

# FOOD RAVAGES PENNSYLVANIA

## In The Day's News

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LET'S deal first today with the GOOD news.

There is so little news that is good in this world at the present moment. So MUCH that is bad.

THE best news at the moment this is written is a prediction by Senator Lester Hill, of Alabama, deputy administration leader, that the coal strike will be settled within 48 hours "and less something very unforeseen occurs."

He says he has just talked with parties on both sides and understands that "all are in agreement on principles for settlement."

EVERY time we settle a dispute and GET or KEEP production going, we come a little nearer to the normal, level-headed, REASONABLE world we all want to live in.

THE course of the stock market is still on the good side. Prices are still advancing, indicating that buyers and sellers have not yet lost confidence in the future of this country.

INFLATION, of course, enters into what the stock market is doing. When inflation is running its destructive course (as it is now) THINGS are daily exchangeable for MORE PAPER DOLLARS. When that happens, people naturally swap their dollars for things.

But there has been no panic in the stock market—as there would be if people generally had lost confidence in the country's future.

That is definitely a good sign.

THE news these days is distinctly INFLAMMATORY. People are angry. Not only that—they are SCARED. When people are both angry and scared, ANYTHING can happen.

HERE is a sobering thought that we must keep uppermost in our minds:

It is out of just such conditions as we now have in America that communism, fascism and nazism have arisen.

Communism, fascism, nazism have ALL proved to be devices for getting somebody onto the gravy train. They have NEVER got for all the people of any country as much as the American way gets for the average of all of us.

THERE is much injustice in America at the present hour. No fair-minded person will even attempt to deny that.

But remember these TRUTHS: There is no justice in war. There is no justice in inflation. There is no justice in nazism, or communism, or fascism.

The only justice is in NORMAL times, when people are working for good wages, when business men are earning fair profits, when production is at a high level and COMPETITION KEEPS PRICES DOWN.

KEEP this clear in your mind: POLITICS IS ALL MIXED UP IN THIS DISTURBED AND DANGEROUS SITUATION.

Every peanut politician in America is lying awake nights trying to figure out a way to GET HIS out of the mess.

THIS writer's personal definition of a peanut politician is anyone in public life who is willing to sell his country down the river at an hour of crisis in order to feather his own nest.

HERE is a good, old rule: When you are MAD, count ten before you speak. Following that rule has saved a lot of people from a lot of bad trouble.

Let's follow it now. It will be good for us all.

## French Ridicule Siamese Report

PARIS, May 28 (AP)—The French press agency distributed a Saigon dispatch today which said that reports of pretended activity of French troops in Siamese territory were "in the domain of highest fantasy."

The Siamese government reported officially yesterday that the French had conducted three raids in three days across the Mekong river from French Indochina near Mi Chau, 325 miles northeast of Bangkok.

French government sources said the Mekong river area was territory ceded to Siam by the Vichy government under Marshal Petain. France now is demanding return of the area.

## Baseball Scores

NATIONAL  
CHICAGO, May 28 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals scored eight runs in the fifth inning and beat the Chicago Cubs, 12-2, today. Dick Sisler, son of the immortal George, highlighted the big inning with a grand slam home run off Bob Chipman, starter Claude Passeau's relief. The victory, gained before 15,801 persons, squares the series at a game apiece.

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## COAL STRIKE SETTLEMENT LOOMS

### Anti-Truman Labor Hints New Leader

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AP)—The big unions, with political wrath for President Truman, dropped some oblique hints today that they might switch to another standard bearer, with Henry A. Wallace and Claude Pepper heading the list of acceptables.

Capitol Hill politicians agreed the secretary of commerce and Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) are the likeliest beneficiaries in any such shift of allegiance, but they wanted more concrete evidence that one might be in the making.

The general opinion appeared to be that it is too early to tell whether the administration's handling of the strike emergency has ended the 13-year-old labor-democratic coalition.

However, the way republicans appeared to be seizing on the situation provided democrats food for thought.

