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WSB Cuts Miner Pay; Coal Strike Is Likely

40 Cents Cut From $1.90 Pay Increase

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Wage Stabilization Board (WSB) today chopped 21 per cent off the $1.90 daily wage boost won from coal operators by John L. Lewis. It was taken for granted the refusal to approve the full amount would set off a general mine strike.

Public members of the board, headed by Chairman Archibald Dox, joined with industry members in knocking 40 cents off the increase. Labor members voted to approve the full $1.50.

More than 150,000 of Lewis' miners already had walked off the job in a protest strike this week when their October pay checks failed to include the raise.

Few mines work over the weekend, but a general shutdown was expected to occur Monday.

60-DAY SUPPLY

Coal stockpiles in the hands of consumers averaged around 80 days and no immediate industrial or home heating effect from the anticipated strike was expected.

The WSB ruling on the case was a major surprise. Cox told a news conference that the $1.50 gives the soft coal miners "equal treatment" with other wage groups, most of whom he said "will have received measurably less."

Approval of the full amount, Cox said, would have provided a wage increase "greater than any consistent with an honest stabilization program."

The decision affects some 350,000 miners working in the nation's soft coal pits. A new contract for hard coal miners is now being negotiated.

Cox said the decision, "conforms to the will of Congress. . .We believe it also conforms to the earnest desire of the American people."

NO PRECEDENT

Asked whether the WSB ruling could be overturned by Economic Stabilizer Roger Putnam, Cox replied:

"I suppose there is legal authority to overturn it, but that would depend on the interpretation of the defense production and I can think of no precedent."

Cox immediately went to Putnam's office to tell him of the WSB decision. Cox said that Lewis and the soft coal operators have been notified that their contract is illegal and inflationary and that the wage boost must be cut back.

Failure of the wage increase to show up in recent pay checks cov-

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THEY DIG IN . . .

Expecting a heavy counter-attack by Communists at nightfall, ROK mortarmen use packing cases and trees to dig in on the side of White Horse Mountain. (UP Telephoto).

. . . WHILE THEY TALK

Soviet U.N. delegate Andrei Gromyko (right) sounds off in a meeting of the United Nations Assembly, while at left Selwyn Lloyd of the United Kingdom listens pensive. Gromyko's objection soldiers killed in Korea was voted down by 12-2, to a proposal to award special citations to U.N. (UP Telephoto).

U. S., KOREA TAKE BRUNT OF ATTACKS

Bear Big Majority Of Casualties In Fighting Commies

By C. YATES MCDANIEL

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is estimated to have borne about 35 per cent of the battle casualty load in Korea while supplying nearly half of the United Nations combat manpower engaged in the Far Eastern conflict.

South Korea has suffered the heaviest losses—an estimated 61½ per cent. The other 15 United Nations have borne the remaining 3½ per cent.

The American casualty total last week stood at 121,154. The last tabulation made from United Nations and foreign sources, on Aug. 30, placed the total for all other U.N. forces at 221,876, of which all but 10,899 were South Koreans.

Estimates by highly informed sources show that there are approximately 300,000 Americans engaged in ground, sea and air phases of the conflict, 450,000 to 550,000 South Koreans and about 40,000 other U. N. troops.

The U.S. casualty total reflects the bitterest part of 1950 when American troops formed the bulk of the Eighth Army and were continuously in the thick of the heaviest fighting. The reorganized Army of South Korea has since taken over a much greater share of the battle line, and in recent weeks has borne the weight of the heaviest enemy assaults.

The Eighth Army now counts 18 divisions and additional smaller tactical units. Ten of these divisions are South Korean.

The U. S. now has six Army divisions and the First Marine Division in the zone of combat.

The British Commonwealth is the third heaviest manpower contributor with some 25,000 soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen.

Turkey has the next largest fighting unit in Korea, a brigade of about 5,000. Colombia, with a battalion some 1,000 strong, is the only Western Hemisphere nation south of the Rio Grande that has joined the U.N. fighting team.

Searchlights Help Stop Red Assault

By JOHN UJII

SNIPER RIDGE, Korea (AP)—The Chinese attacked at sunset, but they found Sniper Ridge nearly as bright as day.

An Allied warplane circled slowly overhead, dropping flares. Three searchlights played on the charging Reds.

On both flanks, half-tracks with 50 caliber machine guns spat tracer bullets at the enemy. American mortars and howitzers whistled shells overhead.

Only 500 yards in front of us, the Chinese had crept across from towering Papa-san mountain to the north and started up the slopes of Sniper Ridge.

"Maximum fire!" Republic of Korea Regimental Commander Col. Yu Kun Chang ordered.

The supporting American guns roared at the approaching Chinese. The thud of mortar hits punctuated the crackle of small arms fire.

Standing in an open trench observation post after climbing to the ridgeline, I watched the battle unfold.

