



COAL PARLEYS END—David Cole (left), chairman of the Presidential fact-finding board in the coal dispute, and United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis (right) talk with Washington reporters after negotiations between the U. M. W. and the soft coal operators collapsed. End of the hearings paves the way for President Truman to seek a court order sending 400,000 striking miners back to work. Cole said, however, that he expects talks to resume.

Ghost Of Future Germany Hovers Over America-Russia Atomic Race

London, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—The ghost of a future Germany, reunited and powerful, hovered today over the atomic race between the United States and Russia.

For if the German scientists now working for the Americans and Soviets could go back home and pool their knowledge, Germany probably would lead the world in atomic weapons.

Possibility Disturbing
It could happen. The possibility is disturbing British atomic scientists. They believe Germany will be reunited someday, and that pressure will be exerted to permit the researchers to return to their homeland from the United States and Russia.

Informally the Britons are wondering what safeguards are being prepared against any such pooling of information from the east and from the west.

For some time now the British scientists have taken pains to point out that while Russia struggles for knowledge of American experiments and the west wonders what goes on behind the Urals, one group knows almost precisely what both sides are doing—the defeated Germans.

Scientists Grabbed
The United States and Russia grabbed German scientists almost before the shooting stopped, and hurried them into research on atomic energy and secret weapons. Some of them held positions of vital importance, and probably some have knowledge of development beyond their own particular spheres.

The ability of a scientist to assemble material outside his own compartment was emphasized last week in the confession of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, German-born physicist whose espionage for Russia may have helped the So-

viets cut years from the time it would have taken them to produce an atom bomb.

"Bearing in mind the technical aptitude of the Germans, the piecing together of what they each have learned into a dangerous whole is not inconceivable," said a British source. Like most scientists in the jittery aftermath of the Fuchs case, he would not permit the use of his name.

Would Be Surprised
"I shall be very much surprised if the German scientists are using ever are permitted to go home—that is, without tremendous safeguards," he said.

"I suppose that Russia is equally alive to this problem and presumably has its own methods of insuring that the western world does not learn of any advances it may have made."

Thus the east and the west some day may face the problem of whether the German scientists will be given the choice of citizenship or becoming virtual hostages, in fact if not in name.

J'ville Schools Aid Polio Fund

Jacksonville, Feb. 15—Support of the March of Dimes drive by Jacksonville schools was outstanding this year. The elementary school conducted a contest between rooms. Three rooms went through the top of their thermometers marked \$10.50. The final count gives \$77.23 to the March of Dimes campaign.

In the high school chocolate candy, offered as a prize by the Jacksonville Lions club, cleared \$17.40. In addition the sophomore class gave 25 per cent of its profits from the hot dog and pop sale at the donkey basketball game. This amounted to \$6. An additional \$17.83 was raised by selling programs.

As a result of these various efforts a total of \$118.46 was contributed to the local drive.

The shared enterprise of a high school league basketball game held on the same night with the donkey basketball game resulted in a further contribution of \$62. All profits were given to the March of Dimes.

BODY REMOVED

Anchorage, Alaska, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Rescue crews early today removed the body of an F-80 jet fighter pilot from the wreckage of his plane 50 miles southwest of a gunnery range near here. His craft had collided with a second F-80 over the range yesterday.

Manila, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Mrs. Rosario Acuna Picazo, 80, mother of late President Manuel Roxas, died yesterday of a heart attack at her home in Quezon City.

Revenue Pooling Of Columbia River Projects Favored

Washington, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—The reclamation bureau said today that both army engineer and bureau power projects in the northwest should participate in the proposed basin account for Columbia river development.

The account would pool revenues from all projects proposed for construction under the \$2,500,000,000 basin program. Such pooling would permit financially weak projects to be helped by fiscally sturdier ones.

Joint Use Endorsed

J. W. Dixon, bureau spokesman, said during senate interior committee hearings on the program that the bureau and the army engineers endorsed their joint use of the basin account. Projects could be included in it only by specific authorization of congress.

A spokesman for the budget bureau—Assistant Director Roger Jones—said his bureau recommended that both agencies be permitted to pay irrigation subsidies from power interest revenues to whatever extent reclamation law now permits such procedure.

Sen. Guy Cordon, (R., Ore.), had questioned that the intent of the budget bureau was to make such a recommendation. Jones confirmed that it was.

The committee received a letter from Washington's Gov. A. B. Langlie urging favorable action on the basin program. Pending congressional action on the policy of using power interest revenues for irrigation subsidies, Langlie said he favored such use.

