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Pressure Increased To Find Compromise In Coal Mine Strike

Diggers and Operators Both Told Public Interest Requires Agreement on New Contract Before Monday's Trial; Industry Chaos Seen

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Soft coal contract talks tonight headed for their first Sunday session as government mediators pressed hard for a sudden agreement before the mine whistles blow again.

The officials drew some slight encouragement from today's long meetings — "they've talked a lot of dollars and cents all day."

But tomorrow's session beginning at 11 a.m., EST, offered the last chance to get a quick compromise ahead of court opening Monday when the United Mine Workers go to trial on contempt charges because 372,000 miners refused to obey a federal judge's order to dig coal.

And the mediators—David L. Cole, chairman of President Truman's inquiry board, and Cyrus Ching, federal mediation chief—reportedly told the union and operator negotiators today that the public interest requires they make every effort to reach agreement before the trial.

Crisis Mounts

Underlining this was the rapidly mounting coal shortage crisis. Closing industries lifted joblessness in other industries to 180,000. A coal industry official said that another week of the strike would put the country in a state of "chaos."

The White House gave no indication of a new presidential move.

As the negotiations recessed, Cole told reporters:

"We're hopeful in general . . . a little bit encouraged . . . only a little bit though."

Both Cole and Ching declined details. It was reported that the operators had held off making a specific contract offer, although Cole said the meeting was "constructive."

But Ching noted, in reply to a question: "There's still a gulf between them."

Cole and Ching were understood on his tenth day of bargaining to have asked both sides to improve their offers.

They reportedly felt that the union, if it is convicted of contempt and fined heavily, may be less inclined to do business with the coal operators.

Some officials believed that this might have no effect on getting the men back to work. Miners are vowing "no contract, no work."

UMW Chiefs Gather

District UMW presidents gathered here unannounced today and this was taken by some as an indication of possible week-end contract developments. But other observers felt they were here merely to be brought up to date on the entire situation.

With John L. Lewis absent, the tempo of the negotiations seemed to pick up under the prodding of the mediators. But nobody was willing to report progress. The UMW president was in Springfield, Ill., for a brother's funeral.

On Monday his union will go on trial before Federal Judge Richmond B. Keech charged with criminal and civil contempt of the court's Feb. 11 order against striking. It was issued after President Truman invoked the Taft-Hartley act which provides for injunctions against such strikes.

Lewis twice has publicly notified the miners to obey the court.

John D. Battle, executive vice-president of the National Coal Association, told a reporter:

"One more week of this and there will be simply chaos. We've quit trying to keep figures on coal stocks.

"Except in a few cases where individual companies had stocks on hand, it is hand-to-mouth everywhere.

"Out of my long experience I don't remember anything to compare with it in soft coal."

Million-a-Day Fine

Justice department attorneys, in the event of a contempt conviction, it is said, may seek a fine as high as $1,000,000 a day against the union for continuing the strike any longer.

Officials doubted that even such a heavy penalty on the union's treasury would persuade the men to work. Their attitude indicates they may be ready to abandon the entire UMW treasury in fines rather than dig without a contract.

COUNTRY'S FUEL BIN IS EMPTIED

Miners Hardest Hit of All As Savings Evaporate, Cupboards Go Bare

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 25—(AP)—Emergency coal rolled into fuel destitute Pittsburgh under police guard today but other sections of the country faced equally empty bins and no such relief.

Supplies on hand range from none in Defiance, O., to eight days in New York City.

Millions are feeling the effects of the seven-week soft coal strike.

Railroad, steel and automobile industries reached the layoff stage.

The idle total by Monday will soar to 552,000—including the 372,000 striking United Mine Workers.

Hardest hit of all are the miners.

Miners Cold

The current blast of wintry weather has sent many of them scratching slag piles and railroad tracks for bits of coal to warm their own houses.

Their savings are long ago gone and their cupboards are bare. With credit shut off at company stores, most of them exist on meager relief payments and handouts from welfare agencies.