Stassen and Taft Join Fight  
Lawmakers noted that both former Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, and Senator Taft (R-Ohio) were among the first to join with the unions in urging congress to go slow in empowering the president to draft workers striking against the government.

Murray contended that "in a moment of wild hysteria an attempt is being made to stamper through congress legislation which has as its sole aim the destruction of the labor movement of this nation."

Blast at Strike Program  
He lashed out not only at Mr. Truman's emergency strike-control program but also at the senate version of the house-approved Case bill.

Murray's broadside was considered as rough treatment as the CIO chief ever gave any administration-sponsored proposal, but AFL President William Green was equally vehement, denouncing the bill as advocating "slave labor under fascism."

As the two big unions hit out at Mr. Truman's proposals, the CIO United Auto Workers wired Murray urging he take "immediate steps" for "joint action by all organized labor" to defeat the program.

The CIO-AFL attacks came in rapid follow-ups to the announcement of A. F. Whitney, the Trainmen Brotherhood chief, that his union stood ready to pour millions into coming campaigns not only to defeat congressmen for Mr. Truman's emergency strike program but also to defeat Mr. Truman in 1948.

The National Farmers union joined in the fray to assail the emergency program as "naked, open fascism," and called the situation "a shameful hour in American history."

The national citizens political action committee also condemned the program as "totalitarian" and urged the senate to reject it.

### Army Says Nazis Gouged Out Eyes

DACHAU, Germany, May 28 (AP)—An American army report disclosed today that German SS troops gouged out the eyes of some wounded American soldiers as they lay on the Malmédy field of massacre during the battle of the Ardennes bulge.

The army inspector general's report was read at the trial of 74 German elite guards accused of slaying disarmed American prisoners.

### Pauley To Visit Northern Korea

SEOUL, May 28 (AP)—Edwin W. Pauley, U. S. reparations commissioner, and his party will leave Seoul on a special train tomorrow night for an inspection trip of Russian-occupied northern Korea.

They will inspect former Japanese industries, resources and equipment. With Pauley will be nine principals of his reparations commission, clerks, service personnel and guards.

### Striker's Son Rescued By Army Plane



Desperately ill, Richard Rice, 13, Douglas, Ariz., son of a striking Southern Pacific fireman, was rushed to a Santa Ana, Calif., hospital via army bomber for an emergency brain operation. After SP's Golden State limited stranded him in Tucson, Ariz. Here he is assisted from the train by Army Nurse Lt. Mary Cokalske, Jackson, Tenn., and S/Sgt. John Cowles, of New York City. —NEA telephoto.

### Army Sees Hope For Many Of 850,000 Mental Cases

CHICAGO, May 28 (AP)—Neuropsychiatric disorders have hospitalized approximately 850,000 World War II soldiers up to the first of this year—some of them more than once—but many will return to duty, the American Psychiatric association was told today.

Brig. Gen. William C. Menninger, the army's chief of psychiatry, related this in a paper prepared for delivery before the association's 102nd meeting.

He said also that 500,000 men were discharged from the army for "personality disturbances" of all types; and that approximately 1,875,000 men were rejected for military service for the same reasons.

Without giving specific figures he said that the army's wartime psychiatric program was well advanced, 60 per cent of combat psychiatric casualties were returned to duty within a few days after treatment in forward areas.

Hospitals further back salvaged an additional 30 per cent for non-combat duty in war areas, he said, adding that between 15 and 25 per cent of the most resistive cases sent back to this country were later returned to some kind of duty, with a large majority of the remainder being sent to their homes "very much improved."

Asserting that psychoses—the most serious types of mental disorders—constituted only 7 per cent of all neuropsychiatric cases hospitalized, Menninger said the army observed an "unexpectedly high recovery rate for psychotic patients who so often become custodial patients in civilian hospitals."

During 1945, he said, seven of every 10 psychotic hospital admissions were "able to be discharged home."

While he said that "psychiatry in the army did a reasonably creditable job," Menninger declared that "it (psychiatry) failed in a good many ways, and some of these failures were because we in psychiatry failed to select and train new and better men."

