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Doubt Raised On Lewis' Ability To Stop Coal Strike

Miners Angered Over Government Petition

Pittsburgh, Jan. 19 — (U.P.) — Plans of a number of major soft coal operators to withhold royalty payments to the United Mine Workers' welfare fund raised new doubts today that John L. Lewis can stop "wildcat" walkouts of more than 88,500 miners.

Lewis' lieutenants were in the coal fields with a back-to-work order, but they admitted they didn't know "what will happen." Adding to the anger of the miners was the government's petition for an injunction against Lewis and the union.

New Violence

New violence broke out. Two power shovels of a strip mining company near Uniontown, Pa., were wrecked by an "enormous" dynamite explosion early today. The blast shook a 15-mile area. The mine had been picketed yesterday.

An operators source said that many northern and western operators, perhaps a majority, will refuse to make their monthly payment to the welfare fund, due tomorrow, because Lewis had refused to seat their representative and formed a new board of trustees.

All Mines Closed

All mines were closed today because of the UMW-imposed three-day week. Two groups of miners will hold mass meetings in Pennsylvania and West Virginia this afternoon to discuss Lewis' order to end the wildcat walkouts. Other meetings will be held during the week-end.

Coal supplies dwindled. However, President Truman said he still found no national emergency and had no plans to intervene in the coal dispute.

Sheriff, Justice Of Peace Plan To Seek Reelection

Sheriff Howard Gault announced today that he will seek reelection to his office for his second full term. He will be a candidate for the republican nomination in the primary election May 19.

Gault was appointed sheriff in June, 1945, to succeed Syd. I. Brown, who died in office and

Howard Gault

was elected for a full term four years ago. He has been in the sheriff's office since 1933 in various capacities, except for two years during the war, when he was with the provost marshal's office at Camp White.

A native of Medford, Gault is married and has four children.

In an announcement statement today, Gault said, "If reelected, I will continue an efficient, economical administration of my office, and will continue to work for full cooperation among all law enforcement officers."

Tucker Files

W. P. Tucker, 524 West Eleventh street, yesterday declared his intention to seek the post of justice of the peace for the Medford district when he filed his name with the county clerk as candidate for the republican nomination.

Tucker has served as justice of the peace here for six years, after being appointed to the office one year prior to the beginning of the present term. His term expires at the end of 1950.

Tucker was the second county official to file for nomination in the May primaries. Commissioner Robert R. Lytle filed his declaration with the county clerk Tuesday. Deadline for filing is March 10.

WEATHER

FORECAST: Mostly cloudy with intermittent light rain tonight and Friday. Continued mild.

Temp.	
Highest Yesterday	44
Lowest this Morning	34
Prec. to 4:30 A.M. Today	.20

Election To Office Gives Willamette Student Swell Head

Salem, Ore., Jan. 19—(U.P.) Right after Wayne Hilliard of Santa Ana, Cal., was named president of the Willamette university college of law student body here, he got the swell head.

The doctors took one look and said—mumps. The pesky ailment may cause him to miss final examinations next week.

Denfeld Announces Decision To Retire From Navy Service

Boston, Jan. 19—(U.P.)—Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, fired as chief of naval operations last October when he backed the "navy rebels" in the unification controversy, submitted his application for retirement from the service today.

The 58-year-old admiral asked with "regret" to be retired effective March 1 and explained he felt his action was the best thing for the navy and national defense "under the present circumstances."

Elaboration Refused

Denfeld, a navy man for 41 years refused to elaborate on the reasons for his action or to comment on the controversy resulting from his ouster as chief of naval operations.

He told a news conference he had received many civilian job offers but had not yet decided which to accept. He said he will continue to reside at his Westboro home and will use a desk at first naval district headquarters here until his retirement is approved.

Confirmation Deferred

Denfeld announced his decision to retire a day after the senate deferred confirmation of Admiral Forrest P. Sherman to succeed him as chief of naval operations a month after he himself rejected a high overseas command.

The navy on December 19 made public Denfeld's refusal to accept appointment as commander-in-chief of American naval forces in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, with headquarters in London.

