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But Warning Is Added By Judge

WASHINGTON (AP)—John L. Lewis today got back \$2,800,000 of a \$3,500,000 contempt fine imposed against him in a case closed by a federal judge.

Less than an hour after federal district Judge T. Alan Goldborough ruled that Lewis had paid back the \$2,800,000 UMW officials said the Government "is still in force and can be invoked at any time."

In the contempt fine and the preliminary injunction were leveled against the UMW last fall after Lewis and the Union disobeyed a court order to call off a strike.

Goldborough took the action after Lewis had offered no objection from the Government.

On the surface at least, the case appears to have ended. Lewis paid back the money and the court order is satisfied.

Biggest Contribution Yet Lewis Bolsters Telephone Strike With \$100,000 Gift

WASHINGTON (AP)—John L. Lewis' APL United Mine Workers today turned over \$100,000 to bolster an independent union's 18-day-old nation-wide telephone workers' strike.

The UMW contribution was presented to telephone strike leaders shortly after the UMW received a refund of \$200,000 from a \$250,000 fine imposed on the miners for disobeying a court order against a work stoppage of their own last fall.

C. A. Werba, strike director for the National Federation of Telephone Workers, announced the money will be used to carry on the NPTW strike "to a successful conclusion" and to aid needy strikers.

The contribution was the biggest of many that the NPTW has received from various unions and individuals.

This money by Lewis, who once visited an NPTW picket line here, came as the Government awaited developments in a fresh bid for a settlement and amid new reports that long distance lines have been sabotaged.

The latest incident was reported by Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. here, which said that its long distance cable between Washington and Annapolis was cut last night at Landon, Md. Similar reports previously had come from several states.

The telephone workers quickly accepted an invitation from Edgar L. Warren, Federal Conciliation director, to renewed bargaining talks with three strategic units in the Bell System.

Auto Union Gets Reply From GM Says Pay Offer Liberal One

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors Corp. today rejected an offer of the CIO Auto Union Workers to submit to arbitration, the question of how a 15-cent raise should be distributed.

The UAW-CIO on Wednesday proposed that General Motors put into effect immediately an all 1 1/2 cent raise for 220,000 GM-UAW workers.

It suggested that a three-man arbitration board be named to decide whether the additional 3 1/2 cents should be paid as a flat increase.

General Motors, which originally offered its workers an 11 1/2 cent raise and an additional 3 1/2 cents for six paid holidays, submitted its answer today through Harry W. Anderson, vice president.

GM said it was opposed to arbitrating matters which should be settled by collective bargaining, with respect to increases in cost of living.

The corporation's stand was outlined in a 10-page statement addressed to President Walter P. Reuther of the UAW-CIO. It was handed out as negotiations resumed following a two-hour and 15 minute delay requested by General Motors to arrange its answer.

Emerging from the meeting Reuther said only that "his most unfortunate that General Motors has been led to reject our offer to arbitrate these issues."

London Picked For Next Meeting

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER MOSCOW (AP)—The four-power conference of Foreign Ministers ended today in complete deadlock on all major German and Austrian issues after 45 days marked by acrimonious debate.

Secretary of State Marshall expressed "disappointment" but commented "we must regard this Council's meeting as the first round."

In their closing session the Ministers agreed "it is necessary to increase the strength of occupation troops in Germany." They ordered the Allied Control Council for Germany to make plans to that end.

Reuter's spokesman said that the Ministers and their leading staff members will meet in Vienna by May 12 to co-ordinate the talks.

Ending the longest conference of the Council this year, the ministers chose London for their next meeting in November, although they may meet in New York earlier in connection with the United Nations General Assembly session.

The ministers adjourned since they met in Washington Saturday, Secretary of State Marshall and his staff members will meet in Vienna by May 12 to co-ordinate the talks.

Marshall expressed "natural disappointment" that there was no agreement on Austria or on the American-proposed re-organization and do not meet in Vienna by May 12 to co-ordinate the talks.

Mayors Asks Price Cuts

NEWBURYPORT, Mass.—(AP)—Mayor John M. Keeler today challenged other city mayors to adopting a "wait and see" attitude to join the proposed down-the-line price-cutting experiment inaugurated here.

"We can't do it alone," he asserted. "It must be a combined effort. There is just one way to reduce prices—that is to reduce them all. If the 'Minute Meat' at Concord and Lexington had waited for retailers in this country might never have been an independent nation."

The 53-year-old mayor of this port city of 15,000 struck back vigorously at an suggestion that a 10 percent price slashing by Newburyport merchants was a "stunt."

"We just look it upon ourselves to do something about the high price level that is slowing down our business. If business—especially the middlemen—don't combine to do something about it now they'll take it on the chin later, along with the rest of the people."

President Truman wired his commendation to the retail merchants of Newburyport as the drive to bring down high prices appeared spreading across the country.

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Worst Deadlock Since War's End

MOSCOW (AP)—The longest conference yet held by the four-power Foreign Ministers ended today in the worst deadlock among the major allies since the end of the war.

Most veteran diplomats expressed belief that the Moscow meeting has been even less fruitful than the London meeting of September, 1945, when the Foreign Ministers tried to hammer out a plan for the opening phase of negotiations on treaties with Germany's satellites.

Moreover the issues debated at Moscow—Germany, the proposed four-power pact for a lesser extent Austria—are much more vital than any involved in the satellite treaties and the cleavages between the East and the West are greater.

Few of the Western delegations expected much progress, particularly in Germany, during the present meeting.

But they got less than their modest hopes.

They did not expect Russia to rip the American-proposed 40-year de-militarization pact for face-saving shreds, and they did have some hope of agreement on the comparative issues in the Austrian treaty.

A few of the more optimistic diplomats felt that something has been gained by "bringing the issues into the open."

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