Yet, solidly backed by women who feed their children on a daily diet of beans and macaroni, they are grimly determined:

"No contract, no work."

Pittsburgh, heart of the soft coal industry, is typical of the nation's plight.

City authorities had to take steps to get necessary coal to warm hospitals and schools.

Police Protection

Emergency coal was mined under police protection at the Aloe Brothers, union strip mine at Imperial, 18 miles from Pittsburgh.

State police and uniformed deputy sheriffs patrolled the strip mine area today to guard against stone-throwing pickets who appeared previously.

No pickets showed. Coal moved without incident to the company tipple and thence to waiting railroad cars.

The Aloe mine signed a new contract with the UMW under the Kentucky pattern. That provided a 95-cent daily wage boost to $15 a day and sent pension-welfare benefits up from 20 to 35 cents a ton.

Coal supplies in the little Ohio town of Defiance were exhausted.

Mayor Ronald B. Baringer offered to arrange dormitories to provide warm lodging for families with invalids or children.

Indianapolis will operate under a state of emergency Monday. Mayor Al Feeney asked the 101 other cities in the state to do the same.

Coal is limited to half a ton to a customer but panicky Indianapolis citizens gathered around coal yards and begged to be allowed to haul away the fuel themselves.

How to Throw Steer Without Using Rope Ably Demonstrated

Ross Dollarhide, Lakeview, Ore., one of the bulldoggers who stole the show at yesterday's performance of La Fiesta de los Vaqueros, twists his face as he attempts to turn his steer into the ground. Dollarhide rolled his animal in 13 seconds. Best time of the afternoon, 9 1/5 seconds, was turned in by Bud Linderman. Red Lodge, Montana. (Levitz Photo by Jack Sheaffer.)

COSTLIER PHONE RATES IN STORE

MST&T Plans No Increase In Charges, However, Till Study Made

PHOENIX, Feb. 25.—(AP)—No telephone rate increase will be instituted in Arizona before the middle of next week, it was learned today.

Lawson V. Smith, Arizona manager for the utility, said the superior court decision authorizing an increase must be studied in detail first.

The opinion, handed down by Judge Dudley W. Windes, held that the company could hike service charges pending the fixing of new rates by the Arizona Corporation commission.

However, the firm was told it must furnish bond providing for refunds to customers if it was later determined their charges were in excess of "just and reasonable" rates.

Windes contended, as the basis for his opinion, that the commission in effect imposed the penalty of confiscation on the company by twice refusing to grant petitions for an increase.

He ordered the commission to determine the amount of the company's investment and fix rates accordingly.

Meanwhile, it was still not certain whether the decision would be appealed to the state supreme court.

The previous rate hike asked by the company would have increased charges for service from 75 cents a month up, the amount depending on the type service.

Steer Wrestling Performance Thrills 3rd Day Rodeo Crowd

Bud Linderman Downs His Animal in 9 1/5 Seconds For Day's Best Time; Four Others Do Trick in Less Than 20; Clowns Earn Their Money

By JIM HART

Steer wrestlers, led by Bud Linderman of Red Lodge, Mont., performed like the champions they are before a crowd of 7,500 during the third day events of La Fiesta de los Vaqueros.

Linderman, former world's champion bulldogger, turned in the best time of the afternoon, twisting his steer to the turf in 9 1/5 seconds.

Twelve steer throwers pinned their animals in less than 21 seconds. Only tough luck kept the other four doggers in the contest from equalling that time.

Sherman Sullins, of San Diego, made a good catch but was unable to roll his large and rough steer. Barney Willis, San Diego, went a little high on his leap and had his shirt ripped to shreds, but was not injured.

Canny Steer

Lonnie Allen, Tucson drew a steer that headed back for the safety of the chute as Allen and his heavy rode past.

