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FOOD DOLED TO HUNGRY MINERS

Pittsburgh, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Government agencies set machinery in motion today for relieving the hunger of striking Pennsylvania miners, described as "starving" by their union officers.

But despite hunger and specific orders from John L. Lewis, the miners pushed efforts to spread the wildcat strike which has idled more than 80,000 of the nation's coal diggers.

Five steel companies started to bank furnaces or announced plans to lay off workers because of inadequate coal supplies.

At the focal point of the strike in southwestern Pennsylvania, government officials laid plans for giving surplus potatoes, and possibly other commodities, to families reduced to near-poverty by the walkout.

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Truman Will Enter Coal Dispute, High Government Official Claims

Washington, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—A high government official said today that President Truman will step into the soft coal dispute "before the week end" unless John L. Lewis gets 80,000 striking miners back to work "quick."

This official said that even if the strikers return to work on a three-day week, Mr. Truman still may act because of the growing coal shortage.

This disclosure came soon after James Boyd, director of the bureau of mines, told the senate labor committee he has notified the White House that coal supplies are near a "danger point" which soon may require presidential action.

Hearings Slated Thursday To Talk Soil Conservation

Jackson county sentiment regarding the formation of a soil conservation district will be determined tomorrow when representatives of the state soil conservation committee hold public hearings on the question in Rogue River and Phoenix.

The Rogue River hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Live Oak Grange hall and the session in Phoenix is set for 8 p.m. in the Phoenix Grange hall.

Petition Signed
The hearings are the result of a petition signed by 55 Jackson county landowners and submitted to the committee November 10. The conservation committee has announced that "every person, firm, corporation, state, county, or municipal agency, holding title to more than 10 acres of land lying within Jackson county, and all other interested parties are invited to attend and will be given opportunity to be heard."

A soil conservation district is a legal subdivision of the state but is not authorized to levy taxes or assessments. It is authorized by law to do everything that needs to be done to achieve "the prevention and control of soil erosion and the conservation of soil and soil resources."

New Storm To Bring Snow To Oregon

Portland, Ore., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—A new storm moving south from the Gulf of Alaska will produce more snow for Oregon and Washington tonight along with slight relief from an intense cold wave, the weather bureau reported today.

Intermittent snow was forecast for most of Oregon beginning tonight or early tomorrow morning.

Temperatures remained below 20 throughout most of the two states today, after hitting as low as 11 below zero at Spokane. The Mercury dropped to 12 degrees at the Portland airport at 6:30 a.m. today.

A slow rise in temperature throughout the day was expected—but the fact remained that the northwest was in the grip of another arctic cold wave.

Bend was the coldest recorded point in Oregon with four below. Burns reported two below, La Grande two above, Pendleton three above and The Dalles 11 above.

NLRB Bargaining Agent Election Here Thursday

Non-seasonal workers at Bear Creek orchards and Southern Oregon Sales, Inc., will vote tomorrow in an NLRB-supervised election that will determine whether Teamsters, Cannery and Fruit Packing workers, local 962-A, AFL, will be recognized as bargaining agents in the two plants.

Ballots will be cast in the courthouse auditorium from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Road Conditions

Greensprings and Siskiyou mountain passes were slick this morning, and motorists should carry chains, state police said. Chains were also advised over Sexton mountain on highway 99 north where six inches of new snow was reported.

The Redwood highway was icy and the coast highway was closed by a slide 13 miles south of Port Orford.

United Press said motorists should carry chains on Willamette and Santiam passes.

Mail Routes In Area Due For Reshuffling

An extensive changeover of rural mail routes to city "mounted" routes has been started at the Medford post office in a long-range program to improve mail service in fringe areas and to make designations of rural residences more definite.

Superintendent of Mails Otto DeJarnett said today the latest changeovers would go into effect February 16 or shortly after, depending on completion of house numbering and plotting by County Engineer Paul Rynning and his staff.

Areas Affected
Territories to be affected by the redesignations next month are: Jacksonville highway between Western avenue and Winema way, transferred from Star route to city mounted route; Buckshot Hill road and part of the Lone Pine road, rural route to city mounted route; Morrow road, renamed Biddle road, city mounted service; and Jacksonville-Phoenix highway between Kings highway and Griffin Creek road, to be mounted service; Crater Lake highway, as far north as the domiciliary center, will be changed from a star route to a rural route.