"We began this war," he said, "with no plan of treatment for combat troops, no unit to provide such, no plans for training, no psychiatrist in combat divisions, and not even effective leadership in headquarters."

### White House Refutes Morse

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AP)—The White House said today that President Truman did not learn of the settlement of the railroad strike Saturday until after he had started his address to congress.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross also told reporters that Mr. Truman was prepared with an "alternative" introduction to his speech for use in event of settlement.

These comments were in response to queries at Ross' news conference about a statement by Senator Morse (R-Ore.) that the president knew of the settlement four hours before he went to Capitol Hill. Morse told the senate that Mr. Truman's announcement of the settlement was "one of the cheapest exhibitions of ham acting I have ever seen."

"The president didn't get word of the settlement until it was passed up to him by Senate Secretary Leslie Biffle around 4:11 p. m. (EST)," Ross said.

The president knew, Ross added, that John R. Steelman, presidential adviser, was at the St. Atter hotel where negotiations had been held.

Under questioning, Ross said the president would have made legislative proposals even had the settlement been made earlier. As to whether there would have been any change in his recommendations, Ross said he was not prepared to say.

### Savants Study Cosmic Rays

WILMINGTON, Ohio, May 28 (AP)—A group of distinguished scientists left the army air force base here at noon today in an army B-29 on the first of a series of four flights designed to measure the intensity of cosmic rays at various altitudes and latitudes.

The experimental flights are sponsored jointly by the AAF, the National Geographic society and the Bartol Research Foundation of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia.

Flights will be made at altitudes of 35,000, 25,000, 15,000 and 5000 feet and will constitute the first systematic and continuous researches at selected altitudes throughout a 70 degree range of latitude.

### Officials Deny Molotov Words

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AP)—American officials today belittled Foreign Minister Molotov's contention that a British-American bloc waged "an offensive against the Soviet Union" at Paris.

Secretary of State Byrnes maintained silence for the moment, but others declared privately that the United States delegation to the foreign ministers' conference never had acted "on previous agreement" with Britain as Molotov contended in a full-page statement in Pravda yesterday. The White House withheld comment on Molotov's contentions.

In fact, they said the conference record shows frequent differences between the Americans and British on important issues.

"There was no doubt in government and diplomatic circles here that the Molotov charges represented the official Kremlin answer to Byrnes' radio report on the Paris conference last week."

Officials with years of experience in dealing with Russia said they did not believe the Molotov statement necessarily constituted a bad omen for resumption of the foreign ministers' meeting in Paris June 15.

They said Molotov had only reaffirmed Russia's position on several major issues in the usual blunt Soviet manner, and noted that it would be unusual for any of the four ministers to talk of concessions or compromise this far in advance.

### Medford Airfield Declared Surplus

MEDFORD, May 28 (AP)—The Medford army air base was declared surplus today by the war assets administration.

City officials said the army's release was conditioned only on the city making the runways and gasoline facilities available to transient army planes.

### Dionne Quintuplets 12 Years Old Today

CALLANDER, Ont., May 28 (AP)—The Dionne quintuplets observed their 12th birthday today in their new home, but the scores of birthday presents of other years were missing.

They arose at 5:30 a. m., an hour earlier than usual, attended mass in their private chapel, went to school for two hours and then were released for the day.

### WEATHER NEWS

May 28  
Max. (May 27) 55 Min. —40  
Precipitation last 24 hours —.00  
Stream year to date —12.02  
Normal —11.02 Last year —11.97  
Forecast: Fair and warmer.

### Passes



GEORGE W. OFFIELD

### George Offield Dies In Merrill

Death claimed another prominent Klamath county pioneer with the passing of George Washington Offield of Merrill, 78, for 60 years a resident of this area.

Mr. Offield died at the family home early Monday evening following an illness of the past 18 months.

Mayor for many years of Merrill, and active in county affairs, Mr. Offield's death is mourned by residents of the nearby community. Born in Coos county, Ore., January 14, 1868, Mr. Offield was the son of John L. and Amanda Vance Offield who came to Oregon across the plains with an ox team in 1850. They first settled in Clackamas county, later moving to Coos county, and in 1886 they brought their family to Klamath county, locating in the vicinity of Bonanza in Langgell valley.