Steel Firms Charged With Discrimination

San Francisco, Jan. 19—(U.P.)—Eleven steel companies have been sued for $4,516,500 in federal court on grounds they discriminated against western industry.

A Dallas, Tex., steel jobber and a Los Angeles oil tank manufacturer charged the defendants with showing favoritism toward pre-war eastern customers. They filed an anti-trust action yesterday for treble damages.

The Aero Sales company and the Texas Tank corporation said they sought steel plate in 1947, in Houston, Tex. The Columbia Steel company, a U. S. Steel subsidiary, offered them only stainless steel at $50,000 a carload, a price which they said was too high.

The two firms contend they lost $1,505,500 because of their inability to get steel at a competitive cost.

Russia To Continue Slowdown Of Traffic

Berlin, Jan. 19—(U.P.)— The Russians hinted today that they would continue their slowdown of Berlin's elevated railway traffic until the Americans handed back a disputed railway building seized by western police.

Traffic for the second straight day was reduced by 50 per cent on the elevated, main means of transportation for several million Berliners.

Hints that the slowdown would continue were published in Taegliche Rundschau, official Soviet army newspaper, which called the seizure "an American terror act against the railway."

"It's difficult to say when the disadvantages of the American assault can be removed," the paper said. "Perhaps irregular railway traffic will not be improved until the illegal occupation of the building has been rescinded."

Chair Lift Used To Rescue Eight Persons

Chilliwack, B. C., Jan. 19—(U.P.)—A swaying thread of rope, 2,000-feet long, brought eight persons, four of them children, to safety over the swollen Fraser river from flood-threatened Herling island.

At the last minute seven adults decided to remain on the sandy island to look after 50 head of cattle.

An elderly couple, two other adults and the children were removed from the isle by a "chair lift" constructed with the rope.

Pasco, Wash., Jan. 19—(U.P.)—At a time when most residents were thinking about snow shovels, the city council today was studying bids on two power grass mowers.

(Acme Telephoto)

ALL WET—Due for a dunking are these autos, more than 50 of about 600 marooned on an ice floe which broke loose on Lake Winnebago at Oshkosh, Wis. Approximately 2000 fishermen who drove the cars onto the ice, were rescued in small boats.

Bag Believed Used To Carry Loot Found

Boston, Jan. 19— (U.P.) — An empty federal reserve money bag which may have been used to carry loot from the Brink's, Inc., holdup was found in suburban Saugus today a few hours after six suspects were seized in connection with the $1,500,000 robbery.

As preparations were made for examination of the bag, police announced that all six suspects had been eliminated from the oig robbery but that some still were being questioned in connection with other crimes.

Boys Kicked Bag

The bag, wrapped in a newspaper, lay near a Newburyport turnpike overpass only about eight miles from where the Boston holdup occurred Tuesday night.

Richard and Robert Doucette, 12-year-old twins, and John Oliver, 11, kicked the paper en route to school and noticed the 12-by-13-inch sack. Printed on the outside was "Federal Reserve Bank, Boston, 6. No. 1211."

The boys carried it to school and gave it to their teacher who called police. They summoned Boston detectives and FBI agents in belief it might be one of 17 bags in which the gunmen carried away their huge haul.

Normal Escape Route

The turnpike would be a normal escape route north from the city.

The discovery came shortly after a long-distance telephone "confession" of the crime had fizzled and while police were busy questioning the six latest suspects rounded up in a series of underworld forays.

Motion To Impeach President Li Offered

Taipei, Formosa, Jan. 19—(U.P.) A motion to impeach Acting President Li Tsung-Jen, now in New York for medical treatment, was placed before the Chinese nationalist control Yuan today.

The control Yuan is the highest supervisory organ of the nationalist government. Its two principal powers are impeachment and auditing of government financial affairs.

The motion was presented by members Tso Teh-Chuen. It was understood to be based on the fact that Li flew to the United States for medical treatment at the time the nationalist position in southern China was collapsing under communist attack.

