

GM QUILTS BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Profits Of Auto Firm Main Issue

Fact-Finding Board Will Continue Hearings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP) General Motors Corporation withdrew today from President Truman's fact finding proceedings in the GM automobile strike.

The fact-finding board promptly announced it would continue its hearings regardless.

"We have withdrawn permanently, and I'm going back to New York," Walter Gordon Merritt, GM attorney, told reporters.

General Motors withdrew because it challenged the inclusion of its profits as a factor in settling the 30 per cent wage increase demand of the CIO-Auto Workers union.

Merritt flatly announced GM had withdrawn from the hearing after first submitting a tentative explanation of the company's position on the fact finding proceedings.

Chairman Lloyd G. Garrison recessed a hearing in the investigation until 11:30 a. m. (PST) at which time the board will make a short statement of its position.

The chairman said "the fact-finding board has no intention of receding from or modifying in any way its statement of Dec. 21" in which it declared GM's ability to pay would be one factor to be considered.

After the recess, Garrison said, "we will be prepared to proceed with the taking of evidence."

In outlining GM's belief that "it has no choice but to withdraw from these proceedings" if the board considered profits, Merritt accused the UAW of infringing on management rights.

As Merritt finished his long statement, Walter P. Reuther, UAW vice president, vigorously accused him of "deliberately misstating the facts" of the union's position "because he hopes to gain some propaganda advantage."

Reuther challenged Merritt to "find one word where we have ever said we wanted to usurp management prerogatives or select management personnel."

To Merritt's statement that the union was, in effect, making a "broad attack on American industry and free enterprise," Reuther declared:

"If free enterprise in the United States is to survive, it's got to work. It's got to create an ability for permanent United States stockholders to earn dividends for millions of Americans economic security. It's got to demonstrate a willingness to carry out national policies."

Reuther contended that Merritt was arguing with President Truman and the fact finding board itself rather than with the union.

Reuther declared the corporation had said in effect "that unless the board is prepared to tear up the president's statement of Dec. 20, it will not participate."

Community Fund \$25,000 Short

The Klamath community fund was just about \$25,000 short of quota today after a new spurt of contributions had given the campaign a touch of new life.

Weyerhaeuser Timber company employe deductions accounted for \$465 received at the campaign headquarters at the chamber of commerce today.

The quota for the drive is \$71,000 the total collected so far is \$46,264.23.

Another contribution from The Herald and News is imminent. Nine persons have accepted the newspaper's offer to match the contributions of ten liquor permit holders giving the price of a bottle of whiskey to the fund. If another one comes through, the paper will pay off.

3 UNO Sites To Be Considered

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The committee which will go to the United States to select possible sites for permanent United Nations headquarters was instructed today to consider only three locations one near Boston, one east of the Hudson river in New York state, and the third in Connecticut.

It was stipulated that the site in Connecticut be from 25 to 80 miles from New York City.

Arriving In United States

By Associated Press

Denver W. Decker, Sgt., Klamath Falls, arriving on Rock Hill Victory due in New York December 28.

WEATHER NEWS	
December 28, 1945	
Max. (Dec. 27)	42
Min.	39
Precipitation last 24 hours	1.3
Stream year to date	6.51
Normal	4.32
Last year	3.98
Forecast: Occasional rains.	
Saturday Shooting Hours: Klamath-Tulelake—Open 7:23 a. m. Close 4:33 p. m.	

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9 Trapped Men Saved From Mine

PINEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 28 (AP)—Nine of the miners trapped in a coal pit near here since Wednesday morning were brought out alive by rescue workers shortly after 2 p. m. (CST) today.

There was no immediate indication about their physical condition but officials said doctors and "a whole string of ambulances" were on their way to the scene from nearby Pineville, Middlesboro and other towns.

The call for two doctors and an ambulance had come up from the rescue workers a few moments before, but there was no indication then whether the trapped men had been found or whether members of the rescue crews needed medical attention.

The call for doctors came shortly after volunteer fire-fighters had quenched a fire which had been burning in the pit since early morning.

Officials were unable to give the names of any of the nine rescued men. They also were unable to say whether any of the other 20 or more trapped miners had been reached.

The report that the men had been found alive stirred this little mountain city into its greatest excitement in many years and climaxed a period of hopeful waiting which started shortly after 8:30 a. m. Wednesday, when an underground explosion at the Kentucky Straight Creek Coal company mine No. 1 sealed off the day shift workers from the outside world.

Even veteran miners and company officials had given up hope yesterday that any of the trapped men would be found alive.

Scores of friends and relatives of the miners were around the pit entrance when the first word was received that some of the men had been found alive.

Rescue workers began carrying them out one at a time into the fresh air to await the arrival of ambulances.

Discovery of the men came shortly after volunteer fire-fighters had extinguished a blaze inside the pit which had been raging since about 7 a. m. today.

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In any event, the Monday deadline is not all-important.

