

U. S. Moves To Cite Lewis

COAL WALKOUT

Boulevard Foes May Resort To Court Action

Residents Would Block Highway

By DICK YOUNG
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Threat of injunction against the City Government and the State Highway Commission to prevent the location of the proposed cross-town boulevard on Westmonte Ave. appeared today as the City Council marked time in its deliberations on the selection of the route.

Reliable reports indicated the citizens along Westmonte Ave. whose street would be chosen for either Route No. 1 or No. 2, are determined to legally block the highway if they can possibly do so.

MINES SILENT

For the first time, the silence of the mines along the highway has been noted.

As yet the City Council has not reached a decision on the exact location of the super highway but it is expected that a decision will be made at the Tuesday Council session. With four votes indicated in favor of the selection of Westmonte Ave. as the middle section of the highway, five members of the Council voted last Tuesday to postpone consideration for a week.

At Asheville Baptists Rescind Race Segregation Move Of Tuesday

ASHEVILLE — (AP) — The North Carolina State Baptist Convention today rescinded its action of Tuesday opposing segregation of the races in the church.

The action was taken after a tumultuous debate at the closing session today of the annual meeting. Members said they had received numerous telegrams and other messages protesting against Tuesday's vote.

No change was made in the Convention's stand favoring enforcement of a Federal anti-lynching law and advocating equalization of hospitalizations, suffrage, and educational opportunities for different races.

A proposed program to raise \$1,000 over a three-year period for use in the construction of a new Wake Forest College at Winston-Salem was approved.

Also approved was the appointment of a committee to confer with Wake Forest trustees and the Southern Baptist Convention upon the future of the present Wake Forest College building.

At Asheville, the Rev. J. H. Little was re-elected president.

Soft Coal Industry Shut Down

Walkouts Affect Hard Coal Field

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — A general walkout by the United Mine Workers shut down today the nation's soft coal industry.

The 60,000 United Mine Workers in the bituminous fields predicted their walkout upon what John L. Lewis regarded as a termination of the union's contract with the Government. Traditionally the union does not work without a contract.

The walkouts spread into the anthracite field of Pennsylvania, with 7,500 employees of eight large mines quitting work. The hard coal industry employs 80,000 miners, who are under a contract separate from the bituminous one.

The situation in the fields was generally calm. Miners simply failed to show up at the pits.

The Stars and Stripes—symbol of Government management—warned mine properties owned by gray-fisted coal slingers, the mine owners and the Government, to stop their strike.

The State's vice-president: West Virginia, 101,000 miners walked off jobs at 605 commercial pits in the nation's leading coal state. The Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad expected to reduce shifting crews as soon as all coal is pulled from sidings.

Pennsylvania—All 100,000 soft coal miners in western Pennsylvania shut down the nation's largest anthracite fields employing 80,000 in eastern Pennsylvania.

Kentucky—All the state's 50,000 UMW miners were idle, closing 280 large mines. Approximately 100,000 Progressive Mine Workers were still on the job in four large mines and about 5,000 independents were working in 1,200 small truck mines.

Illinois—All mines employing UMW members closed, idling 200,000. About 80,000 Progressive Mine Workers were still on the job for work. However, other Progressive mines operated. The Progressives have about 10,000 members in the state.

Alabama—SHW miners in the Southern steel state were down 100 per cent, idling 20,000. Some 2,000 men kept working at non-union mines.

Maryland—100 per cent walkout in western Maryland's two coal-mining districts, closing 2,500. A spokesman for a group of miners said they would shut down the district's 100 mines' hospital and local schools if they supplies run out.

Ohio—SHW miners complete walkouts, including Ohio, 30,000 miners; Virginia, 16,000; and Indiana, 6,000.

The nation-wide shutdown of soft coal choked off the flow of vital fuel for the nation's industry.

No pickets appeared, the UMW members giving their usual solid support to their president, John L. Lewis.

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Lewis Facing Government Prosecution

Contempt Citation To Be Asked Against Leader Of Mine Workers

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Government moved quickly to cite John L. Lewis for contempt of court today as a general walkout of UMW miners occurred in the soft coal mines.

Reports from the field indicated some anthracite miners were joining the 400,000 bituminous diggers in a stoppage that could eventually touch all industry. Work suspension came in the face of Government pleas to keep the mines going.

