

U.S. THREATENS TO CUT RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA



STRANDED AUTOS RETRIEVED—Autos in a long curving line are driven cautiously off Lake Winnepigou ice and onto solid land near Calumet Harbor, Wis., after being abandoned by fishermen when the ice cracked and the flow moved out from shore along a 30-mile front at Oshkosh, Wis. Some 250 autos had been trapped on the ice, the fishermen were rescued by small boats when the ice cracked.

President Needled With Taft-Hartley Act Record By Seekers of Injunction

By Lyle C. Wilson
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Washington, Jan. 20.—(U.P.)—Republicans are needling President Truman with his own Taft-Hartley act record to persuade him to seek a coal crisis injunction. Mr. Truman used to find the act very handy in labor disputes.

Unlike the injunction now sought by Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the national labor relations board, a presidential writ would simply require the miners to return to full-time work for 80 days. During that period efforts would be made to settle the controversy between the operators and the United Mine Workers of America.

Terms Said Forbidden

Denham's injunction request does not argue that there is a national emergency. It charges John L. Lewis and the UMW with seeking contract terms forbidden by the Taft-Hartley act. On that basis, it would have a federal court order the men back to the pits. That type of injunction would remain in force indefinitely—until Lewis withdrew the allegedly illegal demands or until the labor board ruled on their legality.

A presidential injunction would plead for relief from a national emergency. There being no specific definition of a national emergency, Mr. Truman has a lot of leeway in deciding when or whether to act. A cold wave in the east—and it feels today as though such has arrived hereabouts—would put some pressure on the president.

Playing Politics

Some of his adversaries say the president is playing politics with the coal crisis. They claim he does not want to use the Taft-Hartley act because any action under its terms would reduce its value as a democratic campaign issue in this year's congressional elections.

Others contend that Lewis actually is playing for a presidential injunction to get off an uncomfortable spot. He is faced with rebellion among some thousands of his miners who protest the three-day week and on-again-off-again schedules to which he has exposed them since last June 30. His miners have no contract as of now. Lewis may feel that it would save his face if he were compelled by injunction to call the whole thing off for a while.

Johnson Calls For Extension Of Draft

Washington, Jan. 20.—(U.P.)—Defense Secretary Louis J. Eohnd today urged congress to extend the draft for three years as unmistakable evidence to Russia that we intend to "keep ourselves strong."

The present draft law which expires June 24, Johnson said, makes that purpose "clearly understandable."

"The need to make that manifestation of our determination continuously clear persists," he told the house armed services committee.

Road Conditions

Tiller-Trail highway, which has been closed by snow, is now open, state police said this morning.

They reported Siskiyou pass on highway 99 was clear but there were some spots of ice on highway 66 over the Greensprings and on the Redwood highway. Fog blanketed highway 99 north to Roseburg. Police stated that the Salem area was warming up and United Press reported roads there bare in exposed areas.

Willamette and Santiam passes were open, according to United Press, with a slide on milepost 55 of Willamette pass necessitating one-way traffic. The coast route was blocked by water south of Astoria and Columbia River highway was closed at Bradley State park and Shell rock. The snow pack was sanded at Kenos.

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Flood Threat Faces Pacific Northwest

By United Press

A threat of floods loomed over the storm-ridden Pacific northwest Friday when a balmy chinook wind began melting an ice and snow pack over a wide region designated by the Red Cross as a "disaster area."

One thousand power failures crippled communications in the Portland district and at least 13 communities were isolated by ice-jammed highways in northwestern Oregon and southwestern Washington.

Hundreds of buses and automobiles stalled on roadsides or skidded into ditches, and the death toll in a week-long series of blizzards, sleet storms and silver thaws rose to at least 40.

The United States weather bureau forecaster said there was a "growing concern about floods" as a heavy runoff of snow and ice water fed into creeks and rivers. First serious flooding was reported in northwestern Oregon where the Kikah river sent waters a foot and a half deep over U. S. highway 101.

