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DIE WHEN EAL PLANE CRASHES Coal Operators Reject Lewis Wage Boost Demands

Call For 35 Cents Raise For Miners Is Rebuffed

Negotiations Are Suddenly Ended

WASHINGTON (AP)—Soft coal operators representing 75 per cent of the bituminous industry said today they have rejected John L. Lewis' demands for a 35 cents an hour wage increase as 'unreasonable'.

Negotiations between the operators and Lewis for a new wage contract broke up suddenly after brief talks this morning, just one month before the Government is scheduled to return the mines to private ownership direction.

Unlpa negotiations are resumed and an agreement is reached by which the 400,000 coal miners may walk out in mid-year in another bituminous shut-down.

The United Mine Workers traditionally do not work without a contract.

The operators representing mines of the West and West had a news conference that they had countered Lewis' demands with an offer to raise the miners' hourly wage rate 15 cents—from \$1.18 1/2 cents to \$1.33 1/2 cents.

Lewis sought to cut the work day from nine hours to eight and a half, including one hour of rest and 30 cents hourly.

Higher Costs The operators said Lewis' wage demands alone would add 85 to 75 cents a ton to production costs.

The effect of such an adjustment on our economy and the cost of coal would be set at such a high place it would drive much business away from the industry.

These negotiations are entirely separate from Lewis' contract talks with the Southern Coal Producers' Association...

O'Neill said that Lewis' demands would increase the daily take home pay to \$13.05, while the operators' counter offer would have made this \$11.25.

Cabinet Named By De Gasperi

ROME (AP)—Premier-Designate Alcide De Gasperi announced today the membership of his fourth Cabinet...

Pictures Of Nation's Two Worst Commercial Air Accidents



RESCUE WORKERS SEARCH PLANE WRECKAGE WHERE 53 DIED—Rescue workers, above, search the wreckage of an Eastern Air Lines DC-4 transport plane which crashed into hills near Port Deposit, Md., last night.



UNITED AIRLINER CRASHES IN NEW YORK—Rescuers at the scene of the crash of a United Air Lines DC-4 plane at La Guardia Field, N. Y., Thursday night work desperately in an attempt to revive three women passengers who were pulled from the flaming wreckage.



SMOLDERING WRECKAGE OF EAL PLANE—Wreckage of the four-engine EAL transport smolders after the crash. One of the 49 passengers was an infant in arms.



SHEETS COVER REMAINS OF CRASH VICTIMS—Sheets cover the remains of some of the 53 persons who died in the EAL crash.

Giant Ship Plunges Into Wooded Area In Maryland

Eye-Witnesses' Stories Differ

PORT DEPOSIT, Md. (AP)—A four-engine Eastern Airlines transport plunged suddenly from 1,000 feet into a wooded ravine near here last night, killing all 53 aboard in the nation's worst commercial airline disaster.

Eye-witnesses differed on what happened just before the DC-4 plummeted to the ground at a 46-degree angle.

Several said they heard an explosion just before the tip-end of the tail section tear away.

Others said the plane was flying along smoothly at about 1,000 feet when the engines suddenly roared thunderously and the big aircraft tumbled over on its back and started falling.

MIGHTY EXPLOSION It tore into the wooded hillsides, snapping off six and eight-inch trees and burst into flame with a mighty explosion.

Largest single bit of wreckage was not more than 15 feet long and weighed about 100 pounds.

By dawn, rescue workers had collected 23 distinguishable bodies but most of them were mutilated beyond recognition.

They were taken over trails hacked through the woods to nearby Fairbridge Naval Training Station, where investigators this morning started the grim job of trying to establish identifications.

Civil Aeronautics inspectors meantime pecked through the strewn wreckage seeking evidence which might establish the cause of the crash.

The disaster climaxed a 46-hour series of nearly air crashes around the world.

Only the night before, a United Airlines plane of the same type crashed on takeoff from La Guardia in New York and 40 lost their lives.

48 PASSENGERS Eastern Airlines said its plane was carrying 48 passengers, one on a non-stop flight from Newark, N. J., to Miami, Fla.

It came in low over the hills around his northern Maryland community about 6:30 P. M. (EST), flying over the woods and ending in a forest a short distance from the Susquehanna River.

"It went right smack into the woods," reported J. G. Hedges, passing over a few minutes before the crash. Although it was raining, he saw a red and engine were sparing. The plane did not appear to be in trouble.

BUILDING SHAKEN The explosion which followed the crash shook buildings four miles away. It was heard within half an hour but it was evident from the fact that there could be no survivors.

The scene of the wreck was in the area known as Whitehall's River, a short distance from the Susquehanna River.

Watched With Interest

Rowan ABC Vote Heavy But Quiet

SALISBURY—By GEORGE RAYNOR Nearly 4,000 Rowan County citizens had voted by mid-day today on the proposal to establish ABC liquor stores in the county.

A check of polling places shortly before noon indicated a vote of 3,670 in fourteen of the 34 precincts. Most of this was in the larger boxes.

In Salisbury, approximately 2,300 persons had cast their ballots. In Landis, 185 had voted, in the Child Grove 219, in East Spencer 139, and in Spencer, 423.

