

LEWIS WITHDRAWS TERMINATION

By FRANK JENKINS
JOHN L. LEWIS, in a letter containing only 20 words, calls off his contract termination notice of last November that touched off all the coal fire-works, including the recent rather spectacular supreme court decision.

Boiled down, that seems to mean that there will be no coal strike this spring.

HERE is the obvious conclusion: Lewis—who, whatever else may be said of him, is smart—has decided that he tangled with TOO BIG A TIGER.

ANOTHER conclusion: The handling of the Lewis-precipitated coal situation, right or wrong, is an example of FIRM government leadership in meeting an emergency. We've had comparatively little firm government leadership in the past.

Facing a showdown with Russia, we need more of it now. If we are to hold our own in the world situation that confronts us, we must have firm, decisive, WISE leadership on the part of our government.

Lacking such, we'll be in bad trouble.

THE Georgia supreme court (in a 5-2 decision) rejects the claims of Herman Talmadge and holds that M. E. Thompson is Georgia's legal governor.

Talmadge's father was elected governor, but died before he could formally assume the office. In the same election, Thompson was chosen lieutenant governor.

Talmadge, in a spectacular move involving the backing of national guard officers and STATE TROOPERS (in the accepted Southern American manner) took over the governor's office and has held possession of it during the ensuing legal snarl.

In a cryptic statement this morning, he says he considers the PEOPLE the court of last resort and adds that the question will be carried "to the court of last resort." He refuses to elaborate on that assertion.

There the situation rests as this is written.

AGAIN it is pertinent to remark that, facing a showdown with Russia that can conceivably call for every ounce of effort and sacrifice that we possess, this is no time for childish squabbles over who is governor of Georgia.

THIS is the time to make America STRONG—not weak. If we are to be as strong as we shall need to be to solve the international problems that are staring us in the face with growing urgency, we can't afford to be all split up into factions that are ready to fight each other to the death and to hell with the consequences.

China is the shining example of what that means.

IN the current round of our battle of the century with Russia, Molotov contends that a SECRET AGREEMENT reached to the Soviet Union at Yalta gave the Soviet Union the right to reparations to be collected from post-war German production. Molotov wants it NOW.

Our Secretary of State Marshall, holding that the cost of feeding the Germans should be the first charge against current German production, suggests in Moscow that the later Potsdam agreement (also more or less of a secret so far as the general public is concerned) should take precedence over Yalta.

A British foreign office "spokesman" says today that Britain "shares the U. S. view" that the Big Three Potsdam agreement supersedes all other major power agreements with regard to German reparations.

WE must remember that the Yalta agreement (made by Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin) was wholly secret. The later Potsdam agreement (Truman, Churchill and Stalin) was by no means an open covenant openly arrived at.

We are standing now on the hot spot that nearly always develops out of secret agreements. That is the gist of the contention of honest newspaper people that ALL agreements binding the lives and the property of the PEOPLE of whole nations should be made openly, in the presence of reporters.

It ISN'T an unreasonable contention—although, of course, it is idealistic.

Army To Retain Presidio Site

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19 (AP)—Jam-packed San Francisco will have to look elsewhere than the Presidio, Sylvan army reservation abutting the Golden Gate, for relief from their sardine existence and housing shortage.

Talk of acquiring unused Presidio lands for housing ran into army objections today after Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, 6th army commander, held a two hour conference with Mayor Roger Latham. The army expects to build on the unused lands itself, General Hays said.

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Georgia Court Upholds Thompson

Hope Fades For Income Tax Slash

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—The chances faded today for any cut in income taxes taking effect before July 1.

Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.), chairman of the tax-writing house ways and means committee, acknowledged that a study is being made to determine whether that date—the start of the 1948 fiscal year—should be specified.

His measure for a 20 per cent across-the-board tax slash would make it retroactive to January 1. Knutson's announcement to newsmen came after Rep. Kean (R-N. J.), a member of the ways and means group, declared his determination to press for a delay in the effective date.

Kean insisted that making the cut apply back to the first of the year might kill current prospects for a balanced federal budget this fiscal year—the first since 1930.