The control Yuan postponed action on the impeachment demand pending an inquiry. As part of the inquiry it sent a cable to Li demanding information on his intentions.

Trades Council To Eye Business Conditions

Portland, Ore., Jan. 19—(U.P.) The Pacific coast metal trades council has decided to take a closer look into business conditions before making any demands for pay increases this year.

The council, at closing sessions of its convention here yesterday, adopted a report recommending that unions in uptown shops strive for uniformity of vacations, paid holidays, expiration dates and contracts and wage rates within the trade classifications. No recommendation as to wage increases was made. A council spokesman said a closer look into business conditions would have to be made before any new wage policy could be set.

Jack Hollingsworth, Bremerton, Wash., was elected president of the council. He succeeds A. F. O'Neill, Seattle.

Windsors To Be Guests On Mountain Lion Hunt

Tampico, Mex., Jan. 19—(U.P.) The duke and duchess of Windsor will be the guests of Clint Murchinson, Dallas, Tex., millionaire, "for a few days of mountain lion shooting" near this gulf port, it was reported today.

Industrialist Augusto Boura of Mexico City said the couple will arrive here by train on February 4.

China Nationals Open All-Out Air Offensive

Hong Kong, Jan. 19 — (U.P.) — The Chinese nationalist government said today in a broadcast from Formosa that it had started an all-out air offensive designed to smash communist preparations for the invasions of Formosa and Hainan.

Residents of communist-held cities on the mainland were warned to move out of areas near military objectives.

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 19—(U.P.) — Superintendent Paul F. Gaiser announced that all Vancouver public schools, including Clark college, would be closed today

President Spurns Demand Of GOP To Fire Vaughan

Washington, Jan. 19 — (U.P.) — President Truman today brushed off a new senate republican demand that he fire Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan as his military aide.

The president served notice at his news conference that his loyalty to Vaughan has not been shaken by yesterday's senate subcommittee report which censured the general for being chummy with John Maragon.

The report described Maragon as an "outright fixer." It criticized Vaughan for taking a gift from a former employer of Maragon, who is under indictment for perjury.

No Change Seen

Republican Sens. Joseph R. McCarthy (Wis.), and Karl E. Mundt (S. D.), both members of the subcommittee, asked that the president fire Vaughan if he continues his "political activities." Mundt said the general should stop being a "political hatchetman" or get out of uniform.

"Will there be any change in the status of Gen. Vaughan?" the president was asked.

With Vaughan standing behind him, the president said that there would be none.

Republicans Argue Over Party Platform

Washington, Jan. 19—(U.P.)—Republican national committee policy chiefs reached the arguing stage today in efforts to draft a platform they hope will insure a GOP victory in the November congressional elections.

The oratory was over. The ideas of 15 policy committee members, three GOP governors, and other guests on how best to re-state republican aims and policies were in the hopper.

National Chairman Guy George Gabrielson called the policy committee into its third session today to decide what stand the party will take on such issues as deficit financing, taxes, foreign policy, natural resources, and public power, national health and socialized medicine, and labor relations.

The committee's recommendations on these and other issues will be referred to policy committees of the house and senate for concurrence or adjustment.

Oregon Christmas Tree Harvest Sets New Mark

Portland, Ore., Jan. 19—(U.P.) Assistant State Forester Lynn F. Cronemiller today said Oregon's 1949 Christmas tree harvest nearly reached 802,000 trees to top 1948's record harvest of 743,000 trees.

Cronemiller said the heaviest cuttings for the 1949 season were made near centers of population.

Two Injured As Bus And Automobile Crash

A bus passenger received fractured ribs and an automobile passenger was bruised and shaken up last night in the collision of a Greyhound bus and car on highway 99 near the underpass at Ashland, state police reported.

Mrs. Elva Allen, Oakland, Cal. suffered broken ribs, and Louis C. Folson, Salem, was bruised.

Police identified the bus driver as Charles Peavy, Oregon City, and the auto operator as Roy E. Folsom, Eugene. Mrs. Allen was taken to Ashland General hospital and Folsom to Community hospital here. The auto driver said he was blinded by lights and fog.