Elizabeth Taylor 'Going Steady' Again

Hollywood, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—Elizabeth Taylor, 18-year-old movie glamour girl, said today she's "going steady" with the handsome son of hotel magnate Conrad Hilton.

But she denied Valentine's day rumors that she and Nick Hilton are engaged or have set their wedding date.

"They are going steady with our full approval," Mrs. Francis Taylor said. "If and when there is an engagement, we, her parents, will announce it."

Sending Of Skunk Amuses Columnist

Hollywood, Feb. 15—(U.P.)—A movie gossip columnist said today it was "very amusing" if Joan Bennett to send her a skunk as a valentine.

The glamorous star mailed the skunk yesterday and said it was "as good a time as any to answer back."

"For years I've been the victim of her nasty remarks," she said.

Miss Bennett also took \$800 worth of heart-shaped ads in two movie trade papers to hint the columnist is a "frustrated and jobless actress."

"I didn't know she had that much money," the columnist trilled.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Feb. 15 (U.P.)—An unidentified plane was reported to have crashed in flames into the Baltic sea nine miles off the south Danish port of Nysted today.

Schoolground Landscaping Study Set By District No. 49 Board Committee

A study of landscaping problems for Medford schools will be undertaken by a committee working in cooperation with Medford Parent-Teacher groups and others interested. It was decided at a meeting of the school board of District 49 here last night.

Board Members Otto Frohnmayer and Mrs. Stephan G. Nye were named to a committee to consider an overall plan for schoolground planning and beautification, and they will ask the advice and assistance of the PTA in making the survey, and preparing suggestions. The project arose out of a proposal made at the meeting that cottonwood trees at the Roosevelt school be trimmed for the sake of attractiveness and safety.

Policy Change Asked

De Vere Taylor, president of the Medford City Teachers' association, and Kenneth Hulbert, principal of Washington school, and chairman of the association's economic security committee, asked the board that the present cost of living allowance being paid Medford teachers be incorporated as a part of the regular salary schedule. The teachers point out that this action would be a policy matter only, and would not involve the expenditure of funds in excess of those already budgeted.

The board took the matter under consideration, and Superintendent E. H. Hedrick will consult with other school officials of the state to see what action has been taken elsewhere.

Payment of bills totaling \$64,184.06 was authorized by the board. A considerable portion of the total was payment to contractors for work done in the recent remodeling projects on all schools except the junior high

school. The bulk of the district's contract obligations have been paid, Hedrick pointed out.

To Install Gutters

Lindley street between Queen Anne avenue and Main street will have curbs and gutters as soon as city crews can do the work. Hedrick told the board. Adjacent property owners have signified they would cooperate with the school district in financing the project.

Elliott Becken, assistant superintendent, said that nearly 200 persons are taking advantage of the adult evening classes now being offered by the city. He said the community has received the classes "very well."

Operation of school gymnasiums on Saturday is proving highly successful, and continued supervised play on Saturdays may be continued in the spring months, board members indicated. A study will be made to determine whether elementary school athletic instructors are receiving compensation to which they are entitled for supervising after-school and Saturday playground usage.

The board voted to request a written opinion from the attorney general on whether the district can legally pay a portion of the cost of a hospitalization plan for teachers. If his opinion is favorable the board will then decide what action should be taken, and if the opinion is unfavorable, the matter may be brought before the 1951 legislature by teacher groups.

Hedrick was given authority to set the time for Easter vacation to coincide with the wishes of a majority of the city's teachers, many of whom will attend a state convention of the Oregon Education association that week-end.

Wet, Cold, Snowy Weather Recorded During January

January, 1950, was the third wettest, the fourth coldest and had the second deepest snowfall of any month on record since the winter of 1911-12, the Medford weather bureau reported today.

In its monthly summary of weather in Medford and vicinity, the bureau said an adequate snow cover prevented freezing injury to winter grains and pastures, and there was no apparent damage to fruit trees. Tree pruning was delayed, however, and logging and lumbering were practically at a standstill. Heavy yard-feeding of stock nearly depleted hay supplies.

Temperatures Low
The coldest day of the month was the 31st when the mercury dropped to one degree above zero. The warmest day was the

21st when it was 52. Altogether there were 26 days during which the minimum daily temperature dropped below freezing, making an average temperature for the month of 33 degrees. Water content of precipitation during January was 5.96 inches—nearly three and a half inches above normal. Total snowfall amounted to just over 20 inches with more than five inches falling on the 16th. The five inches that lay on the valley floor the 16th and 17th was the greatest depth on the ground at any one time during the month.

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