In his early years, Mr. Offield attended a private business college in Bonanza and also continued farming in that area until he was 29 years of age. In 1892 he homesteaded 160 acres in Langgell valley, which he sold in 1899.

Old timers remember Mr. Offield as one of the pioneer school teachers of this area. In 1897 he started teaching and was one of the first instructors in the old Pine Grove school. He taught for several years, his last term in Merrill. In 1900 he accepted a position as bookkeeper in a Merrill store and worked there for three and one-half years. It was at that period that the country began expanding and Mr. Offield opened a real estate business and at the same time bought and sold cattle in Merrill. (Continued on Page 4, Column 2)

### Council Tables Meter Vote

A recommendation from the city planning commission that the matter of installing parking meters be placed on the ballot in the November election was greeted with little enthusiasm by the city council last night, but the city dads agreed to accept that plan on file for further reference the commission's suggestion.

No mention of a trial period was made in the actual recommendation.

In a copy of the minutes of the planning commission's last meeting it was stated that the group favored installing meters on a trial basis. The council seemed of the opinion that the discrepancy between the recommendation appearing on the council peg and the minutes given to council members is that the planning commission offered the recommendation merely as a suggestion.

Last night's mention of the meters was the first since several weeks ago when the matter was tabled by the city council for further study. The original suggestion from the traffic safety council regarding installation of the meters brought a heated opposition from the Klamath Merchants association, the Teamsters' union and the Suburban League. At that time, the council decided there was no immediate need for a decision, and felt that further study was necessary.

### Spain Answers UN Accusers

MADRID, May 28 (AP)—The Spanish foreign ministry said today that Spain had a "perfect right" to investigate atomic energy and "cannot recognize the competence" of the United Nations in matters affecting Spain.

The statement said the Spanish position was made clear in notes distributed to foreign missions here May 23. It continued: "Although the Spanish government, like all other countries, has a perfect right to provide itself with adequate means for national defense, including investigations of atomic energy, diplomatic missions accredited in Madrid have proof of the falsity of statements that such investigations are being made."

Referring to Polish charges (before the security council), the statement said Spain could not recognize the competence of an international organization whose agreements it had not signed.

It also argued the charges were not treated in accordance with proper United Nations procedure and attacked the presence on the subcommittee of "governments who are in open and public opposition to Spain."

The statement added that the note indicated "alleged Spanish military movements in the Pyrenees zone" were purely defensive and "fully justified after the bloody aggression of October, 1944." That was when Spanish maquis invaded Spanish territory from France but soon were driven out.

### War Leaders Favor Armament Transfer

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AP) Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower urged congress today to authorize transfer of arms and war goods to other nations of the western hemisphere.

Nimitz said that should there be another war, the transfer legislation would permit "organization of the western republics as one hemispheric force."

## Angry River Waters Take Heavy Toll

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 28 (AP)—Raging flood waters of the Susquehanna river swept through north-central Pennsylvania and southern New York today, damaging millions of dollars worth of property and causing at least six reported deaths.

The state flood emergency committee at Harrisburg said two persons were reported killed and six others missing in the Tioga-Lycoming counties area hit by a cloudburst yesterday.

The dead whose identity was not established immediately, were reported killed near Richards, a small hamlet near Wellsboro, seat of Tioga county, where torrential rains changed streams flowing south to the Susquehanna into raging torrents.

Four other persons had been reported dead previously, two at Mill Hall, one at Gardant and one at Harrisburg, all in Pennsylvania.

Worst Since 1936  
The most severe flood in the area since 1936, covered a fifth of the residential areas of this city of 45,000 persons and left the district virtually isolated.

The American Red Cross was alerted for emergency aid to persons made homeless by the flooding waters, but in most places roads were impassable, flying was impossible and railroads were operating under severe handicaps.

With highways to the north and west already cut and other roads due to be covered by the rapidly rising waters, persons residing in low lying sections were moved to higher parts of the city with prospects of a third of the town being inundated or cut off.

