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TIGHTER TAXES ON PROFITS OF BUSINESS SEEN

Truman Advisers Suggest New Revenue; Budget Message Is Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8—(AP)—President Truman lays an unbalanced budget before Congress tomorrow, and some advisers were reported urging him to advocate a tighter tax on undistributed business profits.

This would be a move to raise government income in the face of the prospective budget deficit which advance estimates have placed in the area of $5,000,000,000. The new budget covers the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said in a radio debate today that the Truman budget would provide for a deficit of at least $5,000,000,000.

Current Deficit

The deficit for the present fiscal year is currently figured at $3,500,000,000.

Proposed spending called for in the new budget has been forecast at more than $42,000,000,000 by House Speaker Rayburn. Government expenditures are running at a rate of $43,500,000,000 for the present year. Current revenues are at the rate of about $39,000,000,000, with indications the yield may decline somewhat next year.

To help meet the gap between income and outgo, Truman already has told Congress he will ask for certain tax revisions to bring about a "moderate" increase in revenue.

Even the leaders in Congress say they don't know what Truman has in mind in the way of new taxes—a subject some of them said won't be discussed in detail in the budget message but handled in a later separate message.

Revisions Sought

Some lawmakers familiar with the back stage hunt being made now for new revenues say some of Truman's financial advisers are plugging hard for revisions closing what they call loopholes in the undistributed profits tax.

In general, this tax is designed to force corporations to distribute more of their earnings. Stockholders who receive these earnings must pay individual income taxes on them.

It is up to the treasury now to decide when corporations are holding an excessive amount of their earnings and apply a punitive tax on this amount. Presumably if the law were tightened, the effect would be to permit corporations to withhold even lesser amounts.

Most of the fiscal experts are guessing that Truman will urge higher estate and gift taxes. They think he may ask an increase in the present 38 per cent tax on corporation earnings, although each 1 per cent rate boost would bring in only $250,000,000.

Repeal of Taxes

There have been some rather plain indications that President Truman will ask for repeal of some of the war-time excise taxes on transportation, communications and items such as furs, luggage and cosmetics.

Chairman George (D-Ga) of the senate finance committee has suggested that action be taken on reducing these taxes immediately without waiting for a general tax revision bill. He also had opposed any net increase in the overall tax burden.

EMPIRE NATIONS TO BEGIN TALKS

How to Stop Another War Termed Main Problem Facing Leaders

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Jan. 8—(AP)—A top British cabinet official declared today the outstanding problem for the commonwealth foreign relations conference opening here tomorrow is how to stop a third world war.

Philip Noel-Baker, secretary of state for commonwealth relations, told a news conference that great importance will be attached to building up resistance against authoritarianism by adjusting the economy of the commonwealth to meet the situation.

Commonwealth Threat

Other delegates saw the spread of Communism throughout Asia and a peace treaty with Japan as vital subjects.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, who arrived today, called the meeting a "very vital and important conference for the British commonwealth and the world as a whole." A late arrival was Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India.

Noel-Baker said the United Kingdom was greatly indebted to the United States for Marshall Plan aid which is affording Britain a breathing spell from its economic worries. He said the United States will be kept fully informed of the proceedings of the conference.

Strengthen Position

(In Moscow, the Communist party newspaper Pravda said the Colombo conference reflects British effort "to strengthen the weakened position of Britain by combating the influence of the United States in the Pacific."

(Pravda also saw the conference as reflecting a tendency in Britain's "imperialist policy" to "activate the struggle against the peoples' liberation (Communist) movements in the countries of Asia and the Pacific ocean.")

McCormicks Arrive Here

Col. Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, and Mrs. McCormick alighting from their private B-17 long-range airplane at Tucson yesterday. McCormick, a special guest of the directors of the Associated Press for their meeting here, flayed President Truman, education trends, and parts of the Republican party. (Photo by Levitz).

Chicago Tribune's Publisher Terms Truman Ignorant Man

Col. Robert R. McCormick, in Tucson as Special Guest of Associated Press Directors, Also Raps Education Trends and Republicans

By ROGER O'MARA

Col. Robert R. McCormick, outspoken publisher of the Chicago Tribune, arrived in Tucson aboard his private airplane yesterday morning and, in a five-minute interview, assailed President Truman, the President's followers, trends in education and the Republican party—or part of it.

The colonel, who is accompanied by Mrs. McCormick, will be in Tucson four days as a special guest at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Associated Press, which begins tomorrow at the Arizona Inn.

