

MINES STORM ON IN HARD FIGHTS MORE THAN 58,000 COAL MINERS

Talk of Use Of Troops Heard as Mines Close

Threat of Full Scale Strike

WASHINGTON—(AP)—More than 58,000 soft coal miners stayed away from work today in a wage dispute threatening to develop into a full scale strike in the industry, which supplies fuel and power for war plants and motive power for trains.

BEGIN HEARING

The panel had received instructions from the board to begin hearings and proceed until further order before the United States president announced in New York that the miners would not work without a contract after Friday midnight when a 30-day temporary continuance expires.

As his threat was suddenly reversed by spokesmen of Hillman's 15,000 Progressive Mine Workers, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, the general strike would last only two weeks to a month, since full blast operations had prevented them from striking for less than 20 days.

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WAGE ISSUE KEY The wage issue was the situation concerning renewal of the Appalachian contract in which Lewis seeks a 22 percent increase in the daily wage, a minimum of \$8 a day.

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Plan Exchange of Jap And British Nationals

NEW YORK—(AP)—The British radioed dispatches from Bangkok today saying that arrangements were being made to exchange some of the British subjects now interned in Japan for Japanese nationals interned in India and Australia.

Admiral King Reports Expansion Of Jap Forces In Pacific Halted

NEW YORK—(AP)—Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the United States Fleet, said today that the expansion of Japanese forces in the Pacific has been checked and that he believes the submarine menace in the Atlantic should be under control within the next four to six months.



Yank Tanks Visit Streets Of Tunis

Mecklenburg Captain Describes Experiences in North Africa

By TIM BRIDGEN Charlotte News Staff Writer American soldiers now inexorably on their way to Tunis really are making a return trip. They already have been there once in this war.

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EX-ATHLETE

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LONDON—(AP)—Russian demands for a purge of the Polish Government-in-exile in London or creation of a rival regime on Soviet soil were expected today by some third party observers in the light of criticism of the Government in London by the Russian press.

Implying the possibility of creation of a Polish military or political organization in the Soviet Union, an article in Izvestia, Soviet Government newspaper in Moscow, by Wanda Wasilewska, president of the "Union of Polish Patriots," said today: "We are sure the Soviet Union will give us Poles in the Soviet Union the opportunity of fighting for our country shoulder to shoulder with Soviet citizens."

ONE CONFEDERATE AT MEMORIAL Standing beneath a monument to the Confederate dead in historic Oakland Cemetery at Atlanta, Ga., General J. R. Dowling (center), only Confederate veteran to attend Memorial Day ceremonies, gives a salute in tribute to his fallen comrades.

Both women participated in the ceremony.

Hitler Sees Croat Leader

Conference Held With Dr. Pavelic

By ASSOCIATED PRESS The German news agency Transocean declared today in a broadcast datelined from Adolf Hitler's headquarters that Hitler conferred yesterday with Dr. Ante Pavelic, leader of the Croat State in occupied Yugoslavia.

New York Republican Sees Democratic Rout

NEW YORK—(AP)—Upon his reelection as president of the National Republican Club, Thomas J. Curran, New York Secretary of State and chairman of the New York County Republican Committee, predicted a complete rout of the Democrats in next year's Presidential election.

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WEATHER



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