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Strike Storm May Blow Over Without Any Labor Curbs

Senate Rips Draft Clause From Bill Of President Case Plan Veto Predicted

By WILLIAM T. FEACON

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Hedging with a couple of "ifs," some Congress members began to speculate today the Capitol storm over strikes may not produce a single new labor law.

The hotly-disputed draft section already has been ripped out of President Truman's emergency bill.

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The big "ifs" are:
1. Whether President Truman signs into law the law striking down the draft clause.

2. Whether the threatened June 15 Maritime strike develops a new "veto" clause.

3. Whether the President is getting conflicting advice from legislators and others as to whether it is keeping his own counsel.

Secretary of Labor Schweitzer repeated a "veto" clause.

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Miners gathered for a demonstration in the coal fields of West Virginia.

Dead Honored Around World

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

America's war dead were honored around the world today with flowers, tanks and rifle salutes.

Led by President Truman, memorial services were conducted through most of the day in Arlington National Cemetery, where he also visited Japan in 1939.

French civilians joined Americans in the traditional moments of silence and the playing of wreaths.

Wreaths flown
Navy planes from Hawaii flew wreaths to Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa, Wake, Midway, Iwo, Kwajalein and Tarawa.

In the cemetery of Normandy, French civilians joined Americans in the traditional moments of silence and the playing of wreaths.

There were speeches, too, when the guns of war once rumbled. They were followed by the past, and with the future, hopefully.

Milk, Butter Costs Upped

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Government lifted householders today with a \$70,000,000-a-year price boost for dairy products.

Stabilization Director Chester Bowles estimated that the public will pay a quarter of a billion dollars more for food annually as the result of price increases of one cent a quart for milk, about 11 cents a pound for butter and approximately 10 cents a pound for cheddar cheese.

Bowles announced that the new prices will become effective early in June. The exact amount of the increases will be fixed when the date is set.

The stabilization chief also directed OPA and the Agriculture Department to institute controls on the use of butterfat in the hope of increasing butter production.

These controls include a ban on the sale of whipped cream after July 1, and establishment of price ceilings on bulk cream for the first time.

Ice cream manufacturers also were authorized to cut down on butterfat without changing their price. It is believed that this will result in a price increase of 2 to 3 cents a pound for ice cream.

"It now seems clear," Bowles declared, "that there is little chance of obtaining Congressional approval for additional subsidies to produce and distribute these food price increases."

Hard Coal Miners Set To Strike

Contract Ends At Midnight

NEW YORK — (AP) — As the lengthy strike of 400,000 soft coal miners came to an end, Pennsylvania's 76,000 anthracite diggers quit work today to await a new contract with the operators.

The present pact expires at midnight tonight. However, no work stoppage became effective for all practical purposes early today since no mining operations were scheduled for the Memorial Day holiday.

Leaders of John L. Lewis' A. F. of L. union and the operators met yesterday an operator's resolution which would have continued the present contract for 30 days on a retroactive pay basis and served formal notice that the miners would not return to work without a contract.

The union traditionally has adhered to a "no contract, no work" policy.

STAND EXPLAINED
Thomas Kenned, UMW secretary-treasurer, presiding, indicated that three or four days to reach an agreement "if we spot ourselves" explained the union's attitude in rejecting the extension proposal by saying:

"The public's remaining at work on a retroactive basis with mounting liabilities would be an obstacle to any agreement. We are not interested in an agreement rather than an impasse."

Two subsequent operator proposals for extension of the contract for fifteen days and another for extension for a week-and-a-half were also rejected.

Warner, president of the Lehigh Navigation Coal Co. and operators' spokesman, said:

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Today, due to the interruption and then to the complete cessation of shipments of newsprint paper, The News is limited to eight pages. With the settlement of the coal strike it is expected that shortly a steady supply of newsprint paper will be assured, permitting the publication of a normal newspaper with a reserve of paper sufficient to the contingencies of these strike-ridden days.

U. S. Is Ready To Seize Ports, Mills

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Government posted stern warnings today that it would seize Maritime and Farm Equipment labor disputes settled—and quickly.

With the Navy reportedly ready to step in, Secretary of Labor Harold Ickes said today that the Government would seize ports and mills if the Maritime and Farm Equipment labor disputes were not settled by June 15.

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Wage Boost, Health Fund Provided In Mine Pact

Industry Given Green Light

By HAROLD W. WARD

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The coal strike is over. John L. Lewis won a \$1.85 a day wage boost, a health and welfare fund and nearly everything else he had asked for his 400,000 bituminous miners.

And the public caught the vision of an unimpaired flow of power, refrigerators, radios, refrigerators and gadgets from long-troubled assembly lines. But the public also got a bigger coal bill.

LAST BIG BARRIER
President Truman watched Lewis and Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug sign the contract late yesterday. A White House ceremony that ended the last major barrier to full-scale industrial output.

Lewis authorized the miners are due to walk out at midnight tonight, but hard coal is used primarily for heating.

And a nationwide maritime strike is threatened for June 15, but the Government will immediately take over all existing American industry contracts for foreign trade.

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Robson Auto Race Leader

(Earlier story on sports page)

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY — (AP) — George Robson, an Angeleno, a fifteen-year veteran of racing, surprisingly took the lead at the end of 373 miles of the 300-mile race at the Indianapolis Speedway today, stopping along at an average of 115.44 miles an hour.

Jimmy Jackson, Indianapolis, veteran of the dirt track, was second, with Emil Andre of Chicago third.

Ralph Hepburn, Van Nuys, Calif., early leader of the race, was struggling back in fourth place at the 300-mile mark when his car stalled on the north turn. Word came to the pits that his car had broken a connecting rod and it was out of the race.

But in the Senate yesterday, a bill to amend the existing anti-draft legislation and one Progressive group has introduced a draft law, adding to the "Militia Act" of 1916.

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San Antonio And Dallas Tornadic Winds Blow Two Areas Of Texas

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — (AP) — The San Antonio and Dallas areas were destroyed and 20 others damaged by tornadic winds last night that exceeded 100 miles an hour in the vicinity of Kelly Field, was hardest hit.

Kelly Field, where 23 Army planes were destroyed and 20 others damaged, recorded the blow at 96 miles an hour when its weather instruments went out.

Many structures and homes were damaged. Four hundred vacant buildings at Kelly Field were reported blown down.

All communications wires were cut just south of San Antonio. The Western Union reporting more than a mile of lines destroyed.

Damage in the San Antonio area was estimated at from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

In the Dallas area the winds were accompanied by torrential rain, adding to the already severe flood threat along the Trinity River. During the past 48 hours 7.50 inches of rain has fallen in Dallas.

Damage to crops and property in Dallas County was estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

Hoover Flies Southwest

HOUSTON, Texas — (AP) — Herbert Hoover took off today for Mexico, Colombia, on his aerial tour in the hot job dispute with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

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U. S. Tax Suit Filed Against Ku Klux Klan

ATLANTA — (AP) — U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue today filed suit against the Ku Klux Klan today to recover \$685,305 in back income taxes the Government charges is due.

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Production Stops At Paper Mill

POWELL RIVER, B. C. — (AP) — Paper production at Powell River stopped today at 2 A. M. as AFL paper workers adopted mass meetings to decide whether to return to work.

AFL union leaders said the mass meetings would determine whether production would be resumed at the Powell River Co., which supplies newsprint to 100 West Coast newspapers.

Stoppage of paper production followed the closing of the company's newsprint mill for the day after a strike by workers who were on strike for a week.

"If action in the courts is unavailable, it may be necessary to convene the General Assembly in extraordinary session to debate the question of the strike," the AFL leaders said.

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