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Farm House Burns After Explosion

Three Others Are In Critical State

CLINTON—(AP)—A kerosene explosion threw flames through a farm dwelling early today and a woman and four children burned to death. Three persons were hospitalized with burns.

The dead were identified as Barbara, seven; Jean, five; Frank, three; and Nancy, two, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Autry, and a 10-year-old son of the dead woman, who was less severely burned.

Sheriff Perry Lockerman said that Autry, a tenant farmer, evidently was pouring kerosene on wood he had placed in a stove. The sheriff said the coal oil apparently was poured upon the coals that had remained overnight in the bottom of the stove. An explosion took place in all directions and sent the five-room frame dwelling flying in flames.

The explosion about 6:30 a.m. had taken place in a house that had been burned by a fire in the house owned by Mrs. Tyndall, who was killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Autry were at the house when the explosion occurred. Mrs. Autry was seriously injured.

Fails To Paralyze Nation Italian Red Strike Is Failure

By PHILIP CLARKE

ROME—(AP)—Italy's Communist suffered a humiliating defeat today in their attempt to paralyze this nation in a 24-hour general strike.

Seven hours after the strike started at 6 A.M. (midnight EST) its effects were scarcely felt. It was much more of a failure than a similar one-day general strike in France last Friday, and the second in a month for the Communist-led, General Confederation of Labor (CGIL).

Government spokesmen said the strike was a failure except in Italy's big Northern factories, the steel centers of Italian Communist strength.

Even the Communists had little to say. A spokesman for the CGIL admitted that transportation was nearly normal in most cities.

Yesterday the CGIL had appealed to all workers in Italy to join the strike in protest against the death of two farmhands in a clash with police in the South.

Today, however, a CGIL spokesman said, "The strike didn't intend to paralyze the nation. It was only a limited protest."

The Government had denounced the strike call as a "purely political" demonstration staged by the Communist front.

The Communist attempt on the labor front—only a month ago—also was a flop. The CGIL had called a shorter, eight-hour strike without in protest against the slaying of three peasants in clashes with police during the peasant invasion of private lands in the South.

The strike failures in Italy differed in one respect from the rest of the world. In last year's demonstration, both the Communist and the anti-Communist labor fronts had been involved. The French strike had shut down a number of mines and disrupted transportation, but business had gone on as usual in banks, stores, and other places. The French demonstration, however, appeared more effective than this one in Italy. It was based upon demands for pay raises rather than upon a censure of the government.

Observers in Rome said the Communist weakness here could be traced to growing strength of the Government-backed anti-Communist labor unions, now claiming some 2,500,000 members, as well as the membership of the CGIL, once claimed 4,000,000. It is estimated that a million less.

There has been only lukewarm support among industrial and commercial workers for the Communist campaign on behalf of the landless peasants in the South. Moreover, the CGIL's lack of a war chest to pay strikers' wages while they are out of work also is considered a factor in the diminishing strength of the Communist labor leaders.

Scientists said incidents during the strike were not only a few places. Police removed road blocks in two small Southern cities. In Naples, strikers attacked a street car operated by anti-Communist workers and were restored quickly.

53.5 Vote Overpowers Red Protest

No Ballot Cast By Yugoslavia

By MAX HARBELSON

NEW YORK—(AP)—The United Nations Assembly swamped Soviet opposition today and adopted a 12-point Western pro-war declaration laying down essentials for world peace.

The vote followed a shouted Russian denial that he strolls through the United Nations Assembly is interfering with the Soviet side of Yugoslavia.

One point in the assembly declaration calls on all nations to refrain from any intervention in the affairs of other countries.

The United States-British proposal was adopted by a vote of 53 to 2. The negative votes were cast by the Soviet bloc, Yugoslavia abstained.

RUSSIA SLAY CHARGES

Russia's Andrei V. Vishinsky charged the assembly with charges of Soviet interference as "hostile."