Tired from his 10-hour flight—which was delayed two hours by headwinds — Colonel McCormick nevertheless had plenty of vigor when commenting on the national scene.

Truman 'Insincere'

He accused Truman of being insincere in his program, stating that Truman is attempting to satisfy various pressure groups. "I can't guess whether he will prevail," he said.

Terming the President "an utterly ignorant man and simply a ward politician," the publisher slapped the civil rights program as a form of slavery for employers. It would force employers to hire certain men and they should have as much right to choose their employes as the employes have to choose jobs."

Neither the President nor the members of the crowd that moves around him are economists, said the colonel. But while he deplored Truman's methods, he pointed out that they have been successful so far, so "We may understand why he keeps them up even if we don't admire them."

GOP Follows Money

As for the Republican party, Colonel McCormick said he does not know if it is "rising or dying. If it keeps up 'me too' it is through," he declared flatly.

The party, he added, is following the big money as evidenced by its support of Willkie and Dewey.

Colonel McCormick said that, personally, he supported General MacArthur in the last election. He believes that the general could have been elected had he been nominated. He also believes that MacArthur is now too old to seek the nation's highest office.

"Taft is the only one in sight,"

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Shipping Crate Which Carried Dead Airman Now Filled With Toys

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 8—(AP)—A shipping crate that carried a dead American airman's body from Europe is on its way back—full of toys.

Walter E. Alessandroni of Philadelphia, director of overseas shipping in the American Legion's "Tide of Toys" campaign, reported the incident to Legion national headquarters today.

"At first we were shocked when the six-handled, lead-lined box was received Friday in Philadelphia," Alessandroni admitted. "The stencilled name of the dead flier could still be read.

"Then we realized it was intended as a gesture of good for evil. The box had come from Europe as a symbol of tragedy. It was going back as an offering of good will for European orphans and other youngsters being helped by CARE.

"Maybe the child of the soldier who killed the American will receive one of the 200 toys from that box."

Alessandroni, Pennsylvania state Legion commander, withheld the name of the shipper but said the box was packed in Indiana.

The Legion is planning to ship 5,000,000 toys to Europe, including Germany, Austria, Italy and Poland.

NEW YORK WATER RESERVE IS HIKED

NEW YORK, Jan. 8—(AP)—New York City's water conservation program and a new runoff of last week's rains hiked reserves in the city's reservoirs another 1,634,000,000 gallons.

The gain, recorded as of 8 a.m. (EST) today, brought the storage lakes up to 37.9 per cent of capacity, or 96,000,000,000 gallons.

Quirino Predicts His Country Will Recognize Chinese Reds

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8—(AP)—President Elpidio Quirino of the Philippines arrived today with a proposition of the Chinese Communist government by his country under certain conditions.

Quirino, greeted enthusiastically by several hundred Filipino nationals at the San Francisco airport, is en route to Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore for a kidney stone operation.

After he stepped off his chartered Philippine Air lines plane "Mindoro" at 8:57 a.m. (PST), movieminded reporters asked the president whether his republic would recognize the new Red regime in Peiping.

"Well, certainly," he replied, then added:

"If they get complete control of the country and if the government is accepted by the people and if they can maintain law and order as recognized by international law, you can't help recognize the government."

He gave no hint as to when that might be. "The matter is under advisement," he said. Quirino, recently elected to a new four-year term, last year joined with Generalissimo Chinak Kai-shek of China in urging formation of a Pacific union to combat Communism.

Quirino declined comment on Formosa, the big island outpost of the Chinese Nationalists lying between the Philippines and the mainland of China.

Reporters inquired whether the president intended to see Filipino opera singer Conchita Gaston, 22, in New York, but he brushed aside the questions about their reported romance. Quirino, whose wife was slain by the Japanese during the war, said:

"I'd like to speak of another marriage—one in which I am not involved."

In Manila several days ago, he remarked: "I am married to the Government. When I am divorced from that will be time enough to consider other things."

Quirino was accompanied on his flight by his 19-year-old daughter Victoria and his son, Philippine Army Lt. Thomas Quirino, and his wife. Victoria's first words as she came off the four engine plane after the hop from Honolulu were: "It's cold."

Quirino was asked whether he would ask U. S. officials to increase American bases in the Philippines. He said this trip was purely in the interests of his health and any conferences would be "purely incidental."

ROW OVER GOP TACTICS ARISES AMONG SOLONS

Aiken Likes '48 Platform While Mundt Calls for 'Complete Review'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8—(AP)—A clash over Republican tactics for this year's congressional campaign developed today among some of the 15 senators named to help draft an appeal to voters.