Senator Taft (Ohio), chairman of the potent republican senate policy committee, already has suggested that any reduction be made effective at the start of the government's accounting year, July 1.

Confronted meanwhile by stiff opposition to the Knutson across-the-board proposition, ways and means republicans resumed work on a revision that would give a deeper cut to small taxpayers.

At the same time house consideration of the sizzling tax issue was postponed from next Monday to Wednesday, while the revisions are under study.

Molotov Sees German Hope

MOSCOW, March 19 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov told the council of foreign ministers tonight that after hearing the differing views of the United States, Britain and France he still believed agreement possible in Moscow among the four powers on the critical German economic program.

Molotov said it did not follow from the disputes which thus far have broken out here that the four powers would be unable to find a common point of view on such issues as the level of German industry, a balanced import-export program and freedom of movement in Germany, as well as on similar key matters.

OSC-Oklahoma Tilt On Air

KPLW has completed arrangements to broadcast the Oregon State-Oklahoma championship basketball game direct from Kansas City Friday night, March 21, starting at approximately 7:30 following the Gillette fight.

The Tidewater Associated Oil company will provide the facilities from Kansas City to Corvallis, and the special circuits from Corvallis will be supplied cooperatively by the Cascade Home Furnishings company and the Klamath Falls Creamery.

Los Angeles Woman Found Near Death From Head Gash

LOS ANGELES, March 19 (AP)—Found bleeding, her skull badly gashed, in a clump of bushes in Elysian park today, Anna Di-resio, 55, was rushed to a hospital in critical condition.

Physicians said after treatment that the fifth recent victim of murderous assaults on women in the city and its suburbs might recover.

Missing Pilot Crashed Near Susanville

Concern over a missing Aeronca Chief plane and its pilot, slated for a 30-minute stop at Klamath Falls from Susanville, Calif., was allayed late Tuesday night when it was learned that the 19-year-old pilot, John Barron, Portland, had crash landed and hitch-hiked to Susanville.

Young Barron was in Riverside hospital at Susanville today with back injuries. He left Susanville on a Reno-to-Troutdale flight shortly before 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The plane crashed 15 miles northwest of Susanville near Antelope peak.

Barron, able to climb from the badly damaged plane, walked to the highway and caught a ride to Susanville. Barron is a GI training student.

The civil aeronautics authority in Klamath Falls was advised of the missing plane in a report filed from Reno and received here at 5:15 p. m. The plane was located late yesterday and word came to CAA at 11:16 p. m. In the meantime, members of the Klamath Air Search and Rescue unit had made plans to hunt for the missing Aeronca but on gathering at the airport this morning were advised that the pilot had been located.

Phone Strike Date Nearing

NEW YORK, March 19 (AP)—A central strike committee representing 13 Bell system unions with 96,000 members in New York and New Jersey said there would be "an almost complete shutdown of telephone service" if a strike, threatened for April 7 by the National Federation of Telephone Workers, materializes.

A meeting of the strike committee was one of three local developments yesterday in the telephone dispute.

John J. Moran, president of the American Union of Telephone Workers (Ind.), an NFW affiliate that claims 20,000 long distance line workers in 42 states, announced that the union's negotiations with the American Telephone and Telegraph company, parent organization of the Bell system, had broken off.

Paraguayan Revolt Flares

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 19 (AP)—Press dispatches from Ponta Pora in revolt-ridden northern Paraguay said today the entire garrison at Cerro Cora had joined rebel forces and an important battle was in prospect in that general area.

Cerro Cora is about 25 miles from Pedro Juan Caballero, important border town already in rebel hands. It is between the city and Concepcion, stronghold of the rebel forces.

The government garrison at Ypir remained loyal, the advices said. But a stiff battle was in prospect there. Ypir is the center of a strategic triangle formed by Pedro Juan Caballero, San Pedro and Concepcion, and government troops are now reported to be evacuating the city against the possibility of attack.

The series of confessions to the slaying January 14 of 22-year-old Elizabeth Short, known as the "Black Dahlia,"

Capt. Jack Donahoe of the police homicide detail said there were several discrepancies with the facts in the statement made in St. Louis by Melvin Robert Bailey, that he dismembered the girl with a commando knife because she refused to go with him.

