

TRUMAN STEPS INTO COAL STRIKE

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Editor Says Reason To Believe Russia Made Three H-Bombs

London, Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—Kenneth De Courcy, editor of the Intelligence Digest, said in the current edition today that there was reason to believe the Russians had made three hydrogen bombs and exploded one of them.

De Courcy gave no source for his report. He claims to get information from a listening post equipped with "advance methods of detection." The Intelligence Digest is a monthly publication described as an information service.

The Digest said De Courcy cited his latest report from the Hotel Mamounia in Marrakesh, Morocco.

Must Fight Back, Mme. Chiang Tells Nationalist Troops

Taipei, Formosa, Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—Madame Chiang Kai-shek went back to the front lines today, within sight and sound of communist guns, and told the troops "you can and must endure."

"We must fight back to the mainland," she said.

Dressed in black, True to her promise to return to the troops who are keeping Nationalist hopes alive, she flew to Kingmen island in the Strait of Formosa.

Dressed in black slacks, a black wool sweater, a black jacket and low-heeled shoes, she braved the barbed wire to inspect the scene of a recent Nationalist victory. To the survivors of that battle she said:

"We must not live for ourselves but for future generations."

Ack-Ack Fire Seen

Correspondents who accompanied Madame Chiang in a second plane saw bursts of ack-ack fire below and to the right of the plane as it circled toward the communist-held South China mainland on the trip home.

Climbing aboard a chauffeur-driven jeep after the hour-long plane ride to Kingmen island from Formosa, Madame Chiang sped 50 miles over dusty winding roads to lend encouragement to the troops who momentarily await a communist assault from the mainland across the strait.

Columbia Developing Plan Under Attack

Seattle, Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—The army engineers-bureau of reclamation coordinated plan for developing the Columbia basin was attacked as an "illegitimate Columbia valley authority" by the leaders of three Washington state farm and labor organizations.

The charges were made in a letter to President Truman, who approved a modified version of the plan Friday. It was signed by E. M. Weston, president of the State Federation of Labor, Henry P. Carstensen, master of the State Grange, and Roy W. Atkinson, regional director of the CIO.

"We do not believe that this joint plan, however modified, is anything more than a start in the right direction," the officials said. "We are not going to take any substitute for the CVA."

The three men charged that the reclamation-engineers plan did not contain provisions for an integrated flood control system, forest and soil management or fish propagation.

Republicans Will Unveil Platform

Washington, Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—Republicans held three closed meetings today to approve a new 2,000-word party platform which they hope will be "constructive and critical" enough to win the 1950 congressional elections.

They expect to unveil this "re-statement of policy" late today just in time to whip up enthusiasm among some 10,000 party stalwarts who will jam Uline arena for a \$1-a-box Lincoln day fried chicken supper which will kick off the GOP campaign.

The platform—a phrase the republicans avoid using—will be a two-part statement of policy on domestic and foreign affairs.

On the former, some sources said, the party will vigorously oppose what republicans call the "Truman welfare state."

On foreign affairs, the party is expected to strike off boldly against any continuance of the present bi-partisan policy on grounds it does not represent the GOP's real thinking on world affairs.

Corvallis, Ore., Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—The Eastern Oregon Grange lecturers' school scheduled today and tomorrow at La Grande has been postponed until February 27 and 28, the Oregon State college extension service office announced.



'I DIDN'T DO IT'—Answering an accident call, Chicago Patrolman Claude Connelly found a 400-pound bear chained inside the rear of a pane truck wrecked on a safety island. What to do with the bear stumped Connelly so he wrote out a ticket. The bear, who seems to be saying "I didn't do it," as Connelly writes up the citation, refused to leave the truck. The truck's driver, believed to be only slightly injured, could not be found.

Sermons Devoted To Bergman Criticism

By United Press

Numerous ministers throughout the country devoted their Sunday sermons to strong criticism of Ingrid Bergman and her lover, Roberto Rossellini.

At Los Angeles, the Rev. George Davidson of St. John's Episcopal church said "... the actions of Ingrid Bergman are a stench in the nostrils of decent people, and it is a disgrace to the finer sensibilities of womanhood."

Defiance of Ideals

"Her actions are in defiance of Christian ideals of marriage and the sanctity of the home," Davidson said.

Movie stars attending the Hollywood Presbyterian church, heard Dr. Louis B. Evans warn: "The ten commandments apply to all Christians no matter what their professions may be."

The Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's Episcopal of Philadelphia, said Miss Bergman and another actress "leave behind them in dirt, mud, immorality and gossip of their unconventional and immoral behavior."

