

HOUSE PASSES TAX SLASH BILL



Mine Blast Death Toll Rises To 33

CENTRALIA, Ill., March 27 (AP)—The twisted and broken bodies of 16 miners were brought to the surface from the Centralia Coal company's No. 5 mine this morning, increasing to 33 the number of known dead in an explosion Tuesday and leaving 78 still trapped in the pit and given "no chance at all" by a mine rescue squad leader.

Heavy Snow
A heavy snow fell over the grim setting as rescue squads, after working through the early morning hours, brought the second group of dead miners from 540 feet below the ground. There were only a few persons at the pit as the bodies were placed in ambulances and taken to a temporary morgue in a nearby bus garage. Last night 16 bodies were removed from the garage. Earlier one miner removed from the mine on Tuesday died.

Bodies Burned
An unidentified rescue worker said that the bodies of the 16 brought from the pit today were twisted and bruised and clothing on some was burned, indicating they had been nearer to the explosion than the 16 miners who were found last night.

As the death toll mounted, with a rescue leader predicting it would reach 111, company officials said rescue attempts would be pushed. "We're not going to give up."

Opinions varied widely as to the length of time that would be required to complete exploration of the more than 3 1/2 mile tunnel, 540 feet below ground, in which the trapped men had been working.

Reds Concede Austria Point

MOSCOW, March 27 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov agreed tonight to consider—as a basis for discussion—a French proposal to define German assets in Austria. This raised hope that the council of foreign ministers might untangle this major complication in the framing of Austria's treaty.

The Russians up to now have held that any German assets in the eastern zone of Austria belonged to them without question, and that no definition was necessary of just what these assets were.

No decision was reached today, but there was an indication a compromise was likely on this most controversial point of the Austrian pact.

Earlier today the Austrian foreign minister, Dr. Karl Gruber, conferred for 40 minutes with Molotov. Emerging from the conference, Gruber said he had been encouraged about the prospects of getting a completed Austrian treaty during this session of the council.

Group Favors More Road Cash For City, County

SALEM, March 27 (AP)—The senate roads and highways committee voted 5 to 4 today to increase the counties' and cities' share of highway revenues from 20.7 to 29 per cent, compared with the 32.5 per cent figure approved by the house.

The minority of the committee is opposed to increasing the amount. "Cities now get 5 per cent of the fund. The house had voted to increase it to 12.5 per cent, and the committee voted today for 10 per cent."

Counties now get 15.7 per cent of the fund, which the house voted to increase to 20 per cent. Today's committee action would place the figure at 19 per cent.

If the senate votes to accept the committee's recommendation, then the bill would have to go to a senate-house conference committee so a compromise could be worked out.

New Storm Sweeps Over Eastern Seaboard Today

By The Associated Press
A new snowstorm moved rapidly eastward today from eastern Oklahoma toward the Hatteras region of the Atlantic coast where, weather bureau forecasters at Chicago said it would center Friday morning.

By late morning, it was snowing over a general area between eastern Kansas and southeastern Nebraska on the west to central Kentucky and northern Tennessee.

The St. Louis area reported six inches of new snow overnight, and accumulations of up to four inches were reported in southern Illinois and southwestern Indiana.

The violent wind and snowstorm which earlier this week spread over the eastern half of the country, causing widespread

WEATHER	
Max. (Mar. 26) 68	Min. 37
Precipitation last 24 hours .00	
Stream year to date 6.15	
Last year 11.08	Normal 9.08
Forecast: Partly cloudy.	

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Military Control Of Atom Asked

Apples Roll On Highway 97



A southbound 20-ton West Coast Freight truck and trailer obstructed traffic near Midland early today when the apple-laden equipment was forced to the opposite side of the highway to avoid collision with an oncoming car. Yakima's finest Winesaps were strewn over the roadbed when the trailer overturned. Gene Harnsberger, left, relief driver, was asleep at the time of the accident, given as 2:50 a. m. by state police.

Truck Trailer Overturns

Winesap apples, best from the Yakima valley, were strewn over highway 97 early this morning when a south-bound truck and trailer took to the opposite side of the road to avoid collision with an oncoming car and the trailer overturned, spilling the fruit up and down the road.

The accident occurred at 2:50 a. m. today one-half mile north of Midland as the 20-ton truck, laden with the apples, was south-bound from Yakima, Wash., for the Los Angeles market. The driver, Jack Wayne Englander, Los Angeles, told investigating state police that a northbound car approached him on his side of the road and he moved to the left to avoid hitting the machine. The car sped on but in manipulating the big outfit, the trailer overturned and the truck, still connected, landed upright in the borrow pit. Neither Englander nor his relief driver, Gene Harnsberger, of Los Angeles, was injured. Harnsberger was asleep at the time.