Ray Ross put on the best show. Ross, of Tucson, caught his steer in front of the judges stand and was carried, his heels digging for the turf, to the end of the arena by a rubbernecked steer that wouldn't go down.

While no one was seriously injured, the show got a little rougher yesterday.

Cowpoke Stomped

The ambulance was called out after Bart Clennon, Sturgis, S. D., stomped the cowboy as the buzzer sounded the end of his saddle bronc ride.

Clennon had the wind knocked out of him, and lost part of his shirt, but refused to ride in the ambulance, walking off the field.

Billy Myers, Fort Pierre, S. D., gave Katy Did a rough raking ride, and was tossed after the buzzer. Myers walked out of the arena nursing a sprained wrist.

The clowns earned their money as five bulls refused to leave the field and chased cowpokes and clowns up the nearest fences. Wiley McCray gave an exceptional exhibition of bull baiting, leaping in front of and away from the angered Brahmans.

Roland Wyatt, Tucson, gave one of the best bull topping exhibitions of the day, sticking aboard a twisting

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LETTER STARTS STREET FRACAS

Widow of Negro Leader Is Enraged at Language in 'Voice of People'

By W. R. HARROD

A "letter to the editor," appearing in the Arizona Daily Star on Feb. 22, yesterday caused Mrs. Lorraine Washington, 36, widow of the late Louis Washington, Tucson Negro leader, to fire four shots from a .32 caliber automatic pistol at the letter's author, Willie A. Drake, 929 North Ninth avenue.

The shooting occurred in front of Drake's home at 8:20 a. m. All four shots went wild and Drake grappled with Mrs. Washington. They struggled until police arrived on the scene a few moments later. During the encounter a "large chunk" was bitten out of Drake's right arm, according to police reports.

Assault Charges

Mrs. Washington, an Elgy school teacher, was ordered held by John F. O'Mara, chief deputy county attorney, on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder. In a hysterical condition, she was lodged in the Pima county jail.

The letter to the editor which was the direct cause of the shooting was written by Drake assailing the Star and its editor-publisher, William R. Mathews, on an editorial upholding Morgan Maxwell, principal of the Dunbar junior high school, who has been under fire of a small group of Negroes for years recently.

In his letter, Drake said: "We are still laughing at your editorial especially where you mention the 'reasonable Louis Washington.'

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ENDING OF RENT CONTROL ASKED

Appropriations Committee Cuts Housing Expediter Funds; Orders Windup

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—A proposal for junking federal rent controls—now covering 11,000,000 housing units throughout the nation—is made to the senate today by its powerful appropriations committee.

The committee voted to allow the office of housing expediter, which supervises rent controls, only $2,600,000 from its functions from now to June 30, and ordered those funds used to 'wind up its affairs and pay off its 4,175 employes.

There was no record vote. Some opposition was reported.

The office had asked for $3,600,000 to keep the controls operating the remainder of the present fiscal year, and apparently was expecting that Congress would extend rent controls past the scheduled June 30 expiration date.

The surprise move by the appropriations committee was certain to kick up a four fight from supporters of President Truman. The President twice has asked Congress to extend the federal rent ceilings and related protections for tenants for another year.

Chairman McKellar (D-Tenn) of the 21-member appropriation group told reporters after a closed door session today that the action indicates his committee will not vote funds to continue rent controls beyond June 30.

Attlee's Government Announces Decision To 'Carry on' Task

Laborites Probably Will Have Smallest Majority In House of Commons for Century; Composition Of New Cabinet Studied; Rocky Road Ahead

LONDON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Prime Minister Attlee elected today to lead a governing Britain on his Labor party's razor-thin majority.

After an emergency cabinet meeting of an hour and a quarter, he announced "we are carrying on" and sent word of his decision to King George VI.

The shy, unassuming Labor party leader will be attempting to run a nation of some 50,000,000 with what may be the smallest government majority in the House of Commons for a century.