A city mounted service is delivery by automobile to the curb; a star route is connected mail delivery in areas between two post offices, and a rural route is one servicing mailboxes not necessarily adjacent to the owner's home and operates out of one central post office, DeJarnett explained.

To Use Street Numbers
After the changeover is accomplished, rural residences on the routes affected will be designated by street and house numbers rather than by route and box numbers.

As soon as the county engineer's staff has assigned house numbers, DeJarnett urged householders to put the new numbers on their mailboxes. Eventually, he said, every house in rural areas within the jurisdiction of the Medford post office will be numbered.

In effecting the changeover the engineer's office will re-name some roads in the area and give new names to formerly undesignated roads.

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CALLS ON PRESIDENT—Angus Ward (center), former Consul General in Mukden who was imprisoned by the Chinese Reds, confers with President Truman at the White House. He was accompanied by Secretary of State Dean Acheson (right).

Alger Hiss Receives Prison Term Of Five Years For Perjury

New York, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Alger Hiss, the bright young state department adviser to President Roosevelt at Yalta, was sentenced to five years in prison today for lying to a grand jury about his help to a communist spy ring.

The 45-year-old secretary-general of the United Nations charter meeting in San Francisco, protested his innocence to the last moment. Then he stood unflinching as Judge Henry W. Goddard ordered him to prison as a "warning to all that a crime of this character cannot be committed with impunity."

Judge Goddard sentenced Hiss to five years on each of two counts of perjury, but ordered the sentences to run concurrently.

Hiss was allowed to remain free on \$10,000 bond pending a ruling on his appeal from the conviction which was filed immediately with the court clerk.

Just before Goddard pronounced the sentence, Hiss requested the opportunity to make "a brief statement."

"I would like to thank your honor for the opportunity to deny the charge against me," he said. "I am confident in the future the full facts as to how Whittaker Chambers was able to carry out forgery by typewriter will be disclosed."

The lanky defendant then stood facing the judge to hear the sentence. He did not flinch as the judge pronounced sentence.

His attorney, Claude B. Cross, filed appeal papers immediately. Hiss received the maximum five year sentence on each of the counts. He also could have been fined \$2,000 on each count.

Goddard ruled that Hiss could remain free under \$10,000 bail, twice the amount he had been at liberty under since his indictment.

Cross made two motions immediately after the court opened—one for a new trial, and the second for arrest of judgment. Both were denied.

Physicians Testify In Anti-Trust Suit
Portland, Ore., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Three Oregon physicians testified here today that it was their own decision to stop accepting commercial hospital association tickets.

They are among the eight doctors, state and county medical societies, and the doctor-owned Oregon Physicians Service charged in a federal anti-trust suit with attempting to monopolize prepaid medical care in Oregon.

The three men testifying yesterday were Drs. Thomas E. Griffith and Paul R. Vogt, both of The Dalles, and Frank E. Fowler of Astoria.

Dr. Fowler said he accepted all association tickets before he entered the service, but began refusing them when he returned to civilian life on the advice of his partner-brother, Dr. Vernon E. Fowler.

Iron Lung Fails To Save Life Of Child
Grants Pass, Jan. 25.—A six-year-old girl died here at about 1:30 p.m. today after an operation for a brain tumor. The child was placed in an iron lung to assist her breathing during the last few hours of her life.

The lung, which was presented to the Jackson county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis only this week, was transported from Ashland to Grants Pass this morning, under city and state police escort. The first call for the lung came at 10:25 a.m. and it was sent to Grants Pass immediately, through the efforts of a local businessman.

The child had been unconscious since 2 p.m. yesterday, and had been kept alive with oxygen until the arrival of the lung.

WINTER CONTINUES
Winter weather will stay with the Rogue valley at least for a few days more, the weather bureau here indicated this morning. Snow flurries tonight, with more cloudiness tomorrow and snow turning to cold—possibly freezing—rain, was forecast.