He said theatres which show their pictures "should be boycotted out of existence."

Eugene Amusement Tax Challenged

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—Circuit Judge G. F. Skipworth has taken under advisement a case challenging Eugene's three per cent amusement tax.

The tax was voted two years ago. Plaintiff theatre companies asserted that it was discriminatory in that it placed a burden on one business responsible for only a fraction of the total output of all Eugene business.

City Attorney John Pennington argued for the defense that the tax was authorized by the city charter, and that it was not discriminatory because it was levied on all businesses in one class.

TO ISSUE LICENSES

Dean Coe, county dog control officer, said today that he will be at Gail's market at Gold Hill all day Wednesday to issue dog licenses.

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—More than 200 men have been thrown out of work by a shutdown of the Pope & Talbot sawmill and logging operations.

Brilliant Young Princeton Professor Loses In Game of Russian Roulette

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—Dr. Allison W. Bunkley, an assistant professor at Princeton university, observed his 25th birthday by lecturing on the deadly gun gambling game of Russian roulette.

His lecture, to a group of six friends gathered in his apartment Saturday night, was the most convincing of his short professional career on the Princeton campus. It lasted less than one hour and ended with Bunkley dead with a bullet in his brains.

Brilliant Scholar

Campus associates of the young expert on Latin American affairs knew him as a brilliant scholar who had "done an astonishing amount of work" for his age.

Friends who witnessed the tragedy described Bunkley as an impulsive young man who refused to heed their protests not to gamble away his life with a 32 caliber revolver he had purchased in fear of Argentinian assassins.

They said Bunkley, son of Rear Adm. Joel W. Bunkley, retired, and grandson of the late U. S. Sen. John Sharpe Williams of Mississippi, obtained a permit for the weapon because he feared reprisals from articles he had written about the government of Argentine President Juan D. Peron.

Produces Revolver

Bunkley, who was graduated from Princeton in 1944 with highest honors, invited his friends to his apartment "for a drink" after attending a basketball game with three undergraduates, an alumnus and a graduate student.

After a few drinks, he produced his revolver and began demonstrating the game, which is played by placing a single bullet in one of the six chambers of the weapon, twirling the cylinder and pulling the trigger with the muzzle pressed to the head, his friends told police.

Bunkley tried it once. The gun clicked. He had won. Laughing, he tried it again. The gun clicked on an empty chamber a second time. He kept spinning and clicking. Friends Pleaded

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cooler with showers tonight and Tuesday.

Temp. Highest Yesterday 39 Lowest this Morning 33 Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today 20

Rising Mercury Thaws Northwest; Showers Promised

Highway Conditions Generally Improved

By United Press

Slush and water today took the place of packed ice and snow in the Pacific northwest states.

The thawing, which began during the week-end, spread gradually to all sections of Oregon and Washington as a minor but warm storm moved along the British Columbia coast and brought the promise of showers to most interior points in the area.

Continued Thawing

The weather bureau forecast continued thawing through Tuesday, but at a rate that should prevent serious flooding.

Pendleton, Ore., remained a cold spot with a recording of 7 degrees above zero, but across the northwest temperatures pushed steadily above freezing, including many coastal readings in the 50s. Roseburg, Ore., recorded a 61 and Medford 59.

Among major cities, Portland's temperature moved down only to a 32 Monday morning and began a fast rise under sunny skies. Seattle registered a low of 30 and a high of 43.

Rainfall was heavy for coastal points. Newport, Ore., had 1.20 inches during a 24-hour period. Highway conditions generally improved during the week-end, but chains were still required in mountain passes. The Oregon state highway department hoped to have the Columbia River highway reopened this afternoon at Shell rock, 10 miles east of Cascade Locks, and Delano Grayson, members of the Browning, Mont., high school basketball team.

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Families Escape

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The first boy arrived at 10:17 a. m. He weighed 4 pounds 11 ounces. The girl was born at 10:26 a. m. and weighed 4 pounds 9 ounces. The second boy arrived at 10:50 a. m. and weighed 5 pounds.

The mother is 19. The Ashcrafts have another daughter, Sandra Lee, 17 months. The attending physician, Dr. said it was the first set of triplets he had delivered in 22 years.

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The water started cascading through the elevator and stair shafts, spreading out slightly on each floor except the basement when firemen arrived. They rigged canvas on the roof and plugged the leak, then mopped up floor by floor, holding damage to a minimum, although some bales of hops got wet.

