

HOPE DIM FOR TRAPPED MINERS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE foreign ministers conference in Moscow is over, and Byrnes (U. S.) and Bevin (British) are heading home.

The "communiqué" (cut and dried report) which will give to the public the news of the diplomatic situation, it is safe to say, will be delayed. It is expected this morning will be made public some time tonight (Pacific Coast time.)

It will be issued simultaneously in Washington, Moscow and London.

BEFORE leaving for home, Byrnes talks a little in Moscow. He says an agreement was reached on the handling of the atomic question, and adds that there were no "SECRET" deals. ("When you read the atomic agreement," he tells the correspondents, "you will know that no phase, other than that set forth, was discussed.")

He stresses the CORDIAL relations that prevailed among the ministers at the conference and "diplomatic observers" volunteer to the reporters that "relations of the Big Three were strengthened considerably by the discussions and are now better than at any time since the war."

A LOT of emphasis has been placed on this business of cordial relations at Moscow. So MUCH so that we are warranted in concluding that BEFORE the conference relations were pretty bad.

That calls for a little realistic analysis. There were NO basic differences between the Americans and the British, who in general had been standing together against what they seemed to consider the encroachments of Russia. So it may be (logically) assumed that the CONFLICTS that wrecked the often-mentioned London conference were between us and the British, on one side, and the Russians on the other.

We are therefore warranted in guessing that as a result of whatever happened at the Moscow conference the Russians were mollified and agreed to cooperate.

Hence (still guessing) the much-press-agented "cordiality" in the Sperandika palace.

THERE is a hint in the news this morning that mustn't be wholly overlooked. A Soviet commentator writes in one of the Russian publications (which say ONLY what the Russian government WANTS) said:

"The conference has inflicted a blow on those INTERLUERS who after the failure of the London conference of the council of ministers were ready to consider that the great powers had passed the stage of collaboration."

As nearly as we outsiders can get at what happened in London, the conference held there last fall failed because we and the British were unwilling to concede anywhere near as much as the Russians demanded. So the meeting broke up in a near row.

The trace of smugness in the Russian writer's comment leads us to suspect that the Moscow conference may have been as cordial as an old home week (as everyone on the inside obviously wants us to believe) because Russia got practically everything she wanted.

THERE are various kinds of "cordiality," you know. The celebrated "smile on the face of the tiger" was a cordial smile. So is the look on the countenance of the cat that has eaten the canary.

WHAT is written here sounds cynical. It isn't intended to be quite so bitterly cynical as it sounds. The long record of history merely teaches us that diplomacy is seldom so frank and open that the agreed-upon-in-conference reports of diplomats to the public may be relied upon as meaning exactly what they SEEM to mean.

This writer's advice is to read the Moscow "communiqué" carefully (when it finally appears in print) but to keep your fingers crossed.

The full truth must be deduced out of what happens later, rather than out of the words of the Moscow communiqué.

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Threats Of Two Strikes Loom Large

CIO Says Walkout Of Electrical Men Inevitable

By The Associated Press
Threats of two huge strikes which, if 100 per cent effective, would involve about 500,000 electrical and telephone company employees, darkened the nation's labor picture today.

A walkout of 200,000 CIO workers in plants of the electrical industry's "big three" was termed "inevitable" by union leaders in New York and may be called late next week.

A nation-wide stoppage by telephone employees was seen by independent union spokesmen as the possible aftermath of a strike scheduled next week by Western Electric company workers in the New York-New Jersey area.

Ready To Act
The government was ready to act to prevent the strike of electrical workers at Westinghouse, General Electric and General Motors, but time appeared running short.

The executive board of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers was to meet in New York on January 5 to go ahead with plans for a strike, which the union membership authorized on December 13 in support of demands for a \$2 a day wage rate increase.

On January 2 Westinghouse and General Electric have been invited to a meeting with federal conciliators, but Edgar L. Warren, conciliation director, said after a meeting with CIO-UE union leaders yesterday that "I'm afraid it's a serious situation." The union said negotiations with General Electric and Westinghouse failed, but are continuing with General Motors.

A walkout at all three companies, which Warren said would be "a serious aggravation" of national industrial problems, would affect 76 plants in 22 states, with 100,000 employees at General Electric, 75,000 at Westinghouse and 25,000 at General Motors.

Monday Regular Business Day
Paul Skeen, president of the Klamath Merchants association, said today that Monday will be a regular business day so far as the association is concerned.

Some stores may close to begin inventory or for other reasons, he added, but this will be an individual decision and not part of a general policy of the association.

Tuesday will be observed as a holiday.

Little Dutch Girl Forgets Horror Of War After Adoption By Klamath Family

A little Dutch girl, 13-year-old Antje Christina Doornveld, is forgetting the horror of war and gestapo treatment because she has been adopted by Patricia Hunt and family of 526 N. 8th through the Foster Parents' Plan for War Children.