BOULDER DERAILS TRAIN—The Southern Pacific freight train hit two boulders, the size of garages, when it was only person injured in the derailment of 21-car train that ripped up 300 feet of track. More than 1700 passengers were removed from stalled trains and transported around the break by bus.

89,000 Automobile Workers Quit In Welfare Dispute

Crews In Six States Idled By Walkout

Detroit, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Eighty-nine thousand automobile workers began a nationwide strike against Chrysler corporation today when around-the-clock negotiations stalled over pensions and welfare benefits.

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The strike call for 89,000 CIO auto workers in six states came when UAW President Walter Reuther stalked out of the smoke-filled bargaining room.

Picket Lines Form
Workers in Motor City plants walked out in droves. Picket lines formed quickly.

The strike choked off production of 6,000 cars a day by the nation's third largest automaker. "The arrogant and insufferable attitude of the Chrysler corporation has forced this strike upon its workers," Reuther declared. "The issues are simple, clear and sensible."

Picket lines formed with military precision. There was no violence, but hundreds of Detroit police stood at company gates.

Benefits Demand
Negotiators had met for 24 hours in continuous session to try to avert a strike. The UAW demanded a 10-cent welfare package for \$100 pensions and health and hospitalization benefits.

The company agreed to pay pensions, but refused to pay into a trust fund a set cents-per-hour sum. It wanted to pay retirement out of current assets.

Sound trucks roared strike orders to pickets. Soup kitchens went up quickly, and picket signs reading "Just 10 Cents" showed among the shuffling workers.

Strike Starts Early
The strike started 15 minutes before the 10 a.m. deadline set by Reuther. Workers in other states were ordered to join the walkout when the deadline came in their time zones.

State and federal mediation efforts failed. Noel Fox, chief Michigan mediator, said he would "let both sides cool off for two or three days" before attempting talks again.

Six Roads To Get Load Restrictions
Load limit restrictions are to be imposed on six additional county roads Friday, County Engineer Paul Rynning announced today. Restrictions to forestall damage by heavy trucks were placed on eight other roads in the county last Monday.

Roads affected by the latest order are: the entire length of the Sardine Creek road; the Sterling road from the Jacksonville-Ruch highway to Buncum; the entire lengths of Ulrich road, Lewis road, Galls Creek road and the Forest Creek road.

Limits The Same
Restrictions will be the same as those placed earlier on other roads—11,000 pounds maximum load on a single axle and 20,000 pounds on dual axles.

Weather conditions have not improved sufficiently to permit removing restrictions on any road yet, but Rynning has said the reduced limits will remain in force only so long as necessary to prevent costly damage to road beds.

New Minimum Wage Law Now In Effect
Washington, Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Some 1,500,000 workers got a raise today—by order of the government.

No one stood to get much richer from the boosts, which averaged between 5 and 15 cents an hour. In all, the raises will cost employers an extra \$300,000,000 a year.

The wage increase stemmed from a recently-enacted law revising the legal minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour. In terms of the 40-hour week, that's an increase from \$16 to \$30.

The law signed last October by President Truman, goes into effect today.

Killer Of Wife Uses Daughter, 3, As Shield
Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—A 38-year-old stone mason who used his three-year-old daughter as a shield when officers attempted to arrest him was held for investigation of murder today in the slaying of his ex-wife, Mrs. Claudia Marie Keller, 27.

Sheriff's deputies said Ernest Zips, divorced by Mrs. Keller two months ago, shot and killed the woman while three of their children watched with horror. A fourth child, Albert Ray, 10, was at school when the shooting occurred.

Mrs. Keller died in her front yard after Zips shot her. He claimed she refused to allow him to see the children.

GEORGE ESTEP DIES
Portland, Ore., Jan. 25.—(U.P.)—Neighbors dragged two persons to safety late last night when fire gutted an apartment in a two-story flat in southeast Portland.

Ralph Fulkerson, about 45, was taken to Providence hospital with severe burns on his back, hands and feet. Mrs. Molly McEndrick, also about 45, was treated at the hospital for less severe burns.

Both were pulled from the flaming apartment by C. W. Bergeen and Ben Guile, neighbors. Firemen banished the fire on smother's carelessness.

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