"We regard Bailey's story as possibly true, but it has discrepancies, just as others who confessed to the murder," said Capt. Donahoe. "We don't think Bailey is any more likely a suspect than some of the others who have confessed, but we're going to check out every angle of his story with the facts before he is eliminated, if he is eliminated."

Psychiatrists regard the "Black Dahlia" slayer as a sex maniac manifesting the sadistic component of a sado-masochistic complex. She was tortured for hours, medical evidence indicated, finally being choked to death and her body bisected and left unclothed in a vacant lot.

Talmadge Leaves Capitol



Herman Talmadge, claimant to the governorship of Georgia, leaves his office in the capitol building at Atlanta after the supreme court ruled that Lieutenant Governor M. E. Thompson is governor. —AP wirephoto.

Tule Homesteaders Prove Anxious To Start Working

No rain barrels or water wagons for the modern Tule lake homesteader!

One of the first concentrated acts of the 86 new homesteaders granted units in the recent opening, was the organization of the Newell Home Water Users association headed by Ernest Lind, say as president and John S. Wynn as secretary.

Forty-five homesteaders gathered at Newell last Friday to facilitate plans for a water supply to the homestead units. The present plan is to make use of the fine water wells sunk when WRA instigated the Jap camp at Newell in early war years, pipe the water through a four to five-mile main the length of the tract and to pro-rate operational costs regardless of the location of the homesteader's unit.

When the WRA camp was opened, wells were sunk some 350 to 450 feet and the water which came from these wells was considered "the best in the basin," according to E. Paul Braunig, settlement specialist, USBR.

"The homesteaders have a marvelous opportunity under this plan which is now in the primitive stage," Braunig said Tuesday. "The plan is to run a main directly through the homestead area, lines to the individual farms to branch off from the main. The homesteaders can operate over a period of 20 years for just half the cost of drilling individual wells. The association will be a non-profit organization and the opportunities offered through this group are certainly different than those in the old days when every man had to dig his own well."

The main will provide water for home consumption only and will have no connection with irrigation, it was pointed out.

Right now Braunig's office is faced with the big job of trying to help the homesteaders get located. Most of the boys, Braunig observed, are in a hurry to get settled and start working their land. The good weather of the past 10 days has made them exceptionally eager to get under way and it has also affected the local farmers as well.

Of the 86 lucky winners in the homestead drawing, only about 30 are in the homestead area, the rest "rushed back to get their equipment and return as quickly as possible," Braunig said. The settlement officer said he was at work trying to make some place for the men and their families.

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Police Ponder Mystery Theft

James Francis, 4650 Cannon, reported to city police yesterday afternoon that a large sack of chicken feed had been stolen from his car. Neither Francis nor the police could figure out how the feed was stolen.

Francis said that he had bought the 100-pound sack of hen scratch on S. 6th, loaded it into his car, driven downtown and parked on S. 2nd. There he parked the car and went about his business for several hours. When he returned the sack was gone and Francis states positively that he locked his car when he left it parked, and it was still locked when he returned.

Who got the sack? How did he do it? And why would anyone want to go to all that work for chicken feed anyway?

"That," according to the police report, "is the \$64 question."

Washington Gas Price Boosted

SEATTLE, March 19 (AP)—Gasoline prices at Standard Oil Company of California service stations increased 8/10 of a cent a gallon today, and Seattle spokesmen for other major oil companies said they expected a similar boost tomorrow.

Standard announced the price advance yesterday in San Francisco, explaining it was due to higher crude oil prices which also are effective today. Diesel fuel went up 7/10 of a cent a gallon and fuel oil 20 cents a barrel.

Jap Farmers Turn In Grain Crops

TOKYO, March 19 (AP)—A government threat to take legal action against farmers withholding their rice quotas has increased the flow of food into legal channels, the agricultural ministry said today.

Collections in the first 10 days of this month were about 4,000,000 bushels, as compared with half that during the same period last month, the announcement said. About 85 per cent of the quotas now have been delivered.

Talmadge To Quit Offices In Capitol

ATLANTA, March 19 (AP)—The state supreme court in a 5 to 2 decision today held that M. E. Thompson is Georgia's governor and that Herman Talmadge's election by the legislature was illegal.