One-way traffic existed at the scene of the accident for several hours. Two wreckers were dispatched to the wreck and after quite some time the trailer was righted and the road cleared. The truck-trailer was one of West Coast Freight company operations, officers said. No trace of the driver of the car was found.

Collier Bill Battle Looms

SACRAMENTO, March 27 (AP)—Friends and foes of the Collier highway development measure weighed in today for a free swinging battle over committee amendments which, in the words of Governor Warren, left it "no highway bill."

As yet the amendments have not been accepted by the house. They can be received or rejected as a whole but moves were under way to require a division of the question so each amendment could be debated and voted on separately.

Proponents of the \$2,800,000, 000 long range road development program were lined up to demand a roll call on each amendment.

At the opposite end of the corridor an equally warm controversy brewed at a senate labor committee hearing on the bill by Senator George Hatfield, Merced county, and others to make permanent the state's war-time ban on hot cargo and secondary boycott. Support for the proposal comes principally from the rural areas.

Floods Recede In England

LONDON, March 27 (AP)—Flood waters receded slowly throughout England and Wales today but many hundreds remained in refugee centers or marooned in upper floors of their homes.

Thirty airplanes were due today bringing American Red Cross contributions of 50 tons of soap, 1000 brushes and 1000 gallons of disinfectant.

Pumping operations were planned, but some officials said it would be "at least two months before all inundated farm land would be cleared."

B-36 Landed Safely After Landing Gear Breaks Down

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 27 (AP)—The army air force's \$20,000,000 B-36, heralded as able to "carry an atomic bomb to any inhabited region in the world and return," is safe to fly another day.

Although the plane's massive right landing gear was damaged, Test Pilot B. A. Erickson and co-pilot Gus Green nursed the air giant to a smooth stop on the Fort Worth army air field last night as hundreds of soldiers and other spectators cheered.

Two hours earlier, the huge plane, world's largest land bomber, had disgorged 12 of the 14 men aboard. A stiff wind caught their parachutes and tossed them over a wide section of the rolling hill country west of Fort Worth. Six of the men were injured in landing.

The necessity of making an emergency landing became apparent soon after the 139-ton experimental bomber took the air on its 15th test flight at 12:10 p. m. (CST) yesterday. Through the long intervening hours, as it burned up excess gasoline and dropped its passengers, the plane was in radio contact with the air base control tower.

Roland G. Mayer, manager of the Fort Worth division of Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft corporation, builder of the B-36, praised the "wonderful skill" of the pilots, both Convair men.

Balancing the great bulk of the machine so that its weight bore chiefly on its undamaged left landing gear, the pilots rolled it to a gentle stop at 6:20. It settled slowly on the right wheel, where a strut to hold it in a straight downward position had failed.

Butter Price Stays Same

A skid in butter prices in metropolitan centers along the coast was not reflected locally, an early morning check showed, although Portland advised another four-cent decline and a similar drop was reported in Tacoma, Wash.

The department of agriculture attributed the drop to a seasonal increase in butter production but Klamath Falls operators advised that the local cream supply had "increased very little."

The department of agriculture went further than the supply increase and said that buyer resistance was a contributing factor in the lower price of butter. Local reporters, however, advise that butter produced here is not sufficient to meet the demand and considerable butter is shipped into this area. Wholesale price on grade A butter today was 74 cents.

New Zealanders Get Relief Food

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, March 27 (AP)—Relief food and clothing sent by the government were on the way today to north islands thinly-populated eastern Poverty Bay section some 200 miles southeast of here, hit yesterday by two tidal waves. Apparently there was no loss of human life, though hundreds of sheep and cattle drowned.

British Freighter Returned To Owner

TOKYO, March 27 (AP)—The 645-ton British merchant ship Edith Moller, seized by the Japanese navy in South China waters at the beginning of the war, will sail for Hong Kong via Shanghai within a few days. Allied headquarters ordered its return to the British.

Phone Heads Offer Parley

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27 (AP)—Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. is willing to submit wage demands of its employees to arbitration, providing the unions agree to withdraw their April 7 strike threat.

Lyle M. Brown, San Francisco division manager for the company, said last night that P. T. & T. was making the offer of arbitration "in any reason for a telephone interest comes first, and to eliminate any reason for a telephone work stoppage, which would be a disaster for the public."

Local 101 of the CIO American Communications association voted last night to accept the offer. Other unions among 12 representing P. T. & T. employees scheduled meetings for today to discuss the proposal. Most of the unions are seeking wage hikes of about \$12 a week.

A P. T. & T. strike would involve California, Oregon and Washington.

Crashes Take Sixteen Lives

PORTLAND, March 27 (AP)—Airplane accidents so far this year have killed 16 persons in Oregon—twice as many as died in the whole of 1946.