Campaign Started To Oust Head Of FBI

Washington, Jan. 19—(U.P.)—The campaign to drive FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover from office begins in earnest today under auspices of an organization of lawyers officially tabbed as a communist front.

The National Lawyers Guild called a press conference here today.

It is understood the guild will make public then a demand to President Truman for an investigation of the FBI.

The guild seeks to shake public confidence in the G-men. But the long-haul objective is to get Hoover out of there.

A demand that congress investigate the "truth or falsity" of the charges against the Guild was made last night by Rep. Richard M. Nixon, (R., Cal.), a member of the house committee investigating un-American activities.

Administration Accused of Allowing Henry Wallace to Fashion China Policy

Washington, Jan. 19 — (U.P.) — Republicans accused the administration today of allowing Henry A. Wallace to be "one of the chief architects" of its China policy.

Citing a long-secret Wallace report on his 1944 visit to China, Sen. Styles Bridges (R., N. H.), said the former vice president followed "almost the exact line expounded both in China and by left-wingers here—a line which has become official policy."

"It's well that we now know who the real architects of that policy were," he said.

Wallace made public the report last night through Sen. Herbert R. O'Conor (D., Md.). In it, he told the late President Roosevelt that Chiang Kai-Shek lacked either the "intelligence or political strength" to run his country.

Wallace urged Mr. Roosevelt to back a Chinese coalition government that would be friendly to Russia. In the postwar era, he predicted, China's leaders would be "brought forward by evolution or revolution, and it now seems more likely the latter."

There was no indication that Wallace had made such a report until Sen. Homer Ferguson (R., Mich.), mentioned it in a senate speech earlier this week.

Both Wallace and Ferguson were surprised that Secretary of State Dean Acheson failed to mention the Wallace report in the state department's recent white paper on China policy.

Ferguson and Bridges have been persistent critics of Acheson's refusal to extend any military aid at all to Chiang's embattled forces on Formosa. The state department claims Formosa has little strategic value to the United States.

Sen. William F. Knowland (R., Cal.), said this attitude represented an about-face by the department. He produced an official state department document of June, 1945, which stated that outside of Singapore, Formosa was in a "controlling position" in the Far East.

At that time, he said, the department regarded the island as "the most important base" for Japanese aggression.

Knowland said the department's present attitude shows "great inconsistency" when compared with the 1945 report. He said it emphasized the need for congress to find out if any military leader has advised the department that Formosa was unimportant.

Russia Walks Out Of United Nations Atomic Meetings

Action Halts Talks By Big Five Powers

Lake Success, N. Y., Jan. 19—(U.P.)—Russia walked out of the United Nations atomic talks today, bringing to a halt discussions among the big five powers and Canada on a world control plan.

The experts from the six counties met for an hour behind closed doors while a score of reporters huddled at the entrance, waiting for Jacob Malik, Russian delegate to walk out.

Sixth In Week

Malik spoke four separate times in the meeting before he made his departure—the sixth Soviet UN walkout in the last week.

Malik's walkout came as a result of Russia's refusal to participate in any UN meetings while the delegation of nationalist China is accepted here.

He smiled broadly at reporters as he made his exit and repeated the now-familiar Soviet statement that Russia will not participate in any meeting with "the Kuomintang representative" and will not recognize any decisions taken with nationalist China's participation.

Motion Ignored

"I moved the removal of the Kuomintang representative," Malik said, "but my motion was not recognized."

He was asked whether the kremlin planned to carry their UN boycott to the general assembly, perhaps refusing to participate in "the town meeting of the world" while Chiang Kai-Shek's government is represented. He refused to comment.

Before the six-power representatives went into the meeting —their 14th secret session since they began seeking agreement on a world plan of atomic control last summer — Malik sat aloof in the delegates' lounge while representatives of the western powers held informal conferences with each other and talked with newsmen.

Waters Receding In Northern California

San Francisco, Jan. 19—(U.P.)—Flood waters receded throughout northern California today, but the weather bureau warned a new storm was moving in from the Pacific and probably would hit the coast tonight and early tomorrow.