Senator Aiken (R-Vt) told a reporter he would insist the special committee "avoid trying to repeat or change the party platform adopted in 1948," although he thinks it should be condensed for easy reading.

"I have just re-read the platform authorized by the official convention and it's really a pretty good job," he said.

But Senator Mundt (R-SD), one of the freshmen GOP who formerly served in the house, in a separate interview called for a "complete review of Republican principles especially the so-called bi-partisan foreign policy."

Want GOP Platform

"I have been making a number of speeches throughout the country and attending public forums," he said. "I am convinced that the voters want the Republicans to offer their own programs and suggestions on foreign policy as well as domestic affairs."

Mundt said he is confident that Republicans "will not be regarded as isolationists if we come forward with our own idea and suggestions on what should be done on China, Formosa, and other issues where the Democratic administration has failed completely, or has no program."

Mundt said strict adherence to previous party platforms, including that of 1948, would be "shutting our eyes to changed conditions and new situations."

"The Republican party always has been forward looking," he added.

Taft Is Chairman

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), chairman of the senate policy committee, with a similar committee of GOP house members and a special staff, asking group from the Republican national committee on a 3950 party policy statement, asked the 15 other senators to attend an organization meeting Monday. Each of the three groups contains 15 members.

Taft has forecast eventual agreement among GOP senators on a campaign statement. He said a subgroup of them probably would be named to make a preliminary draft.

Aiken said his idea is that the 1948 platform could "be condensed and reworded so it is understood and easily read by all voters."

"We should stress the differences between Republicans and the Democratic administration," he said. "I'm certain all Republicans want to balance the budget and hold down government spending. I think all of us also favor letting local governments handle all possible matters at that level and state governments do the same. That would limit federal action to matters that can't be handled at levels closer to the people."

WEEK END FIRE DEATHS NOW 63

Series of Blazes Across U. S. Injures Twelve; 21 Are Homeless

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A series of disastrous fires killed 63 persons, injured 12, and left 21 homeless over the week end.

One blaze swept the 81-year-old psychiatric building of Mercy hospital, Davenport, Ia., leaving a death toll of 40.

Maine's worst fire in four years snuffed out the lives of six children and resulted in injuries to five adults.

This blaze destroyed the home, in Medway, of Mrs. Grace Jones, a widow, and killed her five sons, who ranged in age from two to 15 years, and a 10-month-old baby daughter also died in the flames.

Four Are Killed

In Fort Dodge, Ia., four perished and three were injured in a fire which destroyed a two-family house.

The dead were a 29-year-old mother, Mrs. James Spitler, her children, Jerove, eleven, and Danny, nine, and a baby girl, Mrs. John Lehman, about 34.

Four other children were burned to death at Duhamel, Quebec, 70 miles northeast of Ottawa.

They died in the small home of Leopold Faubert, who was burned seriously when he tried to fight his way into the house to save his children, Jean-Guy, 16, Michel, four, Remi, two and Simonne, nine months.

Girls Are Burned

Two teen-age high school girls were burned to death when fire destroyed a house at Volney, N. Y. They were Marion Warren, 15, and Jean Davis, 17.

Marion's mother, Mrs. Marion W. Reed, 45, suffered burns and was in critical condition. Two others also were injured.

In South Bend, Ind., fire destroyed two apartments over a restaurant, killing one man, John L. Wilks, 32.

In Cleveland, two women were killed when another tenant of the rooming house where they lived lighted a match to investigate a leak in his gas heater. The resulting explosion killed Mrs. Maxine England, 21, and Mrs. Margaret Cotton, 60, owner of the house.

Attlee Visits British King; Date of Voting May Be in February

LONDON, Monday, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Prime Minister Attlee made a rare Sunday visit to King George VI yesterday, strengthening the belief of many that Attlee soon will call for a general parliamentary election.

Speculation has been strong that Attlee, as head of Britain's governing Labor party, will announce this week that a general election will be held Feb. 23.

Sir Richard Acland, a Laborite member of parliament, yesterday joined the group predicting that date. Replying to a question at a political rally in Buxton, Eng., Acland said: "Do you want a government to plan social justice at a time of difficulty or don't you? That is the kind of thing you have to decide on Feb. 23."

Conservative parties have been alerted for a Feb. 23 election because of reports the Laborites have reserved many public auditoriums for the previous night.

