

ROOSEVELT OFFERS MINE PEACE PLAN

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 19.—Mr. Roosevelt's labor peace promotion outfit (the mediation board) looks like a dead elephant, although obituary notices have not been posted.



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Strangely enough, the political doctors around the bedside, are not attributing her passing to the arsenic spread upon the grass around there by John L. Lewis. His poisonous antagonism need not have proved fatal.

Rather, it appears Mr. Roosevelt and his defense labor counsel Sidney Hillman decided the time has come for something new—and more effective. F. D. R. stepped out courageously in his tiff with Lewis by announcing the government will never hereafter use its influence for the closed shop. In the captive coal announcement (with which Mr. Hillman had much to do) the president made clear his administration would not thus play Hitler for Lewis or for any other labor leader.

That was right and just, because the closed shop delivers the job of the worker over to the union leader with the right to hire and fire. But it just so happens that the mediation board has at least played something like gauleiter for union bosses in some 20 cases.

The board has recommended the closed shop in that many instances in the past, and has accepted the theory (more often diplomatically called "union maintenance") in about 20 more strike settlements.

As the same closed shop theory is involved in at least 40 per cent of the labor disputes these days, the new government policy will unquestionably cause

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Radio Highlights

By the Associated Press
(Editor's note: because of Thanksgiving observance in 33 states, the Wednesday and Thursday columns are combined herewith.)

Time is Pacific Standard
Only one football game is on the network schedule for Thursday. It is that between Virginia and North Carolina, starting on MBS at 10:45 a. m.

Tonight—Talks: CBS, 7:15, Herbert Hoover from Chicago on "Shall We Send Armies to Europe?"; MBS, 8:15, Rep. Jerry Voorhis on "An American Peace Offensive Law."
CBS—8, Golden Jubilee Basketball tournament.

Thursday: Thanksgiving features—CBS, 6:15 a. m., David Lipscomb College chapel singing; MBS, 7:30 a. m., Bill of Rights Anniversary, Gov. Chas. Edison of N. J. and others; MBS, 8:15 a. m., Maumder's Song of Thanksgiving.
NBC-Blue—5:30, Variety from Quinceo Marine base.

Friday: NBC-Red—2:45, Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow on "Brave Women and Fair Men"; NBC-Blue—10:15, Children's Thanksgiving Musical party, Leopold Stokowski conducting; 11, Radio Demonstration Debate on Military Training; 1, Discussion of "English Today." MBS—7:30 a. m. (Also NBC-Blue, 7:45), Launching U. S. Battleship Indiana.

Mexico and U. S. to Settle Old Disputes

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Eduardo Suarez, Mexican minister of finance, announced today the Mexican and United States governments have reached agreements to settle the oil controversy and to sign silver, money stabilization, and highway financing agreements.

Suarez disclosed these developments upon arriving at the treasury this afternoon to sign the silver and money agreements.

ALTERNATIVES ARE GIVEN LEADERS OF STEEL MEN, UNION

Return To Status Quo or Arbitration of Closed Shop Issue Are Insisted Upon.

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—John L. Lewis personally rejected today President Roosevelt's latest suggestions for settling the captive coal mine strike but said the United Mine Workers could not make a formal reply before a policy committee meeting Saturday.

Benjamin F. Fairless of the United States Steel corporation sent the White House word, Secretary Stephen Early announced, that his company would "accept either of the two alternatives."

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Fifty thousand United States soldiers are waiting and ready for orders if President Roosevelt decides to use the army to take over the strike-bound captive coal mines.

An adviser to the president said that number—about one soldier to each union miner in the affected pits—had been decided on "as adequate to protect lives and property without creating the impression of trying to frighten the workers with a show of force."

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, declaring that work in captive coal mines must recommence, called upon steel company and union executives today to maintain a status quo on the issue of a "closed shop" for the period of the national emergency or to submit this issue to arbitration, agreeing to accept in advance any decision reached.

The chief executive laid his alternatives before John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers; Benjamin Fairless, president of United States Steel; Eugene Grace, president of Bethlehem Steel; and Frank Purnell, president of Youngstown Sheet and Tube; in identical letters.

For Common Good
"For the common good, for the maintenance of defense production," Mr. Roosevelt wrote, "it is imperative that one of these two alternatives be chosen and faithfully performed."

The president wrote as sympathetic strikes in commercial coal mines were spreading rapidly during the day.

Mr. Roosevelt asked acceptance of one or the other alternative of the steel and union representatives as "patriotic Americans."