The weather bureau said the new storm would bring rain to most northern California points and strong southerly winds off the coast.

Several families, routed by flood waters near Orick 42 miles north of Eureka yesterday, were returning to their homes today, the highway patrol reported. Water, which overflowed from Redwood creek running through the center of the town, receded during the night.

Patrolmen said highway 101, running through the valley in which Orick lies, was open to traffic. The highway and surrounding countryside had been covered with as much as two feet of water at some points.

Toll In Colorado Fire Rises To Five

Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 19—(U.P.)—The death toll in the Camp Carson-Broadmoor fire rose to five dead today as military authorities continued a search for three other soldiers reported missing.

Three soldiers who were critically burned while fighting the flames which destroyed or damaged more than 30 buildings at the army camp died in a hospital last night.

They were injured at the height of the fire, part of a widespread brush fire which swept over a 20-square-mile area south of here, Tuesday. More than a score of persons were injured.

The names of the victims were withheld pending notification of relatives.

Silver Thaw Covers Northern Oregon As Mercury Moves Up

Storm Death Toll Reaches 17 In Washington; Coal Dwindles

By United Press

Washington State's storm death toll rose to 17 Thursday as warm air swooped suddenly out of the Pacific ocean, snapping a six-day Arctic cold wave but adding a new burden of heavy snow and "silver thaw" to the storm-bound Pacific northwest.

Fifty families who have not been heard from for more than a week were marooned in rugged Cape Horn country east of Vancouver, Wash. A ground crew battled snow slides and stiff winds to reach them.

About 200 families were snowbound near Blackfoot, Ida., as a fresh eight-inch snowfall blocked roads.

Layer Of Ice Covers Northern Oregon

A thickening layer of ice covered Oregon north of Eugene and extended into southwestern Washington as temperatures rose sharply. Power lines sagged dangerously under their ice burden.

Several localities were short of coal. Bellingham, Wash., coal dealers reported Wednesday their supplies would be exhausted with no more expected until next week.

Leaking gas from a feeder line broken by a landslide asphyxiated a Seattle couple late Wednesday night. The victims, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cotton, were found dead in bed Thursday morning by deputy sheriffs and a Seattle gas company repairman.

The frozen body of Thomas Wozny, 70, a semi-invalid, was found on his back porch steps Wednesday night in Tacoma and officers said he apparently had fallen down. Another man, George Matson, 46, was found frozen in Aberdeen Wednesday noon.

Schools remained closed in many Oregon and Washington rural communities.

Snowfall Turns To Rain, Freezes

A sticky night-long snowfall turned to rain and froze, glazing highways and leaving a brittle crust on the white mantle that cloaked the entire region.

Portland was sheathed in ice up to four inches thick as steady rain froze upon hitting a wedge of cold air near the ground. The temperature was 21 degrees above in that city.

As much as eight inches of wet snow followed by freezing rain choked downtown Seattle streets and suburban roads. Everett, Wash., reported 13 inches of snow on the ground.

Transportation, almost back to normal Wednesday after one of the worst blizzards of the century last week, was again virtually halted.

Body of Gen. Arnold Borne to Cemetery

Washington, Jan. 19—(U.P.)—The body of General of the Air Force Henry H. Arnold was borne in slow procession today to its burial place in Arlington national cemetery.

A mile-long procession trailed the flag-draped caisson bearing the nation's wartime air commander through the rainy streets of the capital and across the Potomac to the military burying ground.

Flights Cancelled

Lowering skies cast a sodden pall across the funeral march and grounded a flight of more than 100 jet fighters and B-29 bombers that had planned to dip in salute over the general's grave.

The general's body was removed at 1 p.m. (EST), from Washington National cathedral where it had lain in state for two days and brought to Constitution avenue where it was placed on a caisson for the last march to the cemetery of heroes. The funeral procession started at 1:45 p.m. (EST).