Ride Nearly Freezes Seaman

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Riley said that at the time the truck stopped at Fort Klamath early this morning that he thought he was about dead. He had hitch-hiked his way south and was picked up by a truck driver who gave Riley a place on the truck. As the truck continued its way toward Klamath Falls, Riley got colder and colder and he tried to make the driver hear his pleas. Evidently the noise of the truck made it impossible for the driver to hear his freezing passenger.

The seaman was picked up at the Fort Klamath hotel by the Merchants Police ambulance and rushed to Klamath Valley hospital where attendants said he was being treated for possible pneumonia. The Red Cross made arrangements for Riley's care. His home is in San Francisco.

Gifts For Yanks Program Success

The American Legion's "gifts for Yanks" program here to provide Christmas presents for men at the Marine Barracks dispensary was a success.

Thirty special packages were contributed for bedridden patients.

Six large cartons, containing about 100 smaller packages, were contributed for others.

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Christmas visit to Jonesboro, N. C. Mrs. Miller's home town, and were talking in the apartment when Captain Miller broke in on them about 12:45 o'clock this morning.

According to police, Miller took the weapon, a German Luger, from a footlocker in the bedroom he occupied during his wife's absence, returned to the living room and shot Dale Gormley then disarmed Miller, inflicting slight head injuries on the latter police said.

The Millers, who were married in Florida 25 months ago, had discussed plans for a separation, police said, following the officer's return from the European theater last month. Mrs. Miller became acquainted with Dale seven months ago, police reported.

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LIBERTY SHIP IN PERIL

Colorful Yuletide Display Shines Again



An old Christmas lighting contest prize winner, Curt Strong, blossomed out again this year with a display after several war years when outdoor lighted decorations were banned. Here's the Strong house at 1045 Pacific Terrace. Colorful displays appeared in all parts of town this Christmas season, and most of them will shine nightly until after New Year's.

Signature Of Russia Absent From Bretton Woods Treaty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—A Russian question mark cast its shadow today over the newly-created international stabilization fund and world bank.

The Soviet Union was the only major power among 16 nations whose signature lines remained blank after yesterday's ceremonies that brought the two big financial agencies into being.

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Vessel In Danger From Loose Bombs

5000 Tons Of Ammo Breaking Away On Henry Thoreau

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—The Henry D. Thoreau, a Liberty ship out of Naples, Italy, for Cape May, N. J., messaged the navy here today that 5000 tons of bombs were breaking loose and "if they give way entirely nothing can save us."

The Thoreau reported she was about 420 miles southwest of the Azores, the navy said, adding she had a normal crew of about 40 men.

The message, received by the navy at 7 a. m. said the bombs had been stowed in a "tween decks hatch." The bombs probably were some of those unused by American air forces in Italy and were being returned to an ammunition depot in the United States, the navy said.

An unidentified ship radioed the navy she was standing by the Thoreau, but could do nothing immediately to assist.

Further details were unavailable, the navy said.

H. M. Singleton, operating manager for the Luckenbach Steamship Co., Inc., agent for the Thoreau, said bombs would not be fired while loaded aboard ship. Singleton said he preferred not to announce the name of the captain of the Thoreau because "it might alarm his family unnecessarily."

A navy bomb disposal officer said it would be "very unlikely" for unfused bombs to explode, but that they would burst if shock were great enough. A navy public information officer said all bomb shipments were "packaged for safe transport."

The Thoreau has a displacement of 7176 tons. She was built at Portland, Ore., in 1942, and was listed as 417 feet long and 37 feet deep with a 56-foot beam.

Singleton said the Thoreau cleared Gibraltar Dec. 20.

Chief Returns To Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP) President Truman returned by plane at 11:28 a. m. PST today after a 4-hour and 51-minute flight through cloudy weather from Kansas City.

The weather delayed the arrival from 10:28 a. m. The president's big C-54 took off from icy runways at Kansas City at 6:37 a. m. EST for the trip. Weather conditions dictated the cancellation of a planned en route stop at St. Louis to pick up Reconversion Director and Mrs. John W. Snyder and their daughter, Drusi. The Snyders flew with Mr. Truman as far as St. Louis when he made the trip out on Christmas Day.

The chief executive, hands in his top coat pocket and slouch hat pulled down over his eyes was the first one to step down from the plane.

The presidential plane came in from the west on instruments through a 900-foot ceiling to make the landing.

Allied POW's In Fukuoka Camp Tortured Horribly

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 28 (AP)—Allied prisoners of war in Fukuoka camp in Japan were tortured horribly, it was testified today at the war crimes trial of Japanese Lt. Chotaro Furushima, the camp commander.

Lt. N. E. Churchill of Toledo, Ohio, one of the officers who liberated the prisoners, testified before the second U. S. military commission established in Japan. Furushima is charged with responsibility in starving one prisoner to death and brutalities against others.

In an adjoining courtroom, the trial of Lt. Kel Yuri, former commander of the Omuta camp on Kyushu island, proceeded with a series of affidavits describing the starvation death of Marine Cpl. James G. Pavlovos.

Chicago, Ill., and the bayoneting of Army Pvt. Noah E. Heard of Salinas, Calif.