Talmadge, who assumed office with the backing of national guard officers and state troopers, announced that he would vacate both the executive office and the mansion "as soon as we can get the files out and our personal effects packed." Thompson will serve until January, 1949.

Last Resort

Talmadge said in a statement to newsmen that he considered the people the court of last resort of political questions, and said the question "will be carried to the court of last resort." He did not elaborate further on that statement.

Talmadge said he would not ask the supreme court to reconsider its decision.

Thompson, in a statement from his offices in an Atlanta hotel, said the decision upheld his belief "that the will of the people as expressed by their ballots should prevail."

His offices were thrown into an uproar over the decision with well wishers rushing in and telephones ringing with congratulatory messages.

The court decision was written by Presiding Justice Henry Duckworth, Chief Justice W. F. Jenkins and Justice Tom S. Chandler filed a dissenting opinion.

The majority opinion held that the death of Herman's father, Eugene Talmadge, after his election and before publication of the returns by the legislature did not alter the duty of the legislature to declare his election, nor did it authorize the legislature to declare that because of his death no person had a majority of the votes and then proceed with election of an alternate.

Sales Tax Faces Battle

SALEM, Ore., March 19 (AP)—The 3 per cent sales tax bill, after receiving a 6 to 5 endorsement of the house endorsement and taxation committee, was headed for a bitter fight in the house today.

The house probably will vote on it Thursday, after which it will go to the senate, which has given indications it would change it drastically.

The closeness of the vote in the tax committee late yesterday was surprising. The committee voted after Governor Earl Snell endorsed the bill, and after grange and labor organizations issued statements that they were as vigorously opposed to the bill as they ever were. These organizations, assuming the legislature would pass it, called on the people to defeat it at the special election June 24.

Police Continue Fire Questioning

City police today continued questioning a suspect in connection with fires at the OK warehouse on Spring and the Link River Lumber company, both of which were described today by Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose as "definitely man-made."

Damage to the old warehouse was not extensive and the flames were nipped in time to prevent serious damage at the mill located at Klamath and Center and operated by Shaw brothers. Chief Ambrose said both fires were started in identical manner and urged close check of industrial plants.

House OK's Throughways Bill Today

SALEM, March 19 (AP)—The highly-controversial bill to let the state highway commission build throughways, or highways with limited access and without commercial development alongside the roads, was passed 35 to 24 by the house today and sent to the governor.

The bill limits throughway construction to new routes, relocated highways, and on existing roads where there are less than 10 commercial establishments per mile.

The vote came after two hours of torrid debate, in which opponents denied that throughways would be safer, and charging that the bill would put many roadside establishments out of business.

Paralleling roads alongside throughways would provide access only at limited points.

Rep. Burt K. Snyder, lake-view chairman of the house roads and highways committee, said the bill would enable the state to cooperate with the federal government in building inter-regional highways.

"We are fortunate," he declared, "that we can take such a step before our highways are too congested, as they are in some eastern sections of the country."

Pelicans Get Many Honors

The Pelican basketball team will have little time on its hands this week and next with a number of luncheons and dinners planned to honor the squad, second place winner in the state tournament last week-end.

Tonight at 6:30 members of the team will be entertained at a banquet in the Klamath Union high school cafeteria given by the Sugar 'N' Spice club, home economics group at KUHS. The Rotary club will be host to the boys at its Friday luncheon meeting, and the Lions club had them as luncheon guests Tuesday.

Ken Brisco and Jack Elliott of the Quality Food store will make good their promise to "buy the team the best dinner in town" within the next few days. Coach Wayne Scott said today that the date will be set for this and other affairs as soon as the team is consulted regarding the best time. H. E. Hauger will sponsor a dinner for them soon, and next week A. H. Bussman will give a dinner for team members and their guests at Sari's.

Rubber Strike Plan Pushed

AKRON, O., March 19 (AP)—Three of the largest local in the CIO United Rubber Workers union pushed their plans today for a strike against the "Big Four" rubber companies, scheduled to start Sunday midnight.