He said that in order to open the way further for settlement of the captive mine dispute he was doing these two things:

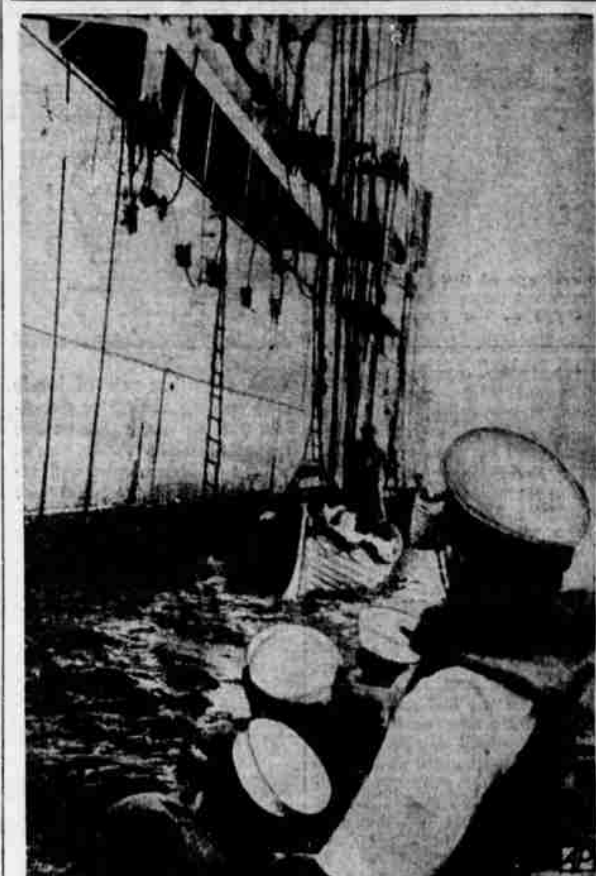
1.—Informing all coal operators who have signed an agreement with a closed shop provision and a non-strike penalty clause that they will be expected, in the interest of defense, to operate under those agreements without change.

2.—Asking all the operators of captive mines to reaffirm their assurances, by notice to each of their employees, that they are not opposed to union organization or collective bargaining and do not wish to discourage or stand in the way of any employee who chooses to join the United Mine Workers.

The president made his new attempt to end strikes in the coal mines supplying fuel for vital steel production after he had declared yesterday that Lewis had submitted an invalid argument in declaring that the union shop provided by the Appalachian agreement with commercial coal mines would be abrogated if the union shop were not granted in captive mines. The union shop issue has been the heart of the captive mine controversy.

Detroit, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The congress of industrial organizations today backed the stand of its representatives who resigned from the national defense mediation board in the current captive coal mines dispute.

Odenwald Crew Flees



Members of the crew of the German ship Odenwald, captured in the Atlantic flying the U. S. flag, attempt to flee the ship as a boarding party (foreground) from a U. S. cruiser approaches. As the boarding party reached the side of the ship there were two explosions and the crew said it would sink in 20 or 30 minutes. This official navy picture was made by a member of the boarding party. By wire and air mail to Mail Tribune

Aged Weygand Walks Alone As Vichy Rumors Fly Fast

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Nov. 19.—(AP)—General Maxime Weygand, who commanded France's last wartime army, walked alone along the banks of the Allier at dusk tonight, slowly and alone, after conferences with Marshal Petain which may determine France's fate—and perhaps his own.

Even as he walked with his hands clasped behind his back, accompanied not even by his faithful aide, Major Gasser, rumors spread through Vichy that he would step down from his post as Petain's proconsul in Africa.

This rumor was followed swiftly by another that, after three days of conferences with the aged marshal, Weygand already had resigned, but had reconsidered and might accept a compromise.

Official circles refused either to confirm or deny reports that his authority in North Africa had been curtailed. There were indications that an official announcement to clarify the situation might be forthcoming tomorrow.

U. S. Ambassador William D. Leahy also conferred urgently with Petain and remained at the embassy several hours after his usual time. It was said he was drafting a confidential report to President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull on the situation.

Hank Greenberg Out Of Army Next Week

Custer, Mich., Nov. 19.—(AP)—Hank Greenberg, the Detroit Tigers well-paid outfielder, will be discharged from the U. S. army Monday, fifth division officers announced today.

Greenberg, who has worked himself up to the rank of sergeant since he was inducted May 7, is eligible for release under the war department ruling providing for discharge of selectees 28 years old or over.

THIEF KILLS CALF IN BEALL'S BARN

A thief entered the barn of Vinton Beall of the Central Point district last night, killed a three-months-old calf and hauled it away, apparently in a car. Beall discovered his loss when he went to the barn this morning and reported to the sheriff's office.

The sheriff also is investigating two other theft cases reported from the rural areas recently.

VISIT DEFENSE TRAIN

Spokane, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Manufacturers of eastern Washington and northern Idaho had a look today at a broad cross section of Uncle Sam's defense needs in the red, white and blue defense special train which stopped here on its tour of the west.