The Soviet Foreign Minister was angered by a Yugoslav declaration here yesterday saying the new Communist treaty against Premier Tito. He called Yugoslav Ambassador Sava Konovic "traitor representative" and said "the Russian people are not interested in any contradiction."

Vishinsky vigorously denied Konovic's charge that Russia's pro-Soviet desire for peace was not matched by Russia's desire.

Between the war and the death of the Soviet Union there never was any contradiction," Vishinsky said.

He then shouted: "We do not intend to engage in any alterations with gentlemen of this kind."

Vishinsky spoke after Chile's militant anti-Communist delegate, Hernan Santa Cruz, appealed for a world-wide mobilization against Communist aggression.

The Russian backed back that Santa Cruz spoke in a hysterical way and that he was in a state of hysteria.

Santa Cruz told the Assembly Russia's Communist front will not give up aggressive policies until they come face to face with a united world and ready to defend itself.

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FEMININE EYES ON JOHN L. LEWIS

John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers chief, draws the attention of the unidentified lobbyist of his hotel in New York. He was in town for a meeting of his 200-national policy committee. (AP Wirephoto).

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NEW YORK—(AP)—John L. Lewis today ordered the nation's 400,000 soft coal miners, on strike since midnight, back to their jobs next Monday on a three-days-a-week basis.

The mine union chief at the same time ordered his 300,000 soft coal miners, who have been working five days a week, to return to work on a three-week strike basis.

Lewis' order, backed by the United Mine Workers' 200-member policy committee, came seven hours after a three-week strike order and the coal miners walked out for the fourth time this year.

Soft coal miners cheered the back-to-work announcement.

Hard coal miners reacted without enthusiasm. They'll get thinner paychecks for the shortened work week.

Indiana Coal Operator O. L. Scales commented:

"Apparently Lewis is out to get the operators. He's got to mean we either go broke or raise prices—and we are determined not to do that."

INDUSTRY VIEW

An industry source said Lewis might be settling for a "partial" strike. He said that the CIO United Mine Workers had in negotiating an agreement with the United Mine Workers to settle a pattern for the others.

West. Fed. received the news calmly. It hasn't been a strike. And it meant that the men who permit a full-planned workweek in the coal mines were working to invoke emergency provisions of the Taft-Hartley act.

Before the strike-and-announcement came, Presidential Secretary Charles E. Rose told newsmen Mr. Truman would not intervene in the dispute for at least 48 hours.

Lewis' announcement meant that the strike which began at midnight was actually called off.

It also meant that Lewis was actually calling his drive for nationwide contracts in favor of agreements with individual companies.

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Some grumbling had been reported from the ranks at the prospect of a return to the old pattern of labor with the holidays coming on.

In the coal mines, mostly in Indiana, Pennsylvania, have been back at work since mid-September. At West. Fed. mines, suffered a three-week strike since Sept. 19.

Today's back-to-work order was the MINERS' on page 4-A.

May Ordered To Start Term

(WASHINGTON)—(AP)—Former Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) today was ordered to start serving on Saturday to eight to 24-month jail sentence for wartime bribery and conspiracy.

Federal Judge Henry A. Schweinhart turned down May's appeal for a stay of the term.

May was not in the courtroom to hear the decision. The judge directed that he be kept in custody to the marshal of the Eastern District of Kentucky Saturday. May was at his home in Princeton, N.J.

Henry A. O'Connell and Murray O'Connell, also were ordered to jail. In their cases the order was effective immediately.

May and the O'Connell brothers were convicted in July, 1947, and sentenced to 10 years in prison with \$50,000 in bribes. May was accused of using his influence as chairman of the old House Military Affairs Committee to get the brothers were convicted.

Generalissimo Resumes Command Chiang Again Leading China

CHENGDU, China—(AP)—Chiang Kai-Shek was back today in command of Nationalist forces fighting against the Communists. He took his first trip since arriving in this city after fleeing from Taipei, China.

The Communist, travel-free Nationalist government still was trying to set up shop in its fourth capital city when the generalissimo announced he was resuming direction of operations against the Reds.