Civil aeronautics administration officials said five of this year's seven fatal accidents were "inexcusable pilot errors." They accounted for 13 deaths.

The other two accidents accounted for three fatalities—two student pilots dying in a mid-air collision, and an army reserve pilot perishing in the unexplained plunge of his plane into the Columbia river.

In addition there were two persons missing on flights over Oregon. A number of minor accidents, on which no figures are kept, injured others, the officials said.

J. E. Hoover Fears Communist Ouster

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's "grave doubts" of the wisdom of outlawing the communist party all but clinched today a congressional committee decision on that hot, red issue.

"I would hate," Hoover said, "to see a group not deserving the category of martyrs made martyrs by some law which later might be declared unconstitutional."

Rep. Nixon (R-Calif.), told reporters later the house committee on un-American activities must "give a great deal of weight" to Hoover's ideas. Nixon said legislation to outlaw the communist party "won't be approved as it is presently written."

Wagner Case Goes To Jury At 11:30

The jury in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Verne L. Wagner, Klamath Falls police officer charged with assault, armed with a dangerous weapon, filed into the jury room for deliberation as the case came to a close at 11:30 o'clock this morning.

Judge Charles H. Combs of Lakeview, presiding in the trial, gave instructions to the jury following the summation.

VFW Against Outlawing Communism

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP)—The Veterans of Foreign Wars asked congress today to restore atomic energy control to military authorities, interpreting President Truman's proposal to halt communism in Greece and Turkey as an admission of international difficulties.

Louis E. Starr, VFW commander-in-chief, told the house committee on un-American activities the proposal to aid Greece and Turkey is a "frank admission that all is not well on the international scene and that a challenge to democracy and freedom has again reared its ugly head."

Warn Challengers
He urged military control of atomic power "to warn the challengers of democracy everywhere that we mean business." Starr's suggestion is in line with views of some members of congress. Rep. Landis (R-Ind.) has introduced a bill to give direction of atomic power development back to military officials.

The VFW head differed with demands by the American Legion and Amvets that the communist party in this country be erased.

He said the VFW voted in 1946 for exclusion of communists from the ballot by law. He said the VFW staff since has weighed the implications that this might violate the constitution or drive communism under ground.

So he suggested for the present an "offensive campaign" of public education directed at communism.

News Of Fire Proves Too Hot

ASTORIA, March 27 (AP)—Mrs. Arthur Dempsey, who operates a linotype machine for the Astorian-Budget, said it wasn't the hot news, but a match that ignited the keyboard, burning off most of the "lower case" letter indicators.

Mrs. Dempsey, unburned, continued to operate the machine—setting a story about a fire.



Fred Cofer, Klamath Falls real estate man, takes the steps at the post office with a chunky package. Cofer was snapped by Wes Guderian, The Herald and News lensman, as Wes made his rounds for the 9 o'clock Special.

Revision By Senate Said Certainty

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP)—The house passed today a republican-backed bill slashing income taxes this year by almost \$4,000,000,000. The legislation now goes to the senate, where it probably will be revised.

Just before the final vote, the republicans beat back a democratic motion to lay aside the bill until congress has more information on the government expenditures and revenues, as well as possible new foreign commitments.

Retrospective

The tax slash—if the senate and President Truman approve it—would be retrospective to January 1. It would cut taxes of 25,000,000 lower income persons by 30 percent and give a 20 percent reduction to most others among the 46,000,000 taxpayers.

Withholdings from wages and salaries would drop to lower levels on June 1, and taxpayers would get refunds on any overpayments from January 1 to June 1.

However, Senator Taft (R-Ohio) already has indicated the senate will revise the measure to make the cut effective July 1, instead of Jan. 1. This would hold the tax reduction to about \$1,900,000,000 this year.

Cost Big

Taft contends the house bill actually would cost the treasury—in reduced revenues and tax refunds—\$5,700,000,000 in the fiscal year beginning July 1. Some democratic leaders said privately that Mr. Truman is bound to veto the bill if it reaches him in its present form.

Welfare Bill OK'd By House

SALEM, March 27 (AP)—The Oregon house of representatives suspended its rules today to rush passage of a bill to maintain the state's public welfare program until July 1.

The bill, which goes to the senate, appropriates \$2,141,000 to make up the public welfare commission's shortage, and also provides funds for Multnomah county to pay its welfare costs for May and June. The measure also contains \$70,000 for expenses of holding special elections in counties which need to levy more property taxes to meet their part of the program.

Bills were being drafted today for the new program to meet the state's budget deficit, and the measures probably will be introduced today. They were agreed upon yesterday by the ways and means and the tax committees of both houses.