Power Lines Felled

Trees and power lines were felled in many sections of Portland and other cities, disrupting telephone and power service to hundreds of homes and offices, including the weather bureau office in Portland.

Rivers in Washington and Oregon rose rapidly as suddenly warming temperatures thawed sheets of crystal ice into rivulets of sloppy water.

Quagmires of snow, ice and slush brought cross-state traffic in Washington and Oregon virtually to a standstill, halted air traffic again, disrupted bus travel and delayed train schedules. Hundreds of motorists were stranded in both states, but state police and highway department crews, pushing through snow and ice drifts with plows, rescued them by the scores before their situation became critical.

Train Passengers Stranded

About 400 Milwaukee railroad passengers were stranded on both sides of slide-choked Snoqualmie pass in Washington. British Columbia highways, railroads and communications virtually were paralyzed by freezing rain. The British Columbia Telephone company said nearly all its lines to the interior of Canada were severed. A power disruption cut off 75,000 residents of a large section of the Fraser valley.

Six states worked through the night and finally restored partial service to Astoria, Ore., a city of 20,000.

Big Mo To Stay Put Until February 2

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 20.—(U.P.)—The navy called off today's attempt to free the stranded battleship Missouri after 21 vessels heaved and hauled for two hours without budging her.

Twenty-one tugs and other vessels tried to loosen the stranded Missouri at high tide, but the two-hour effort and pushing didn't move her an inch.

The navy gave up until February 2, when the next high tide peak is expected. Spokesmen explained that each day's high tide is now a little lower than the day before, and a super-high tide will not recur for more than two weeks.

This was to have been the navy's all-out effort to free the 45,000-ton Big Mo, which plowed into a mudbank Tuesday and hasn't budged since.

Six tugs on either side, three directly astern and a ship with beaching gear on either quarter strained at the mighty Mo, alternately pulling on the port and starboard sides. Four coast guard tugs helped.

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Law Enforcement Groups Coordinate To Solve Robbery

Agencies Join Hands To Try To Crack Case

Boston, Jan. 20.—(U.P.)—New "leads" in the investigation of the \$1,500,000 robbery of Brinks, Inc., were revealed today at a private meeting where city, state and federal law enforcement agencies were welded into a single unit to try to break the sensational case.

Attorney General Francis E. Kelly of Massachusetts, serving as spokesman for the G-men and others after the two-hour conference, said in a brief statement: "At this meeting every resource of the law enforcement agencies—state, county and national—have been completely coordinated to solve this crime. . . . certain leads to the solution of this case were discussed but they cannot be disclosed at this time."

Kelly admitted the use of a lie detector in the case was a "possibility." He did not amplify that statement.

Break-up of the top-level conference at the state house came after these developments:

A statement by President John D. Allen Sr., of Brinks, Inc., on arrival here from Chicago, that he believed the nine-man gang would be captured "and the more dead the better."

Discovery of an empty federal reserve bank of Boston money bag in a Bridgeport, Conn., mail box, and the finding of another in Dock square, Boston, only a few blocks from the scene of Tuesday's crime.

A story by a New York woman who claimed to have overheard two men apparently discussing the fantastic robbery yesterday on a New Haven railroad train en route to New York.

Seizure of an ex-army corporal at a New York veterans hospital who reportedly boasted to a friend a month ago he was going to make a million dollars in an "armored truck job." He reportedly once worked for an armored transportation service.

The Dalles Airport Hangar Collapses

The hangar at the Dalles Airport on the Washington side of the Columbia river collapsed from the weight of snow on its roof during the night and destroyed five planes, airport officials reported today.

Three other planes were damaged to undetermined extent, said A. S. Cutting, United Airlines station manager. Aircraft loss was estimated at \$9,000 to \$10,000.

The laminated wood, arch-type structure without supporting columns was valued at approximately \$15,000.