Excluding the non-partisan speaker of the house and four results to be reported later, Labor holds 315 seats in the 625-seat Commons, the Conservatives 294, the Liberals 8, Independents one and Irish Nationalists 2.

21-Vote Margin

This gave Labor just two votes over a bare majority of 313 and a margin of only 21 over his most dangerous opposition, Winston Churchill's Conservatives.

The four districts still out were three in Scotland, which are not scheduled to report until Monday, and a Manchester district which holds a delayed election March 9 because of the death of a candidate.

Three of these districts went Conservative in 1945 and one went Labor.

Two districts reported today. The western isles district of Scotland, reporting ahead of time, added a Labor victory. M. K. Macmillan won a three-way race with a Liberal and an independent by 1,478 votes. Labor won the seat in 1945 by about the same margin.

Liberal Wins

In the other contest, Capt. J. Macleod, an Independent Liberal, got 16,912 votes against Laborite A. C. Reid's 6,521 in the Scottish constituency of Ross and Cromarty. In 1945 Macleod was elected as a National Liberal, a party allied with the Conservatives. As an Independent Liberal, he is not committed to follow a party line.

How long Attlee might last with an slim a majority depends in a large part on tactics.

Back in 1847 the Liberals (Whigs) defeated the Conservatives of Sir Robert Peel by a single vote and remained in power five years. In 1852 the Liberals again formed a government with a margin of only 13 votes which also lasted five years.

In Britain's last close election, 1910, Liberal Prime Minister Herbert Asquith won only two more seats than the Conservatives. But the situation was not comparable. Asquist was able to reach a working agreement with a substantial number of Labor and Irish Nationalist members in the house.

Take to Country

Both the Labor and Conservative leaders sought retreat in the country today to organize their thoughts.

After deciding to remain in office, Attlee went to the prime minister's home at Chequers to plan the composition of his new government. By tradition, all cabinet members placed their resignations at his disposal.

Some changes are expected. A week ago the cabinet was expected to be more leftist than ever. Attlee may have to trim his sails now.

Original plans called for the resignation of ailing Ernest Bevin, the foreign secretary whose policies have been supported in general by the Conservatives. He leads the moderate wing of the cabinet. Now Bevin is reported anxious to keep on.

Eden Sees Churchill

Churchill, 75-year-old warhorse of the Conservatives, went to his home, Chartwell, for the week end. There he was joined by his deputy leader, Anthony Eden. They were expected to chart opposition strategy and present the outline to a "shadow cabinet"—the men who would be ministers if the Conservatives come to power.

Before Churchill was the question:

Should the Conservatives try to bring down the new Labor government quickly or let it live long enough to bring in the annual budget and setting necessary finance bills in April?

It will not be long before the

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RUSS SEPARATE NAVY COMMAND

Ministry Is Divorced From Other Forces to Build Up Reds' Sea Power

LONDON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Russia has set up a separate navy ministry in her drive to build up sea power to match her strength on land, Radio Moscow disclosed tonight.

The presidium of the supreme Soviet announced creation of the ministry divorced from the rest of the armed forces, the radio reported.

The disclosure followed by only two months a report by the authoritative Jane's Fighting Ships that Soviet Russia was building up its naval strength through construction of at least three ultra-modern battleships and 1,000 submarines.

Yumashev in Charge

Th new ministry will be headed, the radio said, by Adm. Ivan S. Yumashev, former deputy minister of the armed forces and commander in chief of the Soviet fleet.

The old ministry of the armed forces will be renamed the ministry of the army.

The brief report, heard in London by the Soviet monitor, gave no hint as to the disposition of the Soviet air force. This, along with the navy, has been part of the ministry of the armed forces under the general direction of Marshal A. M. Vasilevsky.

Observers here speculated that the resshuffle was part of a general expansion of the Soviet armed forces which would likely include creation of a separate Soviet ministry of military aviation.

