

Supreme Court Moves To Hear Off New Coal Walkout

MacArthur Urges Early Peace Treaty With Japan

Mandate In Lewis Case Effective March 20

Date Moved Up At Clark's Request

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court barred the door today against another coal miners' walkout as it will begin to hear the Lewis case on March 20.

It did this by making effective on March 20 orders it issued ten days ago when it upheld a U. S. District Court ruling that the Lewis and the United Mine Workers for contempt of court.

The order originally was to go into effect March 31 with Lewis allowed five days thereafter to comply with it. Attorney General Tom C. Clark asked the court to set an earlier date. He said there were 400,000 miners who might work March 31, as they are under instructions from the Lewis to work only until then.

HOW IT WORKS OUT
Here is how the Lewis-Coal Miners matter works out:

The court decision requires that within five days after its mandate is issued Lewis must withdraw a notice to the mine workers that the union's wage contract with the Government is ended.

If not, it will call the United Mine Workers into court.

When upholding the contempt convictions of Lewis and the UMW for disregarding a U. S. District Court order against past strikes, the Supreme Court reduced a \$3,500,000 fine against the union to \$700,000.

It said, however, that the original amount of the fine should be collected if Lewis did not withdraw the order.

A \$100,000 fine against Lewis was upheld.

Under normal procedure, the Supreme Court's mandate (order in compliance with the contempt decision) would not have reached the lower court until March 31. That would have been a result of the delay which the miners could have remained away from the pits without being subject to full amount of the original fine.

Lewis and the union in a reply to the court's decision said the public interest would not be adversely affected if the Supreme Court acts on the case.

British Clocks Moved Up Hour

LONDON (AP)—Britain moved its clocks forward one hour today under a daylight saving program begun earlier than usual this year to conserve energy.

The change makes British time six hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time.

On April 13 double Summer time starts and clocks will be moved forward another hour.

1947 Poultry Problems Lighter

This year's Carolina poultrymen will meet with many of the same problems as last year, but they won't be quite so bad. Suggesting remedies for many of these problems is Prof. Roy Dearstyne in his article in today's CAROLINA FARMER. Read Prof. Dearstyne and the other fine writers today and tomorrow in the pages of

Bill Offered In House \$200 Boost In Income Tax Exemption Urged By Forand

WASHINGTON (AP)—An increase from \$500 to \$700 in the income tax exemption was proposed today by Rep. Forand, Democrat, Rhode Island.

He offered a bill with this reduction a substitute for the Knutson 20 per cent above the board tax-slashing measure.

Forand said this would give more tax relief to low income groups than would the bill being pressed by Rep. Knutson, Republican, Minnesota, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

First of all, Forand said, the \$700 exemption would remove over 5,000,000 small income persons from the tax rolls. He figured it would trim \$95 from the taxes of the married man with two children and \$250 from the single man. The Knutson plan would save the married man only \$19.

Rents And Building Housing Control Extension Urged

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two top Government officials today told the House Banking Committee that controls on rents and housing should be extended.

Big Fire In Salisbury

SALISBURY (AP)—A mid-town fire originating in the furnace room beneath the store spread through Purcell's Women's Apparel Shop here this morning, gutting the interior.

Stock of the firm, including many Easter costumes being held for customers on a "day-after" basis, was a total loss. Unofficial estimates of damage ran as high as \$100,000.

The blaze, discovered about 9 A. M., was brought under control after more than two hours during which practically all of the City's fire-fighting equipment was used.

Heavy clouds of dark, acrid smoke from burning textiles made the fire especially difficult to combat.

Richard Dobkin, owner of the establishment, declined to estimate loss, an expert he found.

The building, both indicated damage would be partially covered by insurance. Slight shakiness damage was suffered in adjoining stores.

No Financial Link Between Two Stores

Members of the Dobkin family here pointed out this afternoon that the Salisbury store was completely destroyed and a considerable period of time necessarily must elapse before reconstruction of the building can be completed and business resumed. In addition to losing all of the Salisbury store's merchandise, a great part of the store's late Spring merchandise had been shipped to other stores.

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Singing Stops; 'Bath' Continues

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—When police responded to a neighbor's complaint that someone was making too much noise in the apartment, they found a man—fully clothed—splashing in a bathtub and singing loudly.

He stopped singing—under orders—but the officers reported that when they left he was still splashing contentedly in the bathtub.

Monday Morning Roundup

One hundred and twelve tiny citizens had their names listed on today's docket of City Police court charges of drunkenness.

Those who somewhere in dry Mecklenburg had obtained enough intoxicating beverages to throw week-end excesses and to wind up in the toils of the law represented the vast majority of

Would End Military Occupation Mild Control By U. N. Advocated

By RUSSELL BRINES
TOKYO (AP)—General MacArthur today advocated a peace treaty with Japan "as soon as possible," replacing the present military occupation with mild control by the United Nations for an indefinite period.