Bob Dewald, airport manager, discovered the mishap while making his rounds at the field this morning. All air traffic has been suspended for a week because of the deep snow on runways.

Safeway Stores Denied Milk Sale Application

Portland, Ore., Jan. 20.—(U.P.)—Thomas L. Ohlsen, administrator of the milk control board, has denied an application by Safeway Stores, Inc., to buy milk in the Salem market area, process it in Portland and sell it in Salem.

Ohlsen announced the denial on findings from a hearing held here December 8. Safeway proposed to sell 3.8 per cent butterfat milk in paper containers in the Salem market in competition with Salem-processed milk of 3.5 per cent butterfat content.

The Safeway price would have been the state minimum price while Salem distributors charge a one-half cent premium above the minimum.

Central Point Firemen Plan Campaign To Provide Rural Fire Protection Service

Central Point, Jan. 20.—Central Point volunteer firemen next Monday will begin a campaign to secure contributions toward purchase of a fire truck to serve the rural area surrounding Central Point.

Krupp, president of the volunteer fire department announced today.

Krupp said that the truck will be housed and cared for at the local fire hall and will be manned by members of the volunteer organization. He estimated that the vehicle fully equipped will cost between \$7,500 and \$8,000 and that another \$800 will be required to put it into service.

The truck will have the latest equipment mounted on a four-wheel-drive chassis especially built for rural fire fighting. Krupp reported.

Firemen already have a donation of \$1,000. Other amounts will depend on individuals.

Property in the area will not be taxed to support the truck. Krupp brought out the equipment will be maintained by a charge for all calls. If a resident has no fire, he will pay nothing for protection.

Beginning at the intersection of Ross lane and Old Stage road and running north on Old Stage road to Seaside avenue, the district boundaries will go east to Willow Springs road, northwest to highway 99 and Kirtland road, east on Kirtland road to Midway road, south along Midway road and the old highway 99 to junction, north on highway 99 to Beall lane, west to Jacksonville-Central Point road, south to Ross lane and west to the Old Stage road. The district will extend outward 300 yards from the center of roads.

When fires occur the Central Point telephone exchange can be called. The operator will sound the alarm. In exchange for use of the city alarm system and the fire hall, the rural vehicle will be used for city fires only in case of great emergency. It will be withdrawn from a city fire if a summons from outside town is given.

Central Point firemen stated that the forest patrol does not necessarily take care of rural fires involving private homes and buildings and that the floor of the valley is not supposed to be served by the forest patrol at any time.

If and when the vehicle is purchased, the firemen plan to provide information to help rural residents locate or install water sources within reach of hose carried by the truck.

Madame Chiang Asks U.S. Military Mission

Taipei, Formosa, Jan. 20.—(U.P.)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek today asked the United States to send a military mission, but no fighting troops, to help the nationalist government in its battle against communism.

Madame Chiang, breaking a week's seclusion after her return from the United States, said she herself was prepared to devote all her energies and abilities to what she described as "the spirit of resurgence of the Chinese people."

For her first statement since her return from 13 months in the United States, Madame Chiang received the foreign press in her residence at the grass mountain retreat of the generalissimo outside Taipei.

She said she hoped the American people would come to realize that "it had been communism alone we could have fought it—but it is Russian communism we are fighting."

No Troops Wanted

Eloquent, and at times emotional, Madame Chiang emphasized that any U. S. policy decisions based on the idea that the nationalist government wants American troops sent to Formosa was a gross error.

"I know the American people do not want to go to war," she said. "Nobody wants American troops here. China does not want American soldiers. That's not the question. China has not asked for American soldiers. We have enough manpower. We have made that clear."

But, she said, it would be a great advantage if the United States would send technical aid to help fight the communists.

"Your government says it is fighting communism," she said to the American newsmen. "So are we. So why don't they send somebody to help us do it?"

"I do not want to try to tell your government what to do. They do not want that any more than we want them to tell us what to do."