Chiang made the move, his office said in a statement, as head of the Nationalist Emergency Committee. The statement said he had no intention of leaving the city, but in assuming the presidency he gave up last January. But high sources previously he would do so, before long.

One of the Generalissimo's first acts was to call in other Nationalist leaders to discuss measures for checking the Red tide flooding into Southwest China.

The Communists took Chungking yesterday. The takeover apparently was swift. The signal that the Reds had completely occupied the city is 1,000,000 persons came at 6:30 last night.

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Coal Miners Happy To Return To Work

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Lewis' order, backed by his 200-man policy committee, reinstated the three day work week in hard and soft coal mines across the country starting Monday.

UMW Representative Dennis Harshbarger said:

"The good news declared by the United Mine Workers today is that the miners will be glad to go back to work."

The prospects of a Christmas without work weren't very bright for our men.

Frank Harper Jr., 34, of Liberty, Pa., said:

"I'll sure be glad to get back to work—especially with Christmas coming. I'm not married but I've been rough on families with children. I know they'll be glad to get back to work."

TWO DAYS LOST

Lewis' order came less than eleven hours after the diggers called the strike. Actually they lost only half a day since today and Friday work—since Saturday is an optional day at time and one-half rate. The miners are still glad to get back to work.

The unrelenting mine chieftain said the three-day work week started June 20 after the UMW contract ran out. The shortened work week matched an abrupt departure from the traditional UMW policy of "no contract, no work."

The miners worked a regular five-day week during the strike.

Reports from coal-producing states indicated only scattered non-union strip (surface) mines and 16,000 progressive mine workers in Illinois were at work.

Only maintenance crews reported to work this morning.

At the UMW's 11 P. M. (EST) shift worked a regular turn to get in a full day's work. This, however, is a preparatory rather than a production shift.

Corn Jury Hears Charlotte Man

YORK, S. C.—(AP)—The State sought today to remove "every man" from the murder trial of Nathan P. Corn through testimony of a Charlotte, N. C., businessman.

Corn, truck driver, is on trial for a second time on a charge of murder. The State contends he killed his employee, George C. Beam, to death, then drank his body and dumped it into a creek.

Job Mattox testified for the State that he registered at the Barringer Hotel in Charlotte, N. C., in May of 1948 for Beam and a Rock Hill businessman, Mattox, who maintains residence in the Charlotte area.

Beam telephoned him that he and a friend were going to Charlotte. Mattox said he did not clearly hear the name of Beam's friend.

He registered, he said, for Beam and "Beach," or something like that. As it turned out, Beam's friend was Sam Beam, operator of a concrete business near Beam's old business in Rock Hill.

Under cross-examination, Mattox denied under interest in the trial or that he had dined South Carolina officers who went to Charlotte for investigations of the Beam slaying.

C. W. O'Daniel Jr., Charlotte accountant, was recalled to the stand today for the fourth day of the trial to describe the Beam slaying.

He said he believes there was a discrepancy of \$1,427.75. He said original copies of receipts released by the State failed to show some cases "with duplicate" had given customers of the oil company.

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20 Shopping Days till Christmas

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Rural Electrification Administration yesterday granted these loans: Hall County Electric Membership Corporation, Enfield, N. C., \$250,000, and Brown River Electric Cooperative Inc., Gaffney, S. C., \$200,000.

New Jersey Town Left Without Water Supply

NEWARK, N. J.—(AP)—New Jersey's critical water shortage has become a grim reality to the 1,500 residents of Roseland in the hope of reaching water to a water at all.

New Jersey's latest reservoir, the Passaic Reservoir, has only 60 days' water supply left. It is the only source of water for Roseland and Newark, the state's largest city.

And there is little hope for immediate relief in sight. Even an unusual amount of rain in the future would leave the state's water reserves far below normal.

In Roseland, about 30 miles southwest of New York City, the town is left with serving the town with water.

Emergency water is being trucked in from Highlands, N. J., about 15 miles away. Binned above, disconnected bathhouse—all eight are being brought to the streets by housewives.