portland, Sept. 20 (AP)—The state highway building in Salem drew a low bid just under \$2,000,000 today as the state highway commission took offers of the agreement of treaty nations that an attack on one shall be regarded as an attack on all.

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Romulo Heads United Nations

New York, Sept. 20 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines was elected president of the United Nations assembly today. He immediately challenged the 59 delegations to make this "the peace assembly."

Romulo was elected a few minutes after the assembly opened its fourth session in the packed blue and gold assembly chamber at Flushing Meadow park, site of the 1959 world's fair. Romulo got 53 of the 59 votes. The Soviet bloc cast five votes for Vladimir Clementis, Czechoslovak foreign minister. The other ballot was declared invalid.

Romulo pleaded for cooperation among the big powers. He said world political conditions already were improving and it was the job of the assembly to see that this trend continued.

"This session," he said, "coincides with a turning point in post war international relations. Though many formidable obstacles to world peace remain, the danger of a new war which overshadowed our deliberations in Paris a year ago has greatly abated."

"I hope this session will earn for itself the title, 'The Peace Assembly.'"

Railroad Strike Adds New Threats to Britain's Crisis

Devaluation Sends Traders Hunting Gold

Devaluation of currencies across half the world sent traders in sterling areas scurrying for gold and commodity stocks today but brought little change in the United States markets.

With France and Canada added overnight to the list of devaluing countries, making the total 19, others had still to fall in line. Western Germany is to reduce the value of its mark.

The Hong Kong dollar fell into the devaluation lineup. Holland officially set its devaluation rate for the homeland and Indonesia at about 30 percent, approximately the same as Britain.

The labor government in Britain closed its ranks for the fight of its life. Parliament is due to meet next week, on the demand of Winston Churchill and other opposition leaders. Labor unions were restive at the prospect of increases in the cost of living, set off by rises in the price of bread.

London's stock market went wild. Some gold shares sold for nearly triple last Friday's prices. Everywhere, gold was the toast of the day. One reason: The U.S. government buys gold at \$35 an ounce, paying U.S. dollars. That means exporting countries, in getting U.S. dollars can turn them into more units of their devalued local currencies than they could before. So gold producers stand to get more.

Exchanges in Rome, Milan and South Africa shared the excitement. In Italian money markets the lire fluctuated wildly and chattered. At Johannesburg, brokers struggled to handle thousands of orders for gold pouring in from many parts of the world.

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Czechs Jailing Priests, Nuns

Prague, Sept. 20 (AP)—The Czechoslovak government has jailed dozens of Roman Catholic priests and nuns in a big new wave of arrests aimed at breaking spreading resistance to state control schemes, a statement from church sources said today.

An informed church source estimated that the latest wave of arrests brought the number of Catholic priests under arrest to more than 200.

No official comment was available on these figures. The government usually does not announce arrests of priests until they have been sentenced. However, the Czech press has recently carried an increasing number of threats against priests who carry out "anti-state" orders issued from the Vatican or the church hierarchy.

The report, given to correspondents here and enumerating at least 30 arrests, was termed only a partial list. It said more arrests were expected as the long-state church fight neared a showdown stage.

In one case the entire personnel of a monastery was reported seized.

Salem Airline Hearing Feb. 1

The hearing on the substitution of West Coast Airlines for United Air Lines service in Salem will be held probably on the coast about February 1, Congressman Walter Norblad wired the Capital Journal Tuesday. Definite information on this will be given later.

About 30 persons were on hand for the pre-hearing conference called for Tuesday by the civil aeronautics board in Washington. D. C. Norblad said the examiner will prepare a report reflecting the action and interested persons will be furnished copies.

Chief Chaplain Named

Washington, Sept. 20 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Roy H. Parker today assumed his duties as chief of army chaplains. He has been serving as supervisory chaplain for the Far East command in Japan. Parker is a Baptist.

Good Weather To Start Off Fall Opening

With good weather predicted for Tuesday and night, the people of Salem and vicinity are expected to turn out by the thousands for the annual Fall Opening.

Window displays will be unveiled at 1 p. m. For details of the big events of the evening, a special Fall Opening section is found at the back of this edition of the Capital Journal.

Robeson Red Trial Witness

New York, Sept. 20 (AP)—Singer Paul Robeson testified 20 minutes for the defense today in the communist conspiracy trial.

But about all he got to say was that he knew all the defendants—and that he once studied law under Federal Judge Harold R. Medina, who is presiding at the trial.

The government objected to virtually everything else the Negro baritone was asked, and Medina upheld the objections.

A climax came when Defense Counsel George W. Crockett, Jr., also a Negro, inquired of Robeson.

"I think you shared a platform once with President Roosevelt."

Objection, said U.S. Attorney John F. X. McGohay. Sustained, said Medina.

The judge added that Crockett seemed to be trying to establish facts even though the questions were being ruled out.

Whether Robeson did or didn't share a platform with the late president, Medina said, has nothing to do with the case.

Crockett said that in view of the rulings he found it impossible to get the testimony he wanted from Robeson.

"I don't think you should have called him," Medina commented.

Robeson left the stand a few minutes later after McGohay said he didn't wish to cross-examine.

19 Witnesses Condemn Rajk

Budapest, Sept. 20 (AP)—Nineteen prosecution witnesses trooped to the stand today to condemn Laszlo Rajk, Hungary's former communist police boss, and seven others being tried on charges of treason and espionage.

Fourteen of the witnesses are themselves in custody, apparently waiting trial on similar charges.

Although there was no official announcement, it was believed the prosecution ended its case against the eight defendants with the testimony of today's witnesses.

None was cross-examined by the defense.

It is expected the prosecutor and the defense lawyers will make their summations tomorrow to be followed by a "last word" from the defendants.

Since seven of the defendants have pleaded guilty—and the eighth "partly guilty"—there is little likelihood the defense will call any witnesses.

Barring any unforeseen developments, therefore, the court will recess Thursday and thus hand down its verdict Friday.



Attempt to Avert Steel Strike—Federal Mediation Director Cyrus S. Ching, center, meets with CIO President Phil Murray, left, and Benjamin Fairless, president of U. S. Steel Corp., representing the steel companies, in an effort to avert a nation-wide steel strike scheduled for midnight Saturday, October 1. The meeting took place in Washington, D. C. (Acme Telephoto)