Jane's Report

Jane's Fighting Ships reported in December, that Russia was building three 35,000-ton battle ships equipped to fire radio-controlled aerial torpedoes and rocketing.

It also said the Soviets were constructing a fleet of more than 1,000 submarines "with a great range and a very high submerged speed."

The report was greeted with startled interest in many western naval quarters.

Last July 4 the Soviet Union celebrated navy day with demands that the fleet be greatly strengthened.

Admiral Yumashev said then that the sea forces should be expanded as a component of the armed forces of the Soviet Union. Adm. E. S. Oktyabrsky, war time defender of Sevastopol, said: "The interests and security of our country demand further strengthening of the naval forces."

The two admirals both declared that as a result of World War II the Soviet Union was now a great naval power with an increased number of warm water ports, naval bases and means of access to the open sea.

Since publication by Jane's last December of the building program, authoritative reports have said at least one of the battleships, the Sovietskaya Sovuz, had been completed and outfitted at Leningrad.

Ten Arrested in Police Raid On West Broadway Game Spot

Ten Tucson men were arrested last night in a police raid on a West Broadway gambling establishment.

Entry to the well-guarded place was made by a patrolman disguised as a sailor. Once inside, the patrolman grappled with a watchman and any outcry as a signal of police swept into the room.

Police said the gambling quarters were built like a fortress. There were no windows and only one door which had to be entered from the outer room, a shoe shine parlor.

An electric warning buzzer was found on the floor near the door which was used to warn occupants of any approach by the police.

Last night's raid caught the men completely by surprise.

Five men found shooting craps at a table were placed under arrest. Their stakes, $13.55 were confiscated. Five decks of playing cards and 10 pairs of dice were seized as evidence.

Booked at the station, the men were identified as:

Clem Miller, 32, 115 West Jackson street, the alleged operator of the place. Miller was charged with gambling and maintaining a gambling establishment, the others charged with gambling were:

Chester Simpson, 41, of 1426 South Park avenue.

C. H. Lewis, 24, of 514 West Drachman street.

Dwight Briggs, 45, of 115 West Jackson street.

Carlos Cardenas, 45, of 939 North Ninth avenue.

Five other men found watching the game were arrested and charged with vagrancy.

Capt. Joseph Rice, who led last night's raid, said police had been receiving reports of gambling activities in the place for some time. Several complaints were made by people who said they had been approached with a knife and robbed of their winnings, Rice said.

The most enjoyable comment about the raid came from a passer-by who shine boy in the room who was watching with glittering eyes as police led the men into the wagon.

"Lawsa! I've shine $500 worth of shines in my life, but I never seen anything so funny as the eyes on them 10 fellers when they saw they was bein' raided," he grinned.

State's Education Department Is Called 'Worst in Country'

By LESTER N. INSKEEP
Star Staff Correspondent

GLOBE, Feb. 25.—Arizona has the worst state department of education in the United States, Dr. Charles W. Sechrist, Flagstaff, president of the state association of school trustees, told the 46th annual meeting of the Arizona Cattle growers association today.

Dr. Sechrist further said that Arizona "does not need nor does it want federal aid to education."

"If we accept such a government subsidy," he declared, "we soon would find ourselves controlled from Washington. They would be telling us what textbooks to use and generally how to run our schools."

Dr. Sechrist's address was the most militant delivered during the two-day meeting.

'Something Free'

In arguing against the proposed federal aid to schools, he said people too frequently get the idea that they are being given something by Washington.

"They (Washington) don't have that much money to give away," he declared. "If the federal government were to start sending money to Arizona for schools, the money would be collected here. Further, out of every $100 sent to Washington, only $35 or $40 would find its way back to this state. The rest would be eaten up in administrations and red tape."

Although his address had no connection with the cattle industry, Dr. Sechrist shared honors during the final day of the convention with Mrs. Isabella Greenway, King, Tucson, former Arizona congresswoman, and a number of experts on various subjects.