There is a shortage of golf balls in Germany, the department of commerce says.

Trapped Nazis Dealt Hard Blow

5 ON S. P. FREIGHT CHOKED TO DEATH IN TUNNEL FUMES

96-Car Train Stalls In Long Tunnel Near Van Nuys—Long Delay In Rescue.

Van Nuys, Calif., Nov. 19.—(AP)—Five persons, including the engineer and two firemen of a 96-car freight train, were found suffocated today in a 7,000-foot long tunnel where for 11 hours smoke and deadly fumes had barred rescuers.

Two unidentified men, believed to have been riding the rods, were found beside the tracks after the train, the huge locomotive still ablaze, was pulled from the Haddon tunnel near Chatsworth.

Smoke and deadly coal gas burned back attempted rescuers for several hours, and giant wind machines from movie studios finally were pressed into service.

The train stalled, the Southern Pacific railroad announced, when a coupling broke soon after it had entered the tunnel. This automatically set all the air brakes.

Five crew members riding in the caboose made a futile attempt to reach the engine, where others were trapped, but were beaten back. Four were treated for partial asphyxiation.

Ten carloads of cattle, immediately behind the engine, were believed to have perished. The other 41 loaded cars contained varied merchandise.

Listed by the Southern Pacific as missing were Engineer John Dunne, Fireman S. E. Snodgrass and Brakeman G. E. Baker. Firemen said it was doubtful if any survived.

ROOKIE COTTRELL GIVES ARMY MEN LESSON IN TYPING

San Diego, Calif., Nov. 19.—(AP)—The condescending smile of an instructor changed to amazement today when Private William D. Cottrell, Camp Callan rookie, sat down to the typewriter.

Cottrell reported to Sgt. Maj. Bob Hanley for a clerical test as an army clerk. Cottrell made the typewriter smoke. Cottrell in civilian life was a typewriter instructor at the Hollywood high school. The 120 words a minute Cottrell made in the test was a record for the Camp Callan school.

Camp officers reported that in addition to his proficiency in typing, Cottrell also was an excellent dramatic coach and had been assigned to direct one-act plays for Callan's talent shows. For six summers he coached and managed the Oregon State Shakespearean festival in Medford, Ore., and also served as a dramatic instructor at Hollywood high school.

Private William D. Cottrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Cottrell of Phoenix. He was graduated from Phoenix high school and attended University of Oregon, Southern Oregon College of Education and the Cornish Dramatic School in Seattle.

Railroads and Labor Agree to Try Again

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Representatives of the railroads and of railway labor agreed today to a suggestion by President Roosevelt that they confer here Friday in another effort to avert a threatened strike on the rail lines.

The president made that proposal at his second conference of the day with railway executives, union officials and interested representatives of the government.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Bill Laird driving to Klamath Falls to get a fast train to Portland and upon his return discovering his car keys were in the pants he had left behind in his Portland hotel.

Councilman Tom Bradley finally coming through with a committee report and thus causing so much commotion that Recorder Mose Alford could not figure it all out.

15-MINUTE ZONES ARE ORDERED NEAR ALLEY ENTRANCES

City Council Acts To Give Brief Mid-Block Parking Privilege On Streets.

To remove all excuse for parking in alleys, the city council last night approved a plan of the public safety committee providing for 15-minute parking of cars on certain downtown streets at the entrance to alleys.

In most of the places specified in a resolution adopted by the council, parking for 15 minutes was provided for 20 feet on each side of the designated alley. Appropriate signs are to be erected to mark the 15-minute parking spots. The one-hour parking limitation continues as at present along the rest of the downtown streets.

To prevent blocking
The space on each side of the alleys was chosen, it was explained by Councilman Clarence A. Meeker, chairman of the public safety committee, so that the cars would not get blocked in but could move in and out quickly.

In submitting the report, Mr. Meeker said that a careful study by the public safety committee had shown that most persons violating the city's traffic regulations by parking in alleys had only brief business to transact at banks or stores and used the alleys when they could find no other place to park. Their excuse has been that they did not park in the alley more than a few minutes, Mr. Meeker said.

With provision made for 15-minute parking for persons having only brief business to transact, the last excuse for parking in alleys would be eliminated, Mr. Meeker asserted. He said his committee had been informed that most drivers abide by the rules on parking limitations and he felt certain the public would cooperate in the latest move to aid everyone.

Accommodate More
If the 15-minute rule is followed faithfully, it will permit the parking of 700 more cars daily than at present, Mr. Meeker said.

The committee's report indicated that determined police action will quickly "clean out" the "habitual alley parkers" after the 15-minute parking arrangements have been completed by the erection of the necessary signs.