MOVING UP

First came the report that two Chinese companies were moving along communication trenches on Sniper Ridge and that another Red battalion was working slowly up the finger of the ridge.

Our artillery fired across at the reds, and the sound echoed off Papa-san mountain. An occasional incoming round kicked up dust.

Sniper Ridge stretches 1,500 yards between the ROK lines and the Chinese main line of resistance. Reds dug in on Sniper Ridge before the South Koreans attacked last Tuesday had been sniping at the frontline ROKs for the past four months.

The objective of the present South Korean drive, which jumped off at dawn Tuesday, is to knock the Chinese snipers off the ridge and to set up U.N. forward positions in their place.

At regimental headquarters, Maj. Kwon Chon Yong explained: "To the Chinese on Sniper Ridge our every move was under observation. Thus, if the Chinese were to attack, we might not be able to hold our line. If we fell back, the entire Kumhwa sector would be in danger. That is why the present operation is necessary."

As Kwon spoke, automatic weapons rattled. He sprang to a field telephone and talked into it in Korean.

CALL ARTILLERY

"We need more artillery support," the South Korean said.

Lt. Col. Walter Dryscdale, 160 N. Main St., Mechanicsburg, O., already had called for more.

The far slope burst into flame and the Chinese pulled back.

Commie Peace Issue Repeated

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) —Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky today repeated Communist demands for an immediate truce in Korea on terms which the United Nations has repeatedly rejected.

These terms include the return of all prisoners to their homelands. The U. N. steadfastly has refused to repatriate forcibly those Red prisoners who say they do not want to go, and this issue has deadlocked the armistice negotiations at Panmunjom.

In a speech to the 60-nation U. N. General Assembly, Vishinsky said he supported a "peace plan" put forth yesterday by Poland as the best hope for world harmony.

Western diplomats hoped that he would come up with something more acceptable than the warmed over proposals handed to the U.N. yesterday by Poland's Foreign Minister Stanislaw Skrzeszewsky, who repeated already rejected Communist terms for a Korean banning germ warfare and a big-five peace pact with Red China sitting in.

When the Polish delegate finished his nearly two-hour speech, the general reaction from Western and neutral countries was that it contained nothing new. If this was all the Reds had to offer, Western diplomats said, then there was little chance that the General Assembly would be able to help unsnarl the deadlocked Korean armistice negotiations.

Envoy To Ireland Dies Unexpectedly

OMAHA —(AP)— Francis P. Matthews, U. S. ambassador to Ireland, died unexpectedly here today. He was 65.

Matthews, an Omaha attorney, became ambassador to Ireland in July of last year. Prior to that he had served two years as Secretary of the Navy.

A prominent Catholic layman, he was currently in Omaha for a visit.

Only yesterday, he disclosed he would not continue as ambassador after the end of this year because he wanted to return to Omaha.

OUR WEATHER

Mostly fair and slightly warmer today. Fair and mild tonight and Sunday.

High temperature yesterday 70 degrees.

High temperature expected today 75 degrees.

Low temperature this morning 52 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 52 degrees.

Sunrise 6:31 A. M.; sunset 5:45 P. M.

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An American Dilemma

Voters Need Answers To Six Questions

By SAMUEL LUBELL

WASHINGTON—With the campaigners thundering down the homestretch it becomes important to examine why so many voters are having so difficult a time deciding who they want to be President. For if there are any dramatic shifts in voter feelings during the next weeks it will most likely come among the "undecideds."

Some of the voters I have talked with are uncertain because they like both candidates; others because they dislike both men. However, most of the wavering voters are torn by fairly strong conflicts in their own interests and emotions.

What are the more important of these emotional conflicts on which the outcome of the election could hinge?

SIX DILEMMAS

From my many interviews with voters in every part of the country these six "voter dilemmas" stand out:

1—Is Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson "just a slice off the Truman ham," as one Bronx salesman described him, or is he sufficiently independent of the Administration really to clean house in Washington? In the South particularly, this question of Stevenson's independence is being weighed by many persons who bridle at the mere mention of Harry Truman's name but who otherwise seek no change.

2—A similar problem — "Is he giving or taking orders?"—troubles many voters about General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Said one Minneapolis school teacher, "I'm for Eisenhower, but is he running the Republican Party or are they running him? I wish there was a way of voting for him without voting for the Republicans."

3—Which is more important—Eisenhower's inexperience in domestic affairs or his special knowledge of foreign affairs? "I'd trust Eisenhower to handle things abroad," declared one Indianapolis factory supervisor. "But Stevenson knows more about our problems here at home."

4—Which candidate is most likely to bring peace? Would a "military man" as President end the Korean stalemate or would he merely turn it into a bigger war? This, of course, is the No. 1 issue in the minds of those with sons, husbands or brothers in the service.

