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LEWIS BRINGS MINERS BACK TO AFL

CIO Meat Workers Vote Against Returning To Jobs

HEROES ALL—President Truman congratulates four outstanding heroes of the war, after presenting each the Congressional Medal of Honor at the White House in Washington. Left to right are: Sgt. John R. McKinney, Woodcliff, Ga.; 1st Lt. Daniel W. Lee, Alma, Ga.; President Truman; Lt. Donald A. Gary, Oakland, Calif., engineering officer aboard the carrier USS Franklin when it was attacked by Jap suicide planes, and Comdr. Joseph T. O'Callahan, Catholic chaplain of the Franklin. (Acme Photo.)

Wage Policy Committee Takes Action

Seizure Called 'Double-Cross'

CHICAGO —(AP)— Lewis J. Clark, CIO Packinghouse Workers Union president, announced the Union's National Wage Policy Committee voted "unanimously" today not to return to work when the Government seizes struck packing plants at 12:01 A. M. tomorrow.

The CIO United Packinghouse Workers is the larger of two unions whose strike of more than a week has cut heavily into the nation's supplies. The CIO group has 193,000 members. The AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, with 55,000 members on strike, has ordered its membership to go back.

The CIO Union's National Wage Policy Committee took its action as Government officials gathered in Chicago to draft plans for seizing the meat plants, under Presidential order.

Clark's announcement read

"The President of the United States, in directing the seizure of the plants has engaged in a strike-breaking action, the sole effect of which can be to play into the hands of the packers . . . .

"The Government seizure order is a complete double-cross because prior to the announcement of the seizure this union had received from high Governmental officials assurances that the order would contain provisions for making effective increases (in wages) that the (fact-finding) panel might recommend.

"Under this order of seizure, the Department of Agriculture, notoriously sympathetic to the packing interests, will operate the plants.

"This union calls on the entire trade union movement and groups of citizens everywhere to join with them in assuring that the action suggested here will be made effective.

"The United Packing House Workers of America desire to cooperate with their Government. But under all the circumstances we can only believe that the Government is helping the cause of the packers and giving the workers a raw deal.

WANT INCREASE

"We are prepared to return to work at such time as we are assured that the equities of our case will be given consideration and that a substantial wage increase will be put in effect."

When a newspaperman asked whether picketing would be continued, Clark declared at a news conference:

"If you go out to the stock yards

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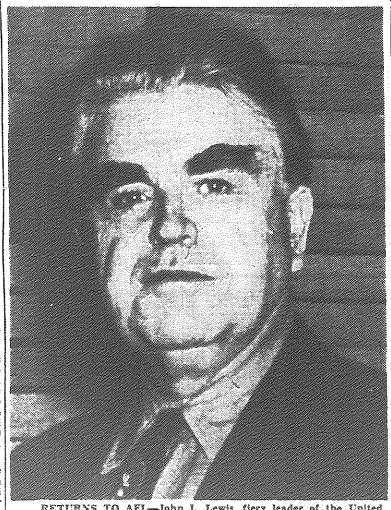

RETURNS TO AFL—John L. Lewis, fiery leader of the United Mine Workers, who broke with the American Federation of Labor when he led the organization of the CIO in 1935, has gone back to the AFL fold.

UMW Chief And 500,000 Men Rejoin Federation

Lewis Elected To Council Vacancy

By HAROLD W. WARD

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — AFL President William Green today announced the reaffiliation of John L. Lewis and his 500,000 United Mine Workers with the American Federation of Labor.

Lewis immediately was elected to the vacancy on the Executive Council created by the withdrawal of Harvey W. Brown, president of the Machinists, whose 700,000 dropped out of the Federation in October, 1943.

LEWIS TO ATTEND SESSIONS

Green said Lewis would attend next week's sessions of the Council, expected to be merely routine.

Green said the return of the miners was "significant" because of the emphasis "upon the need for unity and solidarity."

"I interpret this step taken by the Mine Workers as evidence of their determination to wipe out the division of labor and to establish unity." Green told a news conference.

"It might be interpreted as a move designed to place the House of Labor in order. It will have a profound effect upon the expansion and development of a united labor movement."

Green said Lewis had renewed the application which he withdrew in 1943 and that the Mine Workers had submitted a check for 80,000 representing the January dues to the Federation for 600,000 members. Those close to Lewis explained prior to the merger that more than 100,000 miners still were in the armed services and were carried on the roll as members.

OTHERS ASKED BACK

The AFL president suggested that possibly other unions which had left the AFL in the great division resulting from formation of the CIO in 1935 might follow the miners back into the Federation.

Green reminded news men that David Dubinsky, head of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, had reaffiliated with the Federation and that Dubinsky had been elected to the fifteen-man executive council last October.

It was understood that Lewis was on his way to Miami from Springfield, Ill., to assume his new post on the influential policy-making

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Delay Return Of Germans

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of War Stimson today announced that the repatriation of Germans from the camps in France, Belgium and Luxembourg will be delayed for 60 days and that no "contract" prisoners will be returned prior to April 1.

The announcement said the action was taken to meet a labor shortage in the production of sugar beets, potatoes and pulpwood.

French, Dutch Act

Reds Join Court For Jap Trials

By DUANE HENNESSY

TOKYO — (AP) — Russia, France and the Netherlands today joined the International Tribunal that will try Japan's top war crimes suspects, including Hideki Tojo, Japanese Premier at the war's beginning.