She said an American military mission could give needed help in technical advice such as communications, transportation and radio development.

"It should not be necessary to have to ask someone who is a real friend for help," she said somewhat bitterly. "If they are your friends that would be unnecessary."

Such help, she said, would aid considerably to China's own efforts in its back-to-the-wall stand against communism.

Discussing the growing resurgence of the spirit among her people, Madame Chiang said they now are beginning to emerge from the stunned paralysis of the mainland collapse.

Details Unavailable

Details of Johnson's death, which was attributed to exhaustion by Hull, were not learned because of interrupted communication facilities, but Leavitt said he had learned from James A. Christensen, manager of the Oregon Caves, that Johnson had left the resort Tuesday in an effort to reach Grants Pass to have a toothache treated. It was not known if the youth had been equipped with skis or if he had attempted to negotiate the eight-foot drifts on foot.

The incident is the second indication Leavitt has had that storms may be creating hardships at the resort, but so far he has been forced to rely on sketchy reports and hearsay reported by a few individuals who have made their way to civilization from the snowbound caves.

In addition to caretakers at the caves, Leavitt said there are some members of a contractor's crew there living in trailer houses. They are just completing installation of a fire sprinkler system in resort buildings. Apparently some of the isolated personnel have nearly exhausted their fuel oil and supplies of fresh food. Reports of panic at the resort have filtered into Christensen's winter office in Grants Pass but have not been confirmed because of disrupted telephone communications and snow-clogged roads.

Christensen told Leavitt this morning that he has engaged a Tucker Sno-Cat to make a long over-snow trek into the caves and that he, together with Sabine, will attempt to reach the resort today. Leavitt advised that either Copco or forest service personnel also will make the trip to help restore necessary services and communication lines. So far as is known for certain, four or five men have already made the hazardous trip out of the remote mountain area and a Mr. and Mrs. Ingram are the only cave employees still left at the resort.

Names of the two men who discovered Johnson's body are not known but a complete report on the tragedy is expected at Leavitt's office as soon as the Sno-Cat trip is completed.

Charges of removing articles of value from the wrecked plane in which Arlo B. Barnes was killed January 8 have resulted in a jail sentence for one Ashland man and suspended sentences for four others.

Barnes' widow, Mrs. Marjorie Barnes, filed charges of grand larceny against Arthur Newton Davis, 22, of Ashland, and against three juveniles, also of Ashland. On the recommendation of District Attorney George Neilson, the charge was reduced in justice court yesterday to one of petty larceny and after all four had pleaded guilty they were given 90-day suspended sentences by Judge W. P. Tucker.

Louie Eugene Boatman, 24, also of Ashland, was committed to the county jail for 90 days on Mrs. Barnes' charge of larceny of property. He pleaded guilty.

The light Ercoupe plane in which Barnes was killed had crashed in a winter sports area south of Ashland and was inspected by crowds of skiers after the two occupants had been removed.

Latourette Rules In Butter Dispute

Salem, Ore., Jan. 20.—(U.P.)—In his last opinion written as a circuit judge, Earl C. Latourette of Oregon City held that a regulation on butter grades made by the department of agriculture was off base.

Said Latourette, who had heard oral arguments on the case in Salem last Monday, the agricultural department regulation classifying butter for retail sale on its flavor was unconstitutional.

Ralph E. Moody of Salem, representing the majority of butter manufacturers of the state, filed the attack on the regulation and the attorney general's office defended it. Formally the case was Albany Creamery association and others versus Ervin L. Peterson, director of the department of agriculture.

Latourette, Clackamas county circuit judge who came to Salem to sit on the Marion county bench to hear the case, was formally elevated to the Oregon supreme court late Thursday.

POST MORTEM HELD

Coroner Carlos Morris said today regarding the death of Harry Lewis, 59, Jacksonville, yesterday, that a post mortem examination revealed a basal skull fracture. Lewis was hurt Saturday night when he reportedly fell at Jacksonville.