5—Fear of war versus fear of another depression. Rightly or wrongly, a sizable portion of the electorate feels that the Korean War is all that is keeping us from a serious economic recession. They see the future as a choice between two dread insecurities — war or

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Three Missing Persons Found

CHESTER, Calif. —(AP)— A 200-man posse was dismissed early today after two men and a little girl who had been missing since last night turned up safely northwest of here. Sheriff's officers had feared a repetition of the robbery-massacre of a grocer and three children a week ago.

Grim-faced, armed lumbermen had massed swiftly to scour the rugged country where only a week ago the beaten bodies of grocer Guard Young and three small children were found stuffed into an auto trunk.

Shortly before 5 A. M., the sheriff's office got a report from the Collins Pine Co., employer of both men, that they were found. The location was given as east of Chiles Meadows, 33 miles northwest of Chester.

Deputies said the three were safe. There was no immediate explanation for their failure to return from a movie in nearby Westwood last night.

Members of this community, shocked by last week's quadruple slaying, hurriedly assembled at word that Carol Jean Hawkins, 2, her millworker father, Leonard Hawkins, about 36, and Don McLaughlin, 19, his brother-in-law, were missing.

Teacher Communism Oath Is Outlawed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The California Supreme Court has outlawed the University of California's special oath, while upholding a law requiring a loyalty pledge from State, County and local government employees.

The court split 6-1 in upholding the State Levering Act yesterday, but was unanimous in ruling that the university's regents has no right to impose a loyalty oath on faculty members and employees of its eight campuses in 1949.

The regents were ordered to reinstate seventeen faculty members, fired when they refused to sign the university oath which mentions Communism by name.

SCALE-TIPPER?

JOHN L. LEWIS

Gls Drive Red Soldiers From Triangle Hill

By STAN CARTER

SEOUL — (AP) — American troops broke the last Chinese Communist foothold on Triangle Hill today in vicious, see-saw fighting on the Central Korean Front.

Two miles to the east, South Korean soldiers fought off three Chinese attacks on Sniper Ridge.

All day Saturday, Allied artillery hurled thunderous barrages at Red positions north of Triangle and Sniper. Allied warplanes roared down on Papa-san Mountain, dumping high explosives and flaming gasoline on the massive hill which the Reds use as a massing point for their assaults on Triangle and Sniper.

The Americans and ROKs launched the biggest Allied attack of 1952 five days ago with the goal of winning and holding these two hill masses north of Kumhwa.

HEAVY FLAK

Eight B29 Superforts ran into heavy flak and rocket barrages and fought off at least seven Red night fighters early Saturday in a bombing attack on a Red Army headquarters at Tosong, in Northwest Korea. All eight planes returned to their base on Okinawa.

AP correspondent Milo Farneti reported that U. S. Seventh Division troops stormed to the top of Pike's Peak, at the northwest corner of Triangle Hill, just after daybreak.

Pike's Peak was the last Red stronghold on Triangle Hill. However, a few Chinese suicide troops still were holding out in scattered caves and dug-out positions.

The bloody Central Front action added hundreds to Communist casualties totaling 18,000 for the past nine days.

Up to Friday night, the Chinese had lost an estimated 3,750 soldiers on Triangle Hill.

SEAL CAVES

A U. S. Eighth Army staff officer said South Korean troops sealed off entrances of Red caves on Sniper Hill big enough to hold 150 men. "They were well-constructed and concealed with as many as four entrances," he said.

The Air Force said eight U. N. warplanes were lost over North Korea during the week ended Friday.

'Disillusioned' Morse To Support Stevenson

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Sen. Wayne L. Morse, Oregon Republican, said today he will vote for Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, the Democratic candidate for President.

Morse, who often has been at odds with others in his party, said "Never have I been so completely disillusioned about any man as I am about Eisenhower."

He had first announced he would back Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican nominee, but later announced he would not actively campaign for him. Then today he made the break complete.

Morse said he was the first Republican Senator to declare publicly for Eisenhower, and said his decision "to repudiate Eisenhower has not been an easy one to make."

Morse also said:

"The demagoguery, double-talk and dangerous desertion by Eisenhower in this campaign of his once-professed political principles leaves me with no honorable course of action but disassociate myself completely from his candidacy.

"The Eisenhower I supported for the nomination is not the Eisenhower who is dangling and dancing from campaign platforms at the end of political puppet strings being jerked by some of the most evil and reactionary forces in American politics."

Morse's coolness toward Eisenhower became especially apparent after the nominee and Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio met in New York and Taft announced general agreement on major issues.

QUEEN IMPROVED

LONDON —(AP)— Eighty-five-year-old Queen Mary was recovering today from a cold in the head. Her doctors, however, said she must remain indoors for a few more days.