ARMED MERCHANTMEN - READY IN TEN DAYS

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Secretary Knox said today that armed American merchantmen would be sailing the North Atlantic within a week or ten days.

Knox also told his press conference that he expected that as a result of modification of the neutrality act American-owned merchant vessels which have been operating under Panamanian registry would be restored to the United States flag promptly, although he declared that he did not know of any official action to that end.

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War Bulletins

Cairo, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The British Imperial army in Africa began a general advance into Libya yesterday on a 140-mile front and had penetrated 50 miles into axis-held territory. It was announced officially tonight.

CHURCHES OF CITY IN JOINT SERVICE THANKSGIVING DAY

Union Thanksgiving services sponsored by the Medford Ministerial association will be held in the First Christian church at Ninth and Oakdale from 10:30 to 11:30 Thursday morning. All in the community are invited to attend.

The following program will be presented:

The president's Thanksgiving proclamation, R. W. Coleman, president of Ministerial association and host pastor.

Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers." Scripture reading: T. O. Satterfield, pastor, Church of God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Fred M. Weatherford, pastor, First Church of the Nazarene.

Offertory statement: Adj. Chas. Cox, Salvation army.

Offertory hymn by choir of First Christian church, "America, the Beautiful."

Anthem: "Rejoice and Sing," Snelling.

Thanksgiving message: "Thou Crownest the Year with Goodness," Louis C. Kirby, pastor, Methodist church.

Closing hymn: "America." Benediction: Leonard Weston, pastor, Full Gospel church.

The offering taken at this service will go to the Jackson county Tuberculosis association. All members of the Medford Ministerial association are requested to come to the church office not later than 10:25.

GERMANY'S AIDES - BRITAIN'S FOES

London, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the house of commons today that Britain already was taking "military and naval action" against Finland, Rumania and Hungary, which have sent their troops to assist Germany's invasion of Russia.

His statement, in reply to a question whether Britain considered the three as enemies because of their participation in the fight against Russia, was: "Military and naval action is, of course, taking place against these countries."

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MEN, TANKS, GUNS CLAIMED TAKEN IN ROSTOV AREA

German Advance Renewed Says High Command—Bombers Rake Moscow.

(By the Associated Press)
Russia's Ukraine armies were reported today to have inflicted a crushing defeat on German troops caught in a trap near Novocherkassk, 25 miles northeast of Rostov-on-Don, while the German high command declared that axis invasion forces had opened a new big-scale offensive.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said the Germans lost thousands of men, 13 tanks, 273 trucks and many guns in the Novocherkassk battle.

Say Nazis Stopped
The Nazi drive in that sector has been stopped, Tass added.

A German communique pictured the Nazi armies as lunging forward once more, executing "new and successful" attacks, but the Russians said they had smashed attempts to pierce Soviet lines on the north anchor of the 200-mile Moscow defense are as well as in the Ukraine.

A Nazi military spokesman said German bombers raked both Moscow and Leningrad during the night and left spreading fires in the red capital.

A bulletin from the fuhrer's headquarters reported that 10,000 Russian prisoners had been captured and 171 tanks destroyed during the past three days, but it gave no details of the new push.

Soviet front-line dispatches said two German infantry regiments, supported by tanks and armored cars, had been driven off with bloody losses in repeated attempts to storm across the upper Volga river in the Kalinin sector, 95 miles north of Moscow, and the red army command gave this general summary of the nearly five-month-old struggle:

"Our troops are beating off the enemy attacks and destroying equipment and annihilating the manpower of the Germans."

On the southern (Ukraine) front, the Russians said Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's forces had recaptured a number of villages and advanced from four to 12 miles—presumably in the fiercely-contested battle sector around Rostov-on-Don.

Soviet accounts declared that Field Marshal Erwald von Kleist's southern armies were suffering severe casualties in attempts to make "rapid gains" in the Donets river basin.

Sevastopol Blasted
In the Crimea campaign, the German high command said Nazi bombers violently attacked Russia's great Black sea naval base at Sevastopol, blasting docks, munitions dumps and a ship in the harbor, but there was still no indication of a direct land assault against the stronghold.

The British radio said Russian troops in the Kerch sector had been "safely evacuated to the Caucasus, along with their complete equipment and war material."

Officially, Russia has not yet recognized the German claim to the capture of Kerch, but the Moscow radio acknowledged that axis invasion forces estimated at 90,000 troops had cracked Kerch's defenses "at a cost of colossal losses."

TRAIN KILLS TRUCKER

Pendleton, Ore., Nov. 19.—(AP)—Ulrich Kaufman, 59, was instantly killed here today when his pick-up truck was struck by an east bound Union Pacific freight train and dragged two and a half blocks.

In order to permit Mail Tribune employees to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday's edition will go to press at 12:30 p. m.