Tillamook, Ore., Jan. 20.—(U.P.)—Tillamook county's new \$117,500 hospital will be dedicated Saturday.

Russ Satellite Asked To Withdraw Demand For Recall

Position Stated In Note Handed To Envoy

Washington, Jan. 20.—(U.P.)—The United States today informed Bulgaria that unless it withdraws its demands for recall of United States minister Donald H. Heath, this nation will sever diplomatic relations with the red Balkan satellite.

The United States position was stated in a note handed to Bulgarian charge d'affaires Peter Voutov at the state department at noon. A similar note was delivered to the Bulgarian foreign office in Sofia.

Contents Told

The note said that unless Bulgaria withdraws its demand for Heath's recall, "the United States government must conclude that the Bulgarian government does not desire to maintain normal diplomatic relations."

"In these circumstances the United States government will be obliged to withdraw the United States diplomatic mission from Bulgaria and ask for the recall of the Bulgarian diplomatic mission from the United States."

The United States note was a formal reply to the verbal request for Heath's withdrawal made here by Voutov yesterday.

Charges Unfounded

The United States note said "the charges on which the Bulgarian government has based this demand are wholly unfounded, as the Bulgarian government itself is fully aware."

The United States charged Bulgaria with pursuing a "campaign of persecution against the Bulgarian government employees whose only crime has been their association with the legation."

"This campaign has resulted in the execution of two such employees, the death of a third after maltreatment by the police, and the arrest and torture of others. All of the Bulgarian employees were engaged only in such routine duties as is accepted as normal practice in diplomatic missions throughout the civilized world," the note said.

The note said that since the United States renewed diplomatic relations with Bulgaria in 1947 the Bulgarian government had conducted those relations on a friendly basis.

Missing Boy Spends Night In Pig Pen

Clove Valley, N. Y., Jan. 20.—(U.P.)—State police today found seven-year-old David Berry in a pig pen on a farm near his home. He was alive, police said, but suffering slightly from shock and exposure.

The boy told weary searchers who had been hunting for him for 19 hours that he spent the night in a shed while the temperature outside hovered at two degrees above zero.

An ambulance was sent to take him to a hospital for treatment.

State police and sheriff's deputies began calling in hundreds of searchers who had been looking for David since dusk yesterday when he wandered away from his two brothers and went into the densely wooded section around his home.

The hunt was concentrated in the area near the pig pen when one of his mittens was discovered in a cornfield 300 yards north of his home. The mitten was identified as belonging to David by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Deola Berry.

Wood Alcohol Fatal To Oregon Convicts

Salem, Ore., Jan. 20.—(U.P.)—Three convicts at Oregon State penitentiary died last night from effects of drinking wood alcohol, Warden George Alexander reported today.

Alexander identified the dead as Everett Malone, 43; Edward Howell Reese, 24, and Daniel W. Rivenbark, 40. Alexander said Malone died about 6 p.m. yesterday. Reese died four hours later and Rivenbark was found dead in his cell this morning.

The warden said a quantity of wood alcohol was found in Rivenbark's cell. He said Reese, before he died, admitted taking the alcohol from the prison hospital laboratory. He was a cook in the hospital. The other two prisoners also were cooks.

Malone was sentenced from Douglas county, April 27, 1948, to three years for forgery. Reese from Klamath county June 18, 1949, to 10 years for larceny, and Rivenbark from Josephine county April 16, 1949, to 12 years for assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon.

Radio Highlights

Radio Station KYJC (1230 kc) will broadcast the Ike Williams-Johnny Bratton fight from Chicago stadium tonight, starting at 7 o'clock.

At 8 p.m. KWIN (1400 kc) will broadcast the Oregon-Washington basketball game from Seattle and at 9:30 p.m. will air the Medford-Klamath Falls game from Medford by delayed broadcast.

Saturday at 7:30 p.m. KWIN will carry the Oregon State-Washington State basketball game from Pullman.