SAYS DECISIONS HIS OWN

Ike Declares He Made No 'Deals'

By JAMES DEVLIN

NEW YORK (AP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower says his decisions "have been and will be mine alone" and that he still is a "no deal" man.

In a speech last night at Newark, N. J., the GOP presidential nominee also gave a pat on the back to Gen. George C. Marshall.

In his "no deal" statement, Eisenhower appeared obviously to be replying to Democratic accusations that he had come under the thumb of Sen. Robert A. Taft and Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

In doing so, he replied also to President Truman's charge at Hartford, Conn., on Thursday that he was not "sticking by" Marshall, Eisenhower's mentor and wartime chief.

Technically, Eisenhower was resting today but actually he was preparing speeches and strategy for his first campaign swing into New England on Monday, hard on the heels of Truman. The general was due to spend today and tomorrow in New York, with no announced engagements.

His camp was cheered meanwhile by the pronouncement of Sen. Harry F. Byrd, Virginia Democrat, that he could not support the Democratic national ticket headed by Gov. Adlai Stevenson.

An Eisenhower adviser said last week that Eisenhower's best chance of capturing a Southern state lay in Virginia—provided Byrd did not come out for the Democratic national slate.

25,000 ON HAND

The Eisenhower forces were encouraged also by a turnout estimated by police at about 25,000 persons to greet him last night in Jersey City—a Democratic stronghold once ruled by "boss" Frank Hague. Hague no longer controls the Democratic organization there.

Eisenhower himself described the gathering as the largest he had seen in a lengthy day's tour across New Jersey from Camden.

The general's foes have painted him as having swung around to the views of Sen. Taft, whom they describe as an isolationist, and of Sen. McCarthy, who has accused Marshall of being a "front man for traitors" in the loss of China to the Communists.

Without mentioning the senators by name, Eisenhower responded this way in his Newark speech:

"I have listened to suggestions made to me by Republicans from all parts of the country....

"But let me make it quite clear as to my personal responsibility for my ultimate decisions. Those decisions have been and will be mine alone...."

PRAISES MARSHALL

He said he had given no encouragement to notions that an isolationist America could continue to live either in peace or in security. He added:

"I have abandoned no part of my belief in any of the men whom I consider great American patriots. In this group stands Gen. George C. Marshall."

Stevenson Hits At GOP Stand On Korean War

By JACK BELL

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson declared today the Republicans' offer in the fight against world communism only a political DDT "guaranteed to contain no taxes, no anxiety and no effort."

In a scornful indictment of the GOP attitude on the Korean struggle, the Democratic presidential nominee said in an address prepared for delivery at the historic Alamo that willingness to defend liberty at any cost is America's mightiest weapon.

Obviously directing his shaft at Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, his Republican opponent, the Illinois governor declared:

"I have nothing but contempt for those whining politicians who try to tell us that the American people don't know what they are fighting for and have been fighting for for more than 150 years.

"DENY MEANING"

"When they tell us the struggle in Korea is unnecessary and meaningless then they ask us to carry the very meaning of America itself."

Eisenhower has charged that "stupid bungling . . . trapped us into the Korean War" and has suggested American troops can be withdrawn when enough South Koreans have been trained to take thir places.

Sen. Robert A. Taft, described by Stevenson as "quarterbacking" Eisenhower's campaign, has called

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Truman Charges Ike Sinks To 'New Low'

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

Aboard Truman Train (AP)—President Truman said today that Dwight D. Eisenhower has sunk so low as to hold out "a false hope to the mothers of America in an effort to pick up a few votes."

Truman called that "a cruel and deceitful" action and "a contemptible thing to do."

"I honestly believed that he refuse to play politics with our foreign policy — especially that part of it which involves the sacrifice our American boys are making in Korea," the President asserted. "But I was wrong about that."

He delivered his newest blast at the GOP Presidential nominee in an address prepared for delivery at Providence, R. I., in the course of a day of campaigning by train and automobile in New England. He goes into New York for three speeches tonight.

Truman predicted, as he did at Providence four years ago, a Democratic victory.

"As usual," he said, "you Democrats of Rhode Island are going to be right up there at the head of the procession."

SENSE VS. EMOTIONS

He said the Democratic nominee, Adlai Stevenson, is talking sensibly about the issues while Eisenhower "makes no secret of the fact that he is trying to play on our emotions."

Meantime, the President worked to complete one of the heaviest campaign schedules he has ever undertaken as his rousing New England reception neared a close.

He stirred storms of applause in Boston's Symphony Hall last night with a charge that Eisenhower, by his support of GOP Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin and Sen. William Jenner of Indiana, has endorsed a "reign of terror by slander." The audience hissed and booed the names of the two senators whom he called "moral pygmies."

He told Rhode Islanders in today's prepared address:

"I was bitterly disappointed a few days ago when the Republican

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