The air force and army bands played special arrangements of "The Stars and Stripes Forever" "Air Force Song," and "Noble Commander March" as the mile-long line of troops and government dignitaries moved toward the cemetery.

Cadets March

Following the air force band at the head of the procession was a battalion of cadets from the U. S. military academy from which the former air force chief of staff was graduated in 1907. Next was a battalion of midshipmen from the U. S. naval academy.

They were followed by army and navy contingents, mechanized cavalry and a composite company of uniformed armed forces women.

The caisson, drawn by six matched gray horses, followed the color guard. Behind it was the lone, black, riderless horse with reversed boots and sabre—traditional in funeral processions for a general.

Officials Follow

Cars carrying Mrs. Arnold, her daughter and three sons, were next in the procession, with top military officials, cabinet and supreme court members, and diplomatic officials following in that order.

President Truman and Vice President Alben W. Barkley were not in the procession, but were scheduled to go directly to the amphitheatre near the tomb of the unknown soldier for the services.

Stroble Found Guilty In Murder Of Child

Los Angeles, Jan. 19—(U.P.)—A superior court jury today found grandfather Fred W. Stroble guilty of murdering six-year-old Linda Joyce Glucoft because she resisted his advances and returned a verdict that will mean death in the San Quentin gas chamber if he is found sane.

The jury of 10 women and two men deliberated approximately four hours before returning its verdict in the court of Superior Judge Charles W. Fricke.

Stroble still must be tried on his plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

The jury returned a verdict of first degree murder. If Stroble is found sane in the trial starting tomorrow, California law requires Judge Fricke to sentence him to death. The conviction also must be reviewed by the California supreme court before an execution date is set.

Luckman Resigns As Head Of Soap Firm

New York, Jan. 19 — (U.P.) — Charles Luckman, the "wonder-boy" of business who became president of Lever Brothers company at the age of 37, has resigned his $300,000-a-year position because of a disagreement with the European owners of the huge soap, food and cosmetics manufacturing firm.

Luckman, who headed the postwar famine emergency committee and originated eggless Thursdays and meatless Tuesdays to save food for Europe, quit as abruptly as he was appointed to the post which made him one of the nation's highest paid executives. He made no announcement as to his future plans.

Luckman, 40, headed the firm three years. He started his business career as a soap salesman at 21 when he was unable to obtain a job as an architect with depression-hit construction firms.

Freight Derailment Slows Train Traffic

Southbound trains were running as much as 10 hours late here today, as the result of the derailment of a freight train between Oakland and Drain, Ore., it was reported today by Robert Holmes, district freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific.

The derailment occurred in the neighborhood of Rice hill, according to Holmes, who said that details of the accident were meager because communication lines to company stations in that area were out of order. No one was injured, however, Holmes said.

Road Conditions

Spots of ice were reported on the Siskiyous and Greensprings highways, Grants Pass, Redwood highway and at Keno this morning. Union Creek had packed snow and chains were needed. Klamath Falls had bare pavement.

Willamette pass reported slush with the snowpack breaking up. The highway was closed to traffic.

Flood Danger Past, Weather Bureau Says

"Any flood danger in this area is over, at least for the time being," the Medford weather bureau said today. The Rogue river passed its crest last night, dropping from 8.37 to 6.50 feet at Gold Ray dam, and from 8.90 to 8.13 feet at Grants Pass.

The Applegate river was falling, and the Smith river was back in its banks, dropping rapidly, the bureau said. Most of the snow on the valley floor melted off yesterday, the bureau reported, and that at higher elevations was holding its moisture without running off.

Auto Thief Leaves Pup Locked In Stolen Car For Two Weeks

Long Beach, Cal., Jan. 19—(U.P.) Police searched today for an auto thief who left a puppy locked in a stolen car for two weeks without food or water.

Sailors daily passed the car where it was parked near harbor navy landing and rapped on the windows at the small black and white terrier. But they assumed the owner was nearby.

A cab driver finally noticed yesterday the car had been parked in a limited zone too long and called police.

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 19—(U.P.) The Western Oregon Livestock association will meet in Corvallis January 30-February 1.