Unions in the Goodyear, Firestone and Goodrich plants distributed handbills at local plant gates today, outlining plans for a walkout in support of demands for a wage increase of 16 cents an hour. U. S. Rubber, the other member of the big four, does not have a plant here.

The strike would affect about 110,000 employees of the Big Four in two plants in 20 states. The union originally asked a wage boost of 26 cents an hour.

Ferry Tie-Up Vote Slated For Today

SEATTLE, March 19 (AP)—Puget Sound ferry engineers will vote at 4 p. m. today whether to accept terms agreed upon by negotiators for ending the six-day ferry strike.

The membership meeting was scheduled after Governor Wallgren announced in Olympia last night that representatives of the CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial association and the Puget Sound Navigation company had reached a tentative agreement.

Air Rescue Unit Takes Off On First Trial Run Today

Eight planes took off from the Klamath Falls airport this morning on the first venture of the new Klamath air search and rescue unit. Object of the search was a mission Navion single-engine craft, lost on February 16 in a flight from Los Angeles to Beaverton and flown by Douglas Locke, and an army surplus ship piloted by Robert Rubottom and missing en route to McMinnaville from Klamath Falls January 10.

Sixteen men are taking part in the search, eight pilots and eight observers. Flying the ships are Hugh Tolley, squadron commander, Chief Sinson, Eldon Ait, Max Menti, Andy Silani, Lloyd Newlin, Jimmy Adams and Byron Johnson of Malin.

Results of the flight will not be learned until all planes in the

Contract With Krug Still Stands

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—John L. Lewis today withdrew his contract termination notice to the government effective March 31 in compliance with a supreme court mandate.

Lewis sent a 20-word letter to Secretary of Interior Krug announcing that the notice which he had given Krug last November 15 "is hereby unconditionally withdrawn."

It was this notice of contract termination that touched off a 17-day strike last fall.

Lewis called off that strike until March 31. His action today thus apparently erases the possibility of renewal of the work stoppage at the end of this month.

Historically do not work. Thus, Lewis' action continues in force the contract he signed with Krug late last spring after the government had seized the mines to end a 59-day stoppage.

It was this contract that Lewis sought to end last fall. The government obtained an order from Federal Judge T. Alan Cook, borough directing Lewis and his miners to call off a strike that followed in November.

When Lewis refused, he and the miners were held guilty of contempt, Lewis was fined \$10,000 and the United Mine Workers were fined \$3,500,000. The supreme court upheld the contempt convictions and Lewis' fine.

The court, however, directed that the union fine be reduced to \$700,000, provided Lewis withdrew his notice ending the contract with the government within five days after issuance of the supreme court mandate.

Subsequently, on petition of the government, the supreme court speeded effectiveness of its order. Its mandate is to be filed with the federal district court tomorrow.

Thus, by obeying the court order today, Lewis saves the mine union a possible additional fine of \$2,800,000.

Copies of Lewis' letter also went to members of the UMW notifying them that he had called off his notice to end the contract with the government.

Truman Leaves For Capital

KEY WEST, Fla., March 19 (AP)—President Truman left at 2 p. m. (EST) today aboard his private plane, the "Sacred Cow" for Washington.

Mr. Truman was accompanied by his official party and Neal Helm, Carruthersville, Mo., a close friend.

Crowds, including school children who had been granted a half-day holiday, lined the six-mile route from the Key West submarine base where Mr. Truman had been staying to the Boca Chica naval air station from which the presidential plane departed.

Mr. Truman, in top humor, thanked naval officers who had been his hosts for an excellent vacation.

Like any other vacationer, he bought souvenirs for the folks back home before leaving.

Soviets Reject U.S. Protests

BUDAPEST, March 19 (AP)—The Soviet command in Budapest rejected today U. S. protests against Russian interference in Hungarian political affairs and refused for the second time an American request for a three-power investigation of the situation.

In a note delivered this morning to Brig. Gen. George H. Weems at the American military mission, Russian Lt. Gen. V. P. Siviridov declared:

"I do not find it possible to change my attitude toward your offer for investigation of the existing conditions in Hungary."

Siviridov is acting chairman of the allied control commission for Hungary.