Approximately 20,000 persons are registered, and predictions were for a vote of between 15,000 and 16,000.

Several clergymen for the pros and cons spent the morning diligently hauling voters to the polls, no spectacular displays were reported anywhere in the county.

PLACARDS In three precincts in North Kannapolis, children appeared near the polling places bearing placards urging votes against liquor.

"I lead me not into temptation," one placard said. Another asserted that a vote "for liquor" was "a vote against me."

Several clergymen were seen during the morning bringing voters to the polls in automobiles; and proponents of ABC stores had the jeep bus providing rides for those ready to vote.



WHERE PLANE CRASHED—Arrow indicates the course of the EAL plane which took off from the Newark airport last night bound for Miami and crashed near Port Deposit, Md. (cross). (AP Map.)

Relief Bill Is Signed

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today signed the \$350,000,000 bill for relief for de-activated countries in Europe and Asia.

Presidential Secretary Charles O. Ross announced Mr. Truman's approval of the measure, along with issuance of an executive order delegating broad authority in administration of the relief program to Secretary of State Marshall.

Congress gave final approval May 21 to the foreign relief measure which permits expenditure of funds in Italy, Greece, Hungary, Austria, Poland, China and Trieste.

The paper, while pointing out that sale of potatoes was forbidden, reported a big difference between the amount of potatoes harvested and the amount collected from farmers.

Minority Rights Stand Is Urged

MONTREAL (AP)—An official group of the Presbyterian Church in the United States called today on the Church's 97th General Assembly to take a positive stand on the civil rights of minority groups throughout the nation.

Without making direct reference to recent racial disturbances in Southern states, the Assembly's permanent committee on Christian relations added the Assembly to go on record as:

1. "Condemning all organizations and individuals whose aim and purpose is to hinder any American minorities in the exercise of their civil rights, or that seek to deny such rights to any group or individuals because of their race, creed, class or color."

2. Directing the attention of the Home Un-American Committee to "the Un-Americanism of organizations like the Communists and the Ku Klux Klan—which are definitely inimical to Freedom"—and that the House committee be equally as firm in its attitude on these forces that seek to uphold for all kinds and classes of Americans their civil and Constitutional liberties.

The report, submitted by Dr. Motlowell Richards of Decatur, Ga., was referred to the Assembly's standing committee on Christian relations.

TO REMIND TRUMAN It came after the Assembly had voted unanimously for the moderator, Dr. John Rood Cunningham of Davidson, who wrote President Truman reminding him of a promise which church officials said the President made in 1946 that Myron Taylor be withdrawn as representative at the Vatican.

The Assembly was told, was conditioned on the signing of the peace treaty and "now that the treaty with Italy has been signed the termination of this official relationship might soon be brought to an end."

40 Dead In N. Y. Crash

NEW YORK (AP)—Relatives and friends sought today to complete identification of 40 persons killed in the holiday week-end crash of a DC-4 airliner near La Guardia Field, which United Air Lines said probably was caused by a freak gust of wind "of almost unbelievable suddenness."

The other eight persons on the plane, which crashed and burned before a takeoff for Cleveland Thursday night, remained in hospitals, five of them in critical condition.

WANTED TO HALT PLANE J. A. Herilly, vice-president of operations for United Air Lines, said last night in a statement that the pilot had tried to halt the plane when it failed to lift.

A preliminary Civil Aeronautics Board report said the pilot attempted to stop the plane, whose crash was the nation's worst commercial disaster until last night's crash in Maryland which took 53 lives.

"A study of weather conditions which prevailed at the time," Herilly said, "indicates that the probable cause of the accident was a wind shift of almost unbelievable suddenness."

Herilly said the direction of the takeoff being attempted as the New York area had thunderous clouds, rain and strong wind gusts—was away from a "qual-line" which was visible in the west.

"It is believed," he said, "that a gust of wind slightly in advance of the approaching squall-line was responsible for the accident. To my knowledge, this has never before caused a fatal accident to a plane of this type or, in fact, to any large transport plane."

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Soviets To Seize German Potatoes

BERLIN (AP)—The Soviet-issued newspaper Neues Deutschland said today that all potatoes still on a farm in Brandenburg Province of the Russian zone would be confiscated soon to make sure of enough for planting.

The minister for land and forest economy in the Soviet-occupied zone of Sachsen-Anhalt, the paper said, has called all rural councilors and mayors together for a "serious discussion" of immediate measures "to ensure food supplies" all the next harvest.

Only a few days ago the Soviet news bureau said there was enough food in the Russian zone to maintain rations until the new harvest.

A spirited campaign has preceded today's voting, and protesters are wary in their predictions. They venture the view, however that a wet majority will be polled in Salisbury sufficient to balance dry votes in rural east and west Rowan, leaving the south as the area of decision.

Another key to the outcome is believed to be the veterans' vote. It seems to be conceded by most that the veterans will vote for the stores but in what numbers is unknown. Some think that they have a potential vote of 5,000.

Observers here agree that a victory for the control forces probably would lend encouragement to proponents of stores in Mecklenburg and Hildesheim.

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