Antje was born in the city of Amsterdam, Holland, and is one of a family of five children. All, with their parents, remained in their native city through the terrible enemy bombardment, siege and occupation. They know everything there is to know about the war, but Antje is going to forget it soon because American kindness will see to that.

This is the story of Antje, one of 30,000 children of all nationalities who have been helped by the Foster Parents' Plan since its inception eight years ago.

Stalled Yanks Join In Entertainment On Pier



While Bobby Willingham (Miss Illinois) of Louisville, Ky., struts across stage, other GI's await turn in "shapely leg" contest staged by San Francisco entertainers on pier for soldiers unable to get home for Christmas. Seated (left to right), Bob Dixon, Phillipsburg, Pa.; Seymour Furman, New York City; Capt. James D. Patton, Dallas, Tex.; Dave Sparks, Lebanon, O., and Lt. Paul Lanni, Manchester, N. H., (behind master of ceremonies). (AP wirephoto).

Search Pressed In Germany For Slayers Of Two Yank Soldiers On Christmas Eve

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (AP)—American military authorities and German civilian police pressed a house-to-house search in the Tempel-Hof airbase district today for the persons responsible for the Christmas Eve slaying of two American soldiers.

Reports of the shooting were confirmed officially yesterday by U. S. army authorities, who said the two men had been shot through the head with a .38 caliber gun. Police said they were unable to discover a motive for the shootings—the first to take the life of an American soldier since the occupation of Berlin.

The victims were Sgt. Ernest L. Bauer of Warsaw, N. Y., and Sgt. Stanley C. Cranston of Warren, R. I.

Ingrid Gross, 19, German girl, told American authorities she and one of the soldiers were walking down the street after visiting a cafe when they heard a shot and saw a flash close by.

She said they thought boys were shooting firecrackers, when two uniformed men she recognized as Russians approached. One of the men, the girl declared, stayed on the darkened sidewalk and the other met them in the street and asked in broken English, "are you an American?"

She said the American said "Yes," and his assailant then drew a gun and fired at him twice.

The body of the other American was found in the street about 50 yards away. He was previously seen by friends outside a theatre early that morning and later with a girl who has not yet been found.

Investigation also is being made of the shooting of Fritz Herberholz, 29, German theatre actor, last night in the Anhalter station area.

Margot Moos, actress, told police she was saying goodnight to Herberholz when they heard drunken voices and ran toward the front door of her apartment. The actress said she heard shots and Herberholz collapsed.

Although many Japanese have privately expressed belief the election should be postponed, the reported communist proposal is the first advanced by a political organization. Government officials contend, however, that a speedy election is necessary to permit prompt convening of "a more representative diet" for consideration of a budget and other matters.

Meanwhile, Premier Kijuro Shidehara said the Japanese government would take drastic action against any government official found meddling with the balloting.

lakeview man to visit capital
O. C. Gibbs, Lakeview, member of the Lake county selective service boards, won the drawing in Salem today to determine the representative of Oregon draft boards who will appear at ceremonies, expenses paid, at the White House January 21.

Mrs. Earl Snell, who drew the name, also drew three alternates including Alfred D. Collier, Klamath Falls lumberman, Klamath county board No. 1. At the White House ceremonies honoring the nation's draft board members will be one representative from each state.

Civilian Use Of KF Airport OK'd
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The navy has issued an interim permit to Klamath Falls, Ore., to permit civilian use of the navy airport there, Rep. Stockman (R-Ore.) said yesterday.

He said permission would be good until the surplus property commission determines final disposal of the field.

Local aviation men received word today that a copy of an agreement between the navy and the city has been forwarded to Mayor Ostendorf from Washington. If acceptable to the city, it is presumed civilian use of the field will be promptly instituted.

Arriving In United States
By Associated Press
Clarence O. Maxwell, PFC., Klamath Falls, arrived on Enbridge due in New York December 23.

Edgar H. Lumpkin, PFC., Klamath Falls, arrived on General McRae due in New York from Karachi December 23.

Dolmar N. Anning, Cpl., Klamath Falls, arrived on General McRae due in New York from Karachi December 23.

Gerald L. Murray, Maj., Klamath Falls, arriving on General Mann due in Tacoma December 27.

Queenie Keeps Fruitless Vigil
DENVER, Dec. 27 (AP)—For two and a half years Queenie, a sad-eyed cross between a Great Dane and a brindle bulldog, has been waiting in the Union station for someone—presumably a GI—who has never returned.

She is fed by baggage handlers and other station employees, but she has persistently refused to be adopted.

30-50 Men Caught; 13 Fires Quenched

PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 27 (AP)—At least 13 fires have been spotted and put out by rescue workers attempting to reach from 30 to 50 men entombed by a coal mine explosion more than 24 hours ago but hopes that the men would be found alive grew dimmer.