DEPUTIES WORK TO RESCUE BOY

Eddie Stone Is Reported Trapped in Catalinas; Details Are Scarce

A 15-year-old Tucson youth was trapped on a ledge in the Catalina mountains early this morning as almost two dozen sheriff's deputies and volunteers worked to effect a rescue.

The sheriff's office reported that Eddie Stone, 15, of 1622 East Hawthorne street, had slipped and fallen onto the ledge while inspecting the old Potomac mine with his father, Edwin Stone, and three other youths.

Details Are Scarce

Details from the scene were scarce at 1:00 a.m. today. Only signal calls were being received from the walkie-talkie radios used by the rescue workers. Whether or not the youth was injured in his fall was not known.

Sgt. Harry Brannon, chief of the sheriff's rescue patrol was in charge of rescue operations.

Boys Are Listed

The sheriff's office said the boys accompanying Stone and Stone were Michael McCarty, 14, of 2701 East Sixth street, Lee W. Epperson, 14, 1607 East Sixth street; and Jack Schwinger, 15, of 6221 North Martin.

Darkness and treacherous footing near the mine were hampering the sheriff's office said.

CASA GRANDE VICE STORIES TO START IN STAR TUESDAY

A series of articles on vice conditions near Casa Grande in Pinal county will start in the Arizona Daily Star Tuesday morning.

David Dare, special Star investigator, has been in Pinal county for several days gathering material for the series of eyewitness stories.

The copyrighted stories will tell of widespread gambling, prostitution and illegal liquor sales in the vicinity area of Casa Grande, Eloy, and Coolidge.

A protest made by 298 Pinal county women last Tuesday night before the Casa Grande city council launched the Star's investigation.

FRENCH CAPTURE VIET-NAM LEADER

HANOI, Indochina, Jan. 8.—(AP)—An official announcement said today that the Communist leader Ho Tuand Vu Hong Khan, Viet-Nam leader who refused to surrender after fleeing from China into Indochina with 2,000 Chinese nationalist troops.

The capture took place south of Langson, a town on the Chipo-Indochina border.

NATIONALIST SHIPS SHELL AMERICAN FREIGHTER; NO MEMBERS OF CREW HURT

U. S. Narcotics Agents Arrest Tucsonans in Marijuana Deal

Three Alleged Salesmen Nabbed While Negotiating Transfer of Three Pounds of Dope, Federal Agents Report; Shooting Rumor Denied

By DOROTHY KALIL

The arrest of three more alleged marijuana salesmen yesterday added fuel to the fire that federal officers have been stoking in Tucson's dope-peddling circles during the last few days.

The three, Edward Winder, 26, of 1026 East 28th street; Johnny Weeks, 30, of 32 West Simpson, and Arthur Lee Bellinger, 28, also of Tucson, were taken into custody about 4:00 p.m. yesterday by U. S. Narcotics agents and county sheriff's deputies.

They were arrested in the vicinity of the 900 block on East 23rd street while negotiating the transfer of some three pounds of marijuana to a narcotics agent posing as an undercover man, according to federal officers.

No Shooting Involved

Agents denied the rumor that there had been shooting involved in apprehending the men.

Winder, Weeks and Bellinger probably will face formal charges of transferring or conspiring to transfer marijuana early this week, U. S. Commissioner Thomas H. McKay.

The arrest of the trio of alleged marijuana peddlers yesterday followed two days of activity on the part of narcotics agents during which time 12 Tucsonans have been taken into custody on various narcotics charges. The Tucson investigation started about four months ago.

Initial arrests were made Friday when Hom Shew Gock, 25, and Richard Good, 45, were apprehended for alleged possession and sale of morphine. Laboratory equipment reportedly used by them in the manufacture of morphine was confiscated.

To Be Returned

Their alleged partner, Joseph Henri LaFrison, now serving 18 months in prison for possession of morphine, will be returned here to face added charge of sale of the narcotic, according to federal officials. Hom and Good are under $5,000 bond each.

Ten more were arrested Saturday, three of them on charges of receiving, concealing and facilitating the transportation of opium, and the remaining seven on charges of transferring or conspiring to transfer marijuana.

The three facing the opium charge are Alfred Perry, 50; Antonio Abumada, 24; and Mario Fernandez Rodriguez, 26. All are under $5,000 bond each.

Taken into custody on the marijuana count were Edward Rosal, 43; William Swain, 22; Hector Balesteros, 19; Milton G. Montelongo, 30; Oscar Cerral, 26; Felix Quiroz, 28, and a juvenile. They are under $2,000 bond each.

