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Coal Strike Continues As Other Labor Disputes Subside

Coal Strike Dark Bot On General Labor Scene

Oil Strikers To Return To Jobs

By ASSOCIATED PRESS. A flicker of light appeared over the nation's gloomy labor scene today but strife in the coal fields left a black tinge to the picture.

On the bright side of the picture indicated strike lines — building with more than 550,000 workers— would shrink to below the 400,000 mark next week.

NO LET-UP. But there were no immediate indications of a let-up in the work of the coal fields and the Government moved to find a way to halt a threatened nationwide coal strike.

Secretary of Labor Schwelb called in soft coal operators and United Mine Workers leaders to discuss some aspects of ending the spreading work stoppages in six states which already have closed more than 500 mines and removed some 155,000 miners from their jobs.

The settlement of the dispute in the coal industry was the Government's immediate top priority. It would meet with the Japanese military aggression from its start, today picked over the reins of Japanese government—which he said he hopes to make truly liberal.

The 71-year-old ex-reefman was summoned dramatically from fifteen years of retirement, forced to join by the military as a volunteer who he opposed to become premier of Japan at its most critical point in history.

He promised Emperor Hirohito to "do my best" to form a Cabinet that would meet with the approval of Allied occupation authorities. Ex-Premier Prime Higashikuni and the first post-war Cabinet resigned en bloc yesterday because they were unable to put into effect measures designed to substitute democratic freedom for feudalism in Japan.

Shidehara's appointment caused a bare "no comment" from Allied command headquarters, but it was assumed that General MacArthur had been consulted before the new Premier was named.

Yoshioka said he would ask MacArthur's prior approval of his appointment. MacArthur's aides said the General did not wish to make any statement approving or disapproving the selection.

FIRST ACT. Shidehara's first official act was to reappoint Shigeru Yoshida as foreign minister, he reported. Yoshida, who had stepped out with the Higashi-Kuni Cabinet, has said he has accepted the re-appointment.

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World Peace Pact Blocked By Reds

By GRAHAM HAYEY. WASHINGTON — (AP) — Despite the breakdown of the Five-Power Conference in London, Secretary Byrnes still has hopes today for a "truly representative" European peace meeting before the end of the year.

Enlisted Men May Get Out

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Army today authorized release of surplus enlisted men on duty in the United States and President Truman signed legislation designed to speed voluntary enlistments in the armed forces.

Poles Capture Nazi Bully-Boy

WARSAW — (AP) — Polish news agency said today the Poles had captured Paul Hoffman, German Communist leader, in a village near the center of the country where more than 2,000,000 prisoners are reported to have been executed by the Nazis.

Truman Changes Flight Plans

BERRYVILLE, Va. — (AP) — President Truman will fly directly from Washington to Berryville, Ariz., instead of proceeding from Martinsburg, W. Va.

Russia Calls Military Official Back From Japan

LONDON — (AP) — The Moscow radio today announced that Gen. Deryavko, Russian military representative in Japan, had returned to Moscow and that he had been summoned home by the Soviet Government.

Phone Strike Notice To Be Filed Soon

Thousands Due To Take Part. NEW YORK — (AP) — Notice of a strike vote among hundreds of thousands of telephone workers throughout the nation will be filed within fifteen days, Henry Mayer, counsel for long line operators, said today.

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The claim of a defense was published Monday by Larry Crosby, brother of the crooner, as president of the Crosby Foundation, Hollywood, Calif. Crosby said the defense technique was so simple that A-bombs could be set off without even knowing their exact whereabouts.

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