Mrs. King, long a cattle producer herself, left technicalities alone, she concentrated on amusing her audience with several stories—and ended up with an ovation.

Explaining his statement re-

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Mercury Tumbling In Midwest Areas

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A blast of Arctic air, coldest of the winter in some sections, sent temperatures tumbling below zero in eight midwest states Saturday and headed toward New England.

Another storm hit the chilled, snow-covered midwest, dumping a band of fresh snow from the Dakotas, through Iowa and central Illinois and central Indiana.

The cold put a new drain on dwindling coal supplies and no relief was in sight.

The mercury slid to 40 below zero in Bemidji, Minn. Pembina, N.D., had -37; Eau Claire, Wis., -23; Aberdeen, S.D., -11; Mason City, Ia., -7; Joliet, Ill., -8; Grand Rapids, Mich., -14; South Bend, Ind., -7 and Toledo, O., -3. Chicago had -5, lowest of the winter, and some suburbs reported -7.

Fair and much colder weather was forecast for New England.

Leopard on Loose Has Oklahoma City on Edge

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 25.—(AP)—A vicious jungle-bred leopard—in captivity only a few weeks—escaped from its 18-foot, deep pit at the Oklahoma City zoo this afternoon and caused near-panic among scores of visitors.

Six hours later—after a methodical but fruitless search — Zoo Director Julian Frazier said the hunt would be called off until morning because of the danger of someone being shot in the dark. An armed guard was to patrol the 62-acre park throughout the night, however.

Frazier issued this grim warning:

"I would advise people in the northeast section of Oklahoma City to be extremely cautious. Especially I would warn all those who have small children to keep them indoors.

"This animal is fresh from the jungles of India. He has been in captivity only a very short while. Unlike other members of the cat family—such as the lion and tiger, which kill only for food—the leopard will kill for pleasure.

"The big cat jumped from the pit in a flash. Two men ahead of one wall and then scrambled over the moat to freedom as several persons—including six children—watched in stunned horror.

"No one was injured. The animal perched atop some rocks for almost 15 minutes before slinking off into the zoo grounds underbrush.

"The search shifted from the park area to the fair grounds—some five miles away—then back to the park.

"We said the cat could have jumped the park ground fence, but some of the persons watching the hunt from parked cars circling the area, though, reported seeing it.

"Some 200 state highway troopers, park guards, Oklahoma City policemen and civilians combed the area for signs of the leopard.

"The four-year-old animal, bought for $400, was flown here this week with his mate from California. They were bought from a trader just returned from India.

"Frazier tossed away any hope of capturing the animal alive and gave the searchers a "shoot to kill" order.

"You'd better shoot fast, too," Frazier said. "One shot is all you have. Those things move as fast as greased lightning."

Sharp Temblor Jolts Santa Barbara Region

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. Feb. 25.—A sharp earthquake jolted Santa Barbara and Ventura county cities briefly today, but caused slight damage and no injuries.

The quake, coming at 4:07 p.m. (PST), apparently was felt most at Ventura, 30 miles south of here. It rattled dishes and swayed radio towers in Santa Barbara.

The shock also was felt in Santa Paula, some 25 miles inland from the coast. Police reported several windows were broken there.

British Election Vote Tabulation

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The popular vote in Thursday's election in 619 of the 625 British constituencies:

Labor 13,264,308.
Conservative 12,408,808.
Liberal 2,617,336.
Communist 91,746.
Labor Independent 79,595.
Independent Labor 4,112.
Independents 74,347.
Scottish Nationalist 6,708.
Welsh Nationalist 17,580.
Irish Anti-Partition (including Irish Nationalists) 84,458.
Sinn Fein 23,262.
Speaker (who ran as a neutral) 24,703.

The total vote was 28,644,953 in the constituencies counted. There were 36,410,306 eligible voters in the 625 districts.

In two constituencies there was no voting because the candidates were unopposed. Three others have yet to report, and another has not

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