Narcotics agents heading the investigation are Henry B. Hays, of Tucson; Earl A. Smith and Robert Lorenz, of Phoenix; and Donald Smith, of Dallas, Tex. Capt. Frank Eyman, of the city police department, has been cooperating in the work, and several county deputies also have been active.

Soviet Paper Belittles U. S. Service Schools

MOSCOW, Jan. 8.—(AP)—West Point and Annapolis are mere high schools, not to be compared with similar Soviet institutions, the army newspaper Red Star said today.

"In general, there are no higher military educational institutions in the United States which, in the scale of knowledge imparted, can be fully compared with our military academies," the newspaper said.

CHINA UN SEAT BEING DISPUTED

Reds Demand Nationalists Be Unseated; Russians May Back Commies

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Communist China tonight demanded the expulsion of Nationalist China's representative from the United Nations security council.

The Peiping New China News agency, in a radio dispatch monitored here, said the demand was contained in a telegram sent to U. N. Assembly President Carlos P. Romulo, Secretary-General Trygve Lie, and various nations now members of the security council. The message was signed by Chou En-lai, Chinese Communist foreign minister.

In the version released here, Yugoslavia, a new member of the council, was omitted from the list of those to whom the message was addressed. Delegations listed as addressees were those of the Soviet Union, United States, France, United Kingdom, Ecuador, India, Cuba, Egypt and Norway.

Text Is Repeated

Tanjug, official Yugoslav news agency, in a dispatch from Belgrade, repeated the text of Chou's demand but said only it was addressed to "President Romulo, Secretary-General Lie, as well as the members of delegations to the security council."

Yugoslavia recognizes the Communist Chinese regime but is feuding with Moscow in Moscow over the question of which delegation—Nationalist or Communist—henceforth should sit in the U. N.

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Guerrilla Warfare On Reds Pledged

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Mme Chiang Kai-shek today pledged unremitting guerrilla warfare and recognition — and eventually general uprising—against the Chinese Communist regime.

In a radio speech before leaving for the island of Formosa to join her husband, the wife of the former Nationalist leader promised she would wage a fast-ditch battle from the island.

In addition, she said, "everyone in China's mainland will be guerrillas will keep the torch of liberty."

She added:

"The enemy's lies and deceit, their treachery and propaganda, will be defeated not only with bullets but also with truth.

"The oppressed people on the mainland will be prepared so that at a given signal they will rise up simultaneously and overthrow the yoke of Communist domination with our returning armies."

Mme. Chiang will leave the country this week.

BLAZE STARTED ON AFTERDECK; 38 SHOTS FIRED

Isbrandtsen Ship Running Blockade in Defiance Of U. S. Warnings

(Associated Press Correspondent Wayne Richardson is the only newsman aboard the Flying Arrow. Richardson, head of the Associated Press bureau at Hong Kong, is en route to the United States on home leave. He chose to go aboard the Flying Arrow in the expectation he would be covering just such a story as this.)

By WAYNE RICHARDSON

ABOARD FLYING ARROW, Monday, Jan. 9—(AP)—Chinese Nationalist warships shelled this blockade-running American freighter today in international waters off Communist China. There were no casualties.

One shell started a fire on the Flying Arrow's afterdeck. Another set a blaze in the No. 5 hold. Ten shells perforated the steering room. At least 38 shells were fired before the first direct hit.

The attack began shortly after this 6,215-ton Isbrandtsen Line ship arrived in international waters two miles off the mouth of the Yangtze river.

The ship is running the Chinese Nationalist blockade of Red China ports in defiance of warnings by the United States state department.

The Nationalists asserted the Yangtze mouth had been mined.

Fourth Ship Shelled

The Flying Arrow is the fourth Isbrandtsen ship shelled by the Nationalists while running the blockade of Shanghai. The Flying Trader was fired on Oct. 15 but not hit. The Flying Cloud was shelled Nov. 15 and the Sir John Franklin Nov. 28. Both were hit but suffered no casualties. Several other ships of the line have been stopped by the Nationalists and released.

(At Hong Kong, it was announced today (Monday) that Isbrandtsen's Hongkyien Heights will sail from there for Shanghai Wednesday.)

The British sloop Black Swan came to the aid of the Flying Arrow after Capt. David Jones of Chicago sent this radio call to all American and British warships in the area:

"Fire on afterdeck by Chinese warship."