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EMERGENCY PROVISION OF T-H LAW USED IN ACTION BY PRESIDENT



John L. Lewis His Miners 'Slugged'

12 Charred Steps All That Remains Of Montana Hotel

Eureka, Mont., Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—A flight of 12 charred steps was all that remained today of the Montana hotel, destroyed yesterday by a flash fire that claimed four and possibly five lives.

Four bodies were recovered from the ruins of the two-story frame building. A search was under way for the fifth, William Peterson, a Great Northern railway worker, Coroner Roy Livengood said there was "no chance" he survived.

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Washington, Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—President Truman invoked the national emergency provision of the Taft-Hartley law today in the first legal step to halt a strike of some 400,000 soft coal miners.

Declaring that continuance of the strike "will imperil the national health and safety," Mr. Truman established a three-man board of inquiry. He directed the board to report back to him by next Monday. The board will merely ascertain the facts and issues in the case.

After the board reports, Mr. Truman may direct the attorney general to go into federal court and seek an order to put the striking miners back to work for at least 80 days.

Lewis Warns Miners May Not Go Back If 'Slugged' By Labor Law

John L. Lewis warned the president Saturday that the miners might not go back if he "slugged them with what he called the 'blackjack' of the Taft-Hartley law. But the last time Lewis defied a Taft-Hartley injunction—in 1948—it cost him and his union \$1,720,000 in fines.

This was the first time that Mr. Truman has used the Taft-Hartley law since August, 1948, and the third time he has invoked it in a coal dispute.

Mr. Truman had been reluctant to invoke the Taft-Hartley law, which he dislikes and which he sought in vain to have repealed last year.

No Alternative

But he was left no alternative after Lewis last Saturday shut the door on the last chance to solve the dispute by voluntary action—a 70-day truce proposal by the president.

Even so, the president deferred action during the week-end in the hope that the miners would work today. Instead, the miners started a full-fledged strike, with almost 300,000 diggers joining 100,000 others who had walked out during the past two weeks—even refusing to work a three-day week.

Lewis did not issue a formal strike order. But the miners took his rejection of the truce proposal as a signal for a full-scale strike.

Truce Rejected

Lewis rejected the truce two days after northern and western coal operators walked out on renewed negotiations. The operators then accepted Mr. Truman's truce plan, but Lewis' refusal to go along with it foreclosed any chance of a truce.

A spokesman for Lewis said the mine workers' chief had "no comment" on Mr. Truman's action today.

Mr. Truman was forced to act because the nation's soft coal supply has dwindled below the danger point—down to a 15-day supply. Government officials feared that many industries will be forced to shut down or curtail operations unless full coal production is restored soon.

After the board reports on Monday Mr. Truman then could direct the attorney general to go into federal court and seek an order aimed at putting the 400,000 soft coal miners back into full, five-days-a-week production for about 80 days.

Safety Imperiled

The chief executive's order said that the dispute has resulted in a strike affecting a substantial part of the bituminous industry. The president said that if the strike continues, national health and safety will be imperiled.

So he put to work the labor law which he has consistently denounced and the repeal of which was one of the top planks of the 1948 democratic platform.

David L. Cole, Paterson, N. J., attorney, was named as chairman of the board. The other two members named are, William W. Wirtz of Northwestern university and John Dunlop, Harvard university professor.

Mickey Cohen's Home Shattered By Blast

Los Angeles, Feb. 6.—(U.P.)—Mobster Mickey Cohen's bedroom was shattered today by an explosion but the dapper gambler escaped injury in the latest attempt on his life because he was in his wife's bedroom.

In July he also survived an ambush shooting in which one of his associates was killed, and last August 2, dynamite was exploded near his home but little damage was done.

Just a few minutes before the explosion, Cohen was awakened when his elaborate electronic warning system set up a racket. He turned on the lights, could find nothing and returned to his wife's bed a few minutes before the dynamite let go.

Forgot About It

Katherine Jones, the Cohen's maid, helped Cohen look for possible intruders, but she also returned to bed. "We forgot all about it"—but only for a minute or two.

When police arrived, Cohen's wife, LaVonne, was making coffee. She was dressed in a nylon nightie, blue dressing gown and fluffy slippers, while Cohen had on monogrammed pajamas and a robe.

Cohen, due in court again today as he is on trial in an assault case, hastily laid newspapers over the living room floor to protect it from police and newspapermen who tracked in from the dismal rain.

He politely asked anyone visiting other rooms of the house to first remove their shoes. They did.

Firemen To Meet

Medford volunteer firemen, and those interested in becoming volunteers, will meet at the Medford fire hall, at the corner of Front and Third streets, at 7:30 p. m. today. Acting Fire Chief Leo Weidner called the meeting to discuss organization and training for volunteer department members.