Lewis, who disregarded a court order to restore the effectiveness of the miners' contract with the Government, continued to lead the strike.

The United Mine Worker boss was at his home in suburban Alexandria, Va., and as the morning passed there was no indication that he planned to come into his Washington headquarters. There were indications there that Lewis may have made a statement on an extended absence from his office. It was known that he spent much of yesterday afternoon in court and otherwise clearing his desk of pending business.

TO GO BEFORE JUDGE

Government attorneys were expected to go before Federal Judge John Goldsborough and petition for a contempt citation that could subject him to fine or imprisonment.

However, in late afternoon Government attorneys were still in consultation and indications were that there would be some delay in their appearance in court.

Judge Goldsborough disposed of routine matters before him during the morning and adjourned his court for the day shortly before 12 o'clock. He left the court building but did not enter his chambers where he is in his chambers later in the afternoon.

In all-out action, the Administration was reported also preparing to ask the Supreme Court to issue an injunction against the union leaders or others who are found to be encouraging a strike.

A high authority said this is the Government's operating plan, under President Truman's instructions, to force the union out of the strike.

Before the day's end, Justice Department officials are expected to ask Judge Goldsborough and ask for a contempt citation against Lewis. If Lewis does not appear in court, the Government may be forced to ask for a contempt citation in the state.

The first official municipal action on brownouts occurred in the nation's capital where the District of Columbia Commissioners ordered a curfew of outdoor display lighting effective tomorrow at midnight.

58 DEGREES

Federal Works Administrator Philip B. Fleming in Washington ordered a return to wartime heating and lighting in all Federal buildings throughout the nation which depend on coal. Fleming said he would seek to reduce temperature in the wartime level of 58 degrees.

The stringent Federal measures were not matched, however, by many local Governments. The New Jersey State Public Utility Commission, for example, said the situation was not sufficiently critical to warrant a brownout immediately in the state.

In New York City the local Government reported it had a sufficient supply of coal for 100 days.

Appeals To Industry

Murray Says CIO Not Holding Club

By MAX HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — (AP) — CIO President Philip Murray said today the CIO is "not threatening strikes" and is "not running around this nation with a club in its hands, threatening the people."

In a speech to the CIO convention, Murray said to industry: "Come on, be decent; be gentlemen, sit around the bargaining table and let us arrive at mutually satisfactory wage agreements without resort to strikes. That is our position. It is not the attitude of the United Nations."

Murray spoke after Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, had called for a "common war chest" of \$100,000 to \$125,000 to back any single CIO union in a fight for higher wages.

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Bevin went a step farther than the general position taken by the United States and China, he called for a broad troop report but sought to keep the question of troop data and disarmament separate.

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Members of his party said Mr. Truman had not heard from Washington about the submarine ride. Contempt proceedings against the union leader were expected to be completed by Monday.

While one of the most important battles of his presidency was fought at Washington, the President's visit to the submarine was a symbolic gesture. He was accompanied by his Chief of Staff, James H. Doolittle, and other officials.

He was enthusiastic in his praise for the U-boat's skipper, Lt. Commander James Durr, and the crew of the submarine, which was captured in the Atlantic.

His primary interest was in the "Schork" — a two-way tube device which enables submariners to recharge their batteries while submerged.

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McMURTER, Tenn. — (AP) — Three children were killed today in a fire which destroyed the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, near McMurfessville, Tenn.

The children, who were 10, 8 and 6 years old, were found dead in the ruins of the home, which was a small brick house.

The fire broke out in the early morning hours and spread rapidly, destroying the home and the lives of the three children.

The cause of the fire is not yet known, but it is believed to have been caused by a faulty wiring in the kitchen.

THANKSGIVING'S COMING

Too early to be thinking about Thanksgiving? I should say not! Why, the stores have been selling stuffings and things for weeks, now, it seems, and wise housewives have been preparing long since they watched The Charlotte News Thursday food pages. Always your best shopping bet!

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Negro Athlete Convicted Of Attacking Woman

DETROIT — (AP) — Guy Brown, 21, former Negro athlete at the University of Detroit, was convicted today of rape by an all-white jury which deliberated only three minutes.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy this afternoon. Light rain or drizzle tonight. Windy, clearing early Sunday. Temperature at 8:30 today, 54 and low last night, 40. Forecast for Sunday, 54 to 64.