The occupation has just about finished its work successfully, he said, and there will remain only economic problems with which the military cannot deal.

In urging that his own command be abolished and a formal treaty made quickly, the Supreme Commander of the occupation declared:

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President Harry S. Truman (above) relaxes in a sun helmet under palm trees at the Naval Base at Key West, Fla., where he is enjoying a brief vacation. (AP Photo.)

Solicitor Keeps Silent May Drop Action Against Milk Men

Unofficial but persistent reports circulated here today that the State may drop action against eighteen local dairymen because of insufficient evidence in the much-publicized "watered milk" cases.

It was reported that the investigation had not produced sufficient evidence to support the charges against the dairymen.

Portal Pay Ban Urged

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Donnell, Republican, Missouri, today told the Senate that if pending portal-to-portal suits are successful "in any material portion" the courts can expect a further "influx of litigation."

Donnell spoke in support of legislation intended to wipe out some \$600,000,000 in back pay claims.

Irish Soldiers Observe Holiday

JERUSALEM (AP)—Two all-Irish regiments of the British Army in Palestine celebrated St. Patrick's day today in the case of the celebration of the holiday.

The Royal Irish Fusiliers, Ninth Infantry Brigade, had a day of lifting barbed-wire barriers and the fusiliers staged only a few Jews in the Mea Shearim district from two weeks of martial law.

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The Charlotte Scene

It was quiet in the City Police Courtroom. Most of the crowd that usually fills the place at the trial of a defendant had already gone home, having heard the trial.

At 10:15, the courtroom was empty except for a few spectators left over from the trial. A middle-aged Negro woman stepped up, and a young Negro boy followed. Both of them put their hands on the worn Bible on the Solicitor's table.

"No sir, my evening dress, and my evening wrap," said the woman, Viola.

"Did he live in your house?" the Solicitor asked.

"No sir, he used to."

So Viola began telling about the boy William coming down to her house and taking the car to the main hall door. He took the car to the main hall door. He took the car to the main hall door.

William took the stand, and William told his story. It produced no excitement, but it did have one unusual feature.

"They was a party," William began.

"Boy," said the Judge, "start talking about the dress."

So William began telling about the dress. He said there was a party, a costume party, and he was supposed to wear something different, so he wanted to wear an evening dress. And he said he called

\$10 Billions Asked From Germany By Soviet State

20-Year Payment Period Stipulated

By JOHN M. NIGHTOWER
MOSCOW (AP)—Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov conferred with the Foreign Ministers' Conference today a 20-year reparation payment plan by which Germany would pay the Soviet Union \$10,000,000,000.

Molotov asked for a four-power control of the Ruhr and immediate cancellation of the American-British zonal fusion.

The Russian diplomat demanded also the removal from Germany of capital goods such as factories for reparations, the division of German assets held abroad and reparations from current production.

Molotov said the agreement in Potsdam provided for the payment of 20-year reparations by Germany to the Soviet Union \$10,000,000,000.

Molotov proposed that central agencies be created in Germany to administer the reparations program. The Russian demands went beyond what other powers wanted.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, first of the Ministers to present his views on economic union, also asked for an increased level of reparations for Germany.

Bevin pointed out, however, that any economic merger of all the occupied zones of Germany would require that all the zones share equally in the cost. He said he would make no subject of reparations, but he would make it a subject of reparations.

The British warned that his Government under no circumstances would be asked to make additional contributions in Germany that would entail additional cost.

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The legislation was prepared by Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, headed by Donnell, and he took the floor to continue a detailed explanation of the bill which he had started prior to the Senate adjournment last Friday.

Donnell declared that the "tremendous impact of the claims may materially interfere with the production of lumber and houses, and cautioned the Senate to 'stop, look and listen' before that is allowed to happen.

Upon completion of Donnell's explanation, Sen. McCarran, Democrat, Nevada, and McGrath, Democrat, Rhode Island, will review a substitute proposal which he has introduced.

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French Occupy Town

PARIS (AP)—The French Press Agency, in a delayed dispatch from Hanoi, reported that French troops had occupied Mon Clay, northern Indo-China coastal town situated close to the Chinese border.

French troops were opposed by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinskiy, who said he would not be asked to intervene separately rather than admitted by a general formal treaty.

In objecting to a French proposal to occupy the town, Vishinskiy attacked any participation by Turkey and quoted what he said were the words of a Turkish Ambassador who said "Turkey grew fat on the war."

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Weather

Cloudy and cool this afternoon and tonight, with possible light rain tonight. A cold front moving in from the north.

Temperature at 2:30 today 48 and high and low last 54 hours — 48-52
Sunrise tomorrow 6:29
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