A. D. Slak, director of rescue operations outside the No. 1 mine of the Kentucky Straight Creek Coal company, said no more fires had been sighted but it was not known whether any were farther back in the tunnel. The workers had penetrated approximately one and a half miles back and were about 3000 feet from the entombed men.

The number of trapped men still was not definitely known today. Estimates of officials ranged as high as 50 but others believed the figure would not exceed 30.

Last hopes of reaching the men alive grew dimmer as 24 hours passed since the explosion which, although not felt or heard above ground, turned the mine's timbers and walls into a jungle of wreckage.

A company spokesman said there was no indication how much longer it might take to reach the scene of the blast, believed to be near the end of the two to two and one-half mile long tunnel. Some mine men said today, but others said it was doubtful that the area could be reached short of two or three more days.

None of those close to the scene held out hopes that any of the men would be reached alive. The general consensus of experts was that most of the miners could have been killed by the actual explosion or later by carbon monoxide.

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They were forwarded to the chief engineer in Denver, Colo., for his consideration and award of contract.

Lower of the six bids received was made by Clifford A. Dunn and the Slate Construction company, Klamath Falls, for \$145,558.

Other bids were received from Kuckenberg Construction company, Portland for \$163,875; Marshall and Haas, San Mateo, Calif., \$174,269; George R. Stacy, Klamath Falls, \$182,262.30; Morrison, Knudsen company incorporated, Los Angeles, Calif., \$186,186.90; Fred J. Maurer, Eureka, Calif., \$307,839.

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It was also a boy, their fifth, for Mr. and Mrs. George Eldman, route 3 box 1008, at Hillside hospital on Christmas Day. The young man, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces, had not been named hospital authorities said. The father is an employe of Klamath Brick and Tile company.

Big Three Agrees On Jap Control

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes said in Moscow today that the Big Three foreign ministers had agreed on the handling of the atomic question, and a reliable informant in London said the foreign ministers also approved four-power rule for Japan.

The London source said the foreign ministers of the United States, Russia and Great Britain had agreed also to a five-year trusteeship of Korea, suggesting that independence would come to that Asiatic peninsula after 1950.

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Reds Make Truce Offer To Chiang

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (AP)—Chinese communists announced that they presented a formal written proposal to the government today for an unconditional truce on all fronts of China's undeclared civil war.

The proposal, they said, was delivered at a two-hour meeting with three government representatives. The meeting, the first formal session between the two sides since November 17, took place at the headquarters of the national military council in downtown Chungking.

Communists said that their proposal was first, an unconditional "cease fire" order by each side; second, settling peacefully of all problems relating to "the civil war"; and third, sending of inter-party and non-partisan groups to the various fronts to observe the situation.

Deliver Proposal
Government representatives at today's session promised to deliver the truce proposal to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for consideration, the communists said.

Preliminary arrangements for the January meeting of China's political consultative council—the inter-party, non-partisan conference which will strive to end civil war—were discussed. Date of the political consultative council session was not set, but several Chinese newspapers have predicted that it would not meet before January 10.

Legion Blasts Draft Action
DENVER, Dec. 27 (AP)—Three Denver youths who for more than three years were prisoners of Japs in Philippine internment camps have been called up for military induction by Denver draft boards, an American Legion official said.

Harold R. Dolan, commander of the Leyden-Pines-Wickersham post of the Legion, added that telegrams protesting such action were sent today by the post to Senators Johnson (D-Colo.) and Millikin (R-Colo.) and to Rep. Dean Glespie (R-Colo.).

Dolan said neither the youths nor their families had protested the draft board action.

The three youths were identified by Dolan as Roger D. Schade, sophomore at Denver university; Henry B. Parfet Jr., 20, freshman engineering student at Colorado School of Mines; and Benjamin Goodier, 21, freshman at Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston.

E. Sanford Gregory, Denver businessman and former colonel in the army service of supply who initiated the Legion action said:

"I was in Manila and saw those boys, their parents, relatives and friends, come out of Santa Tomas prison. I saw how weak and undernourished they were—skin and bones, most of them. Because of the fact that they had suffered at the hands of the enemy and had actually been under fire, the army over there issued them Asiatic ribbons and Philippine liberation ribbons—the same worn by those of us in uniform."

Strike Ends At Goose Lake Box
Hugh Haddock, AFL agent, said today that the union had signed an agreement with the Goose Lake Box company of Lakeview for a 15 cents an hour wage increase across the board. Operations will probably be resumed January 3, breaking the strike there of three months' duration.

Haddock said this is the sixth operation signed for this wage increase in working toward the end of the general AFL lumber strike.

WEATHER
December 27, 1945
Max. (Dec. 26) 39 Min. 27
Precipitation last 24 hours 4.0
Stream year to date 5.93
Normal 4.28 Last year 3.98
Forecast: Rain tonight and tomorrow.

Friday Shooting Hours: Klamath-Tulelake—Open 7:25 a. m. Close 4:33 p. m.