Churchill told of examining 13 men at the Fukuoka camp last September. The prisoners had been burned on the stomach, ears, neck and elbows.

"They must have suffered horribly as Japanese guards placed burning punks on their bodies," he said, adding that the burns were brought to his attention by First Sgt. John G. Pace of Georgetown, Del.

Churchill described the camp commanders' quarters, where he slept, as "filthy" and infested with rats and lice. Under defense cross-examination, however, the witness acknowledged that the mats and furnishings were clean.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

STATE SECRETARY BYRNES' verdict on the Big Three foreign ministers conference, this morning's dispatches tell us, is that it was "very constructive in accomplishment and in RESTORING cordial relations."

Since relations between the U. S. and Britain were ALREADY cordial, it must be assumed that the big achievement lay in MAKING RUSSIA HAPPY.

(THE Moscow conference was called at BYRNES' suggestion. It must therefore be regarded as his baby. To be other than HOPEFUL of its accomplishments could only be regarded as an admission of FAILURE on his part.)

WHAT were its accomplishments?

Well, on the WORLD security side it moved toward international co-operation in the control of atomic warfare. Russia agreed to join Britain and the United States in solving the atomic problem in the lap of the United Nations assembly.

Under the plan proposed by the ministers, the assembly of the United Nations (created at San Francisco) would establish a control commission which would WORK TOWARD (note the absence of any definite commitment) the atomic control outlined in November by President Truman and the prime ministers of Britain and Canada.

These goals include international exchange of basic scientific information for PEACEFUL ends; control of atomic energy to insure its use for peaceful purposes only; elimination of atomic and other weapons adaptable to mass destruction and safeguards against violations and evasions of the control regulations.

THAT looks like a real achievement—for Russia so far has been offish (even, perhaps, a little resentful) on the whole subject of the atom bomb, which is so far an American-British-Canadian secret.

If Russia has been won over to sincere co-operation in international control of atomic warfare it means something. Uncontrolled atomic warfare is a terrible threat that hangs over all of us.

FROM the purely American viewpoint the agreements reached at Moscow are less impressive.

Russia wins a share in the CONTROL OF JAPAN—which is apparently to be run by a four-power control commission, sitting in Tokyo, which will be similar to the allied control commission that sits in Berlin. The members of the Japanese control commission will be the United States, Britain, Russia and China.

The workings of the allied control commission in Berlin have been generally unsatisfactory from our standpoint.

ON the somewhat more pleasing side, we get Russia's agreement to the NECESSITY FOR (again note the absence of definite commitment) a unified, democratic and independent CHINA under the national government now headed by Chiang Kai-shek.

There is an agreement for establishment of a provisional government for Korea with the prospect of complete Korean independence in five years.

THERE are agreements for "broader" the governments of Romania and Bulgaria, and plans for concluding peace treaties with these countries, along with Italy, Hungary and Finland.

There was no agreement and no mention of the pending troubles in Iran, Russian access to the Dardanelles, Germany's western border and Franco Spain.

THERE is a significant note in the news of this morning to the effect that the Japs generally view the Moscow agreements WITH DISMAY, regarding them as a Russian victory.

BUT the leader of the Japanese COMMUNIST party is all FOR them, considering Russian participation in the control of Japan as the best thing that could have happened.

IT is this writer's judgment that the general first impression among Americans must be that (Continued on Page 2, Column 2)

Duffy Returned To Little Boy

Duffy was returned. Mrs. J. K. Jackson found the little dog wandering about her home at 2300 Main Thursday morning and brought him back to two-and-a-half-year-old Robby Mushen, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mushen, 127 Hillside.

Duffy was a Christmas present to Robby from his aunt in Medford but he wandered away soon after he was presented to his new master. He returned just in time as during his two-day absence Robby had received offers of big and little dogs, smooth and woolly dogs.

MAN FOUND DEAD

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—George Washington Hughes was found dead in the tent in which he lived alone near Riddle yesterday. Sheriff C. T. Carter reported. The body was found by C. R. Weaver of Riddle, who notified the sheriff. Hughes apparently died from a heart attack Christmas Day, according to Coroner H. C. Stearns.

Bataan Survivor Wounded In Ex-Model's Apartment

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—Capt. Eugene Dale, 27, of Enid, Okla., survivor of the Bataan death march and a Japanese prisoner for three years, was seriously wounded this morning, police said, in the apartment of Mrs. Fay Hancock Miller, 24, attractive ex-Powers model.

Capt. Archie B. Miller, 25, of Bellevue, Tex., an army signal corps officer and Mrs. Miller's husband, was arrested on charges of felonious assault and violation of the Sullivan act.

Police said Dale, who is in the army air force, was struck in the head, chest and abdomen by three six shots allegedly fired from a souvenir gun by Miller. Dale was taken to Roosevelt hospital in critical condition.

Police said Mrs. Miller and Miss Frances Hancock, her sister, with Dale and Arthur Gormley, of College Point, N. Y., a member of the merchant marine returned last night from a