Scores of smaller communities were isolated, thousands of dollars worth of property lost and at least three persons died as the heavy spring rains flooded areas in central and western Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York.

## Chinese Talk Peace Again

NANKING, May 28 (AP)—A delegation of the third party democratic league arrived today to open talks with government and communist leaders designed to bring peace in Manchuria.

Meantime, the government's central news agency specified three "principles" it termed prerequisites to negotiations and Chiang Kai-shek, in Mukden, was reported to have announced two conditions upon which he would resume truce talks.

The agency's conditions were enumerated in an editorial circulated by the ministry of information. It stated that the government could not recognize "democratic" local governments established in Manchuria by the communists.

The agency's editorial said it "warmly welcomed" resumption of peaceful negotiations and announced these three conditions:

1. Communist forces should evacuate the Harbin-Tsitsihar-Changchun railway and "launch no more attacks in the northeast (Manchuria)."

2. Armed conflicts elsewhere should be mediated by executive (truce) headquarters field teams.

3. Communist troops should be reorganized according to the army nationalization plan.

The latter two conditions were agreed upon in the later-violated January truce.

## Solons Want Secrets Kept

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AP)—House appropriations committee members shouted an emphatic "no" today to suggestions that the public be told more about major new secret weapons.

Referring particularly to the reported development of biological or germ warfare and "atomic poison gas" weapons, these members disclosed privately at the same time that they are considering boosting army funds for further scientific research.

The suggestion that the public be given more information about the new weapons came from W. A. Higinbotham, chairman of the Federation of Atomic Scientists, in a speech here last night.

Higinbotham asserted there are "at least two major secret weapons in existence... potentially as dangerous to mankind" as the atomic bomb and that scientists believe "the public has a right" to know more about them.

"If it were simply a matter of letting the American people know about them, it would be an easy thing," one appropriations committee member said. "But you can't make these secrets public to the American people without letting the whole world know about them."

## Buckaroo Days Celebration Cancelled In Protest Against Fee Assessments

Klamath Buckaroo Days committee announced flatly today they would produce no more Fourth of July celebrations here until local political subdivisions "cooperate with us to the extent of making such a production economically sound."

The committee made public a resolution adopted at a Monday night meeting, repeating a previously published complaint against the decision of the county fair board to demand 10 per cent of gross receipts of the fairgrounds, and against the city and county governments for refusing to waive a carnival rental fee of \$1500.

Recent action of the city council in reducing the fee for a circus from \$1500 to \$250 drew the ire of the Buckaroo Days leaders.

"The members of this committee who contribute their time and talents free of charge for the advertising and entertainment of this community, the profits from which inure to the citizenry of the community and county, feel that we are not receiving the cooperation we think is justified from local political subdivisions," said the resolution.

Highest Rents Charged  
The resolution asserted that Klamath Buckaroo Days committee has paid higher annual rental than any other similar association in the United States. Rentals, construction and repairs at the fairgrounds have cost \$8000, the committee claimed, but the fair board has not increased the seating capacity in order that the committee might receive greater income with which to meet rising costs.

The fair board's request for 10 per cent of gross was described in the resolution as a "tribute."

The committee went on to report that federal taxes amount to 20 per cent of ticket sales, and that the committee had planned to raise prize list money from 30 to 40 per cent this year. With all of these costs, it said, the show simply could not break even.

O. D. Matthews, president, and Marshall E. Cornett, committee member, said they had had no further meetings with the county fair board since their previous declaration of intention to give up the rodeo unless they obtained "more cooperation."

"Our only contact with the fair board was a letter stating it wanted 10 per cent of the gross," said Matthews.

Percy Murray, fair board member, said previously that the fair board had been willing to make provisions for rain, snow or other disaster that might wash out all profits from the Fourth of July show. Murray could not be reached for a statement this afternoon.

The Buckaroo committeemen indicated, however, that they are still willing to sit down with representatives of the city, county, fair board, and anyone else, and try to work out a program which would give the show "real community cooperation and support."