British Ship Responds

The Black Swan, herself shelled by Chinese Communist shore batteries in the Yangtze last spring, quickly pulled up within 50 yards of this ship. Her captain said through a megaphone:

"I cannot take part in this war but if you cannot extinguish the fire with your own resources, we will board and help."

Shortly afterward, British sailors swarmed over the Flying Arrow's side and aided in fighting the flames.

There were no American warships in sight.

(In New York, H. J. Isbrandtsen, president of the line, indirectly called for American naval protection of the Flying Arrow. He called the attack "entirely unlawful according to international laws."

("According to standing naval regulations, the U. S. Navy should protect American vessels on the high seas and I hope it will be done in this case," Isbrandtsen said. He

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Solon Advocates Labor Unions Be Subject to Anti-Trust Laws

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Sharply criticizing John L. Lewis for limiting coal production, Senator Robertson (D-Va), announced tonight he will urge that Congress make labor unions subject to the anti-trust laws in certain cases.

Robertson said he plans to lay the recommendation before the senate banking committee Tuesday when he reports on a coal industry investigation he conducted for the committee last summer.

The Virginia senator noted that representatives of retail coal dealers from a number of southern states are coming here tomorrow to discuss what can be done to restore full production of coal. Under instructions from Lewis, chief of the United Mine Workers, the pits now are being worked only three days a week.

The retail dealers, Robertson said, are "seeking relief from a curtailed production program which has resulted in an acute coal shortage in some areas and which shortly will seriously affect the entire nation." He added:

"This is a situation I anticipated when I induced our banking committee last summer to investigate the special privileges now enjoyed by certain labor groups which apparently were affecting production and prices.

"The effect is no longer in doubt and witnesses testifying under oath before our committee placed all responsibility on others issued by John L. Lewis to members of his miners' union."

At the time of the committee's investigation, Lewis had the miners on a three-day week. Later a full strike was called then Lewis again put the short week into effect.

Robertson said that at the Tuesday meeting of the banking committee he will recommend the group submit to the judiciary committee, which would have jurisdiction, "an appropriate amendment to the anti-trust laws."

He added that the amendment would replace labor unions on a par with corporations with respect to actions in restraint of trade when the accomplishment of the union is not reasonably related to wages, hours, health or safety of employes."

Such a measure, Robertson said in a statement, would "place a limitation on improper actions of a labor monopoly without interfering with collective bargaining on an industry-wide basis or affecting strikes for legitimate goals."

Alluding to the coal situation, Robertson added:

"If we concede that consumers have a fundamental right to the necessities of life, it then becomes the clear duty of the congress to provide the remedy when that right is violated."

Robertson said nothing in his statement about invoking the Taft-Hartley law. But he fought against its repeal at the last session and, among other things, that the emergency injunction provisions of the measure are needed to cope with Lewis.

Robertson's criticism of the three-day work-week added to a growing clamor in Congress for government intervention.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio), who sponsored the emergency injunction section of the Taft-Hartley law he used against Lewis.

There has been some talk in Congress that the emergency section could not legally be used in the coal situation because, the argument runs, there is no actual strike in the industry.

But Taft said the short week "is actually a strike "because the miners refuse to work the other two days of the week."

Senate Democratic Leader Lucas has carried his concern over the situation to the White House where President Truman has consistently refused to view it as an emergency under the Taft-Hartley act.

16,000 MINERS GO BACK TO JOBS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Illinois chief of the United Mine Workers said tonight that 16,000 miners will return to their jobs in 48 mines in Illinois last Tuesday will return to work tomorrow.

Hugh White, Illinois president, said he had issued an order last Tuesday for the men to return to the pits tomorrow.

The men are going back to work on a three-day week basis," White said tonight. He did not elaborate on his statement. But most of the men were expected to go back to their jobs at 8 a. m. (CST) tomorrow. A few were expected to report for the midnight shift at 12:01 a. m. (CST) tomorrow.

The miners, who had been on a three-day week ordered by UMW Chief John L. Lewis, were supposed to have worked last Tuesday and Wednesday. At the time of the mysterious walkout, union officials and spokesmen for the Illinois Coal Operators' association said they did not know why the miners were idle. White said he did not order the men out.

COAL MINE NIGHT SHIFT IS ABSENT FROM WORK

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan 8.—(AP)—A night shift failed to report to the Consolidation Coal company's Riverville mine as scheduled tonight at 11 p.m.

An official of the mine said he understood the United Mine Workers local union had voted earlier in the day to strike. He said a sign, "no contract, no work" was posted by union men at the mine.

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