Announcement of this partnership followed weeks of hesitancy during which only the three Allies, China and four members of the British Empire had been designated to participate in the trial which may start in March.

All nine signatories to the surrender of Japan aboard the Missouri Sept. 2 thus will take part in the trials of Tojo, his Pearl Harbor Cabinet and other top flight Japanese said Joseph B. Keenan, chief U. S. prosecutor.

Empire representatives are Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

A radio message from Moscow announced that Russia had named three judges and an associate prosecutor. One a few days ago Keenan—who came here as Chief Prosecutor of Gen. MacArthur's tribunal—has said Russia's continued silence makes it look pretty certain that Russia will not join.

Moscow had indicated late in January its participation.

Russia named a major general to sit in judgment on the Japanese and a major described as director of political science to be an associate prosecutor. But their names were withheld in the cable to Allied Headquarters.

Keenan said the Netherlands had selected Judge Roling of the University of Utrecht as judge and would name the name of an associate prosecutor in a few days. Name of

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Steel Firms Rap Murray

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—An association representing 56 steel fabricating companies charged today the insistent refusal of CIO President Philip Murray to consider their original offer is keeping their 50,000 workers on strike and threatening continued unemployment for them later.

The charge was voiced in a statement by the Tri-State Industrial Association here, which has been remaining wage contracts separate from the basic steel industry dispute down by the current strike of 750,000 members of the CIO United Steelworkers.

The association took the position in a small fabricators' strike called in the middle of a strike ordered wage demand and a Government promise to raise the price of steel which they must buy from the basic steel companies. It estimated 700 other companies in the country are similarly involved.

CONDITIONS QUIET

Conditions continued quiet in the mill cities across the fifth day of the strike with no hint that either union or management plans any move to bridge the 3 1-2-cent an hour wage gap which separates them.

The effects of the strike began to be felt in the automotive field, but more coal miners worked today than yesterday. Some Pennsylvania and West Virginia mines, serving steel companies, closed yesterday because of a shortage of trench cars. Several were able to reopen when some cars were moved in.

About 10,000 miners were reported idle today at the pits, some of which serve steel companies, compared with 17,000 idle yesterday. About 5,000 workers on railroads serving steel mills were still laid off.

Despite Red Protest

Dispute On Iran To Be Discussed

LONDON — (AP) — The United Nations Security Council formally agreed today to discuss the tense military-political situations in Iran, Greece and Indonesia at its next meeting.

The council thus disregarded a request from Soviet Russia that it decline to take up the dispute over Iran.

The next meeting will be held Monday.

AMERICAN MOTION

The action came on the motion of the American delegate, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., after British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had declared he was "so tired of these charges by the Soviet Union in private" (against Britain) that he was anxious for a full discussion at the earliest possible moment.

The eleven-member council, proceeding to put the new world peace organization in working order, took steps to get its Military Staff Committee functioning. The Council ordered military representatives of the principal powers to hold their first meeting here by Feb. 1 when work will be started on the special agreements by which nations are to pledge land, sea and air forces to enforce Security Council orders when necessary.

The action to take up the situations in Iran, Greece and Indonesia came two hours after Russia had registered categoric opposition to discussion of the Iran complaint that the Red Army has been interfering in Iran's internal affairs.

The chief Soviet delegate, Vice-Commissar of Foreign Affairs Andrei Vishinsky, filed a letter with the Council president, N. J. O. Makin of Australia, setting forth a five-point reply to the Iranian charge. He declared Iran's complaints were groundless and that the channels of direct negotiation between the two countries were open.

Vishinsky demanded and received assurances from the Council president however that the decision to discuss the Iranian case would not adversely affect Russia's argument that the situation there is an internal one.

Makin said that at the next meeting the Soviet Union could take whatever position it chose. The discussion presumably will be preliminary to a council decision whether to formally investigate the three complaints concerning Iran, Greece and Indonesia or take any other action on them.

Byrnes Back From London

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Secretary of State Byrnes returned from London today and said he was "greatly gratified" at the progress made by the United Nations organizations during the last two weeks.

President Truman's four-engined transport plane, the "Sacred Cow," bringing Byrnes and his party, landed at National Airport at 12:45 P. M.

Byrnes told newsmen who met him at the plane that he intended to confer with President Truman at the White House as soon as possible.

Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan and Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson were among Government officials on hand to welcome him. He left Washington Jan. 7 to attend the first meeting of UNO.

Byrnes told newsmen that he had been "particularly anxious to attend the London meeting because the United States "was the principal sponsor of the atomic energy resolution."

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No 2nd Term For Ga. Governor

ATLANTA —(AP)— Affirming its stand of last Summer, the Georgia House of Representatives today defeated decisively an amendment which would have permitted Gov. Ellis Arnall to run again.

The vote on the resolution was 126 for and 74 against. A two-thirds majority of the House membership of 205 was necessary for the bill to pass. Sixty-nine negative votes were enough to defeat it.

The result of the balloting, which lasted more than an hour, was announced by Speaker Roy V. Harris, chief opponent of the second term proposal, at 2:28 P. M.

XP-81 Is Superpowered

Turbo-Prop Forward, Jet Aft Propel Fastest U. S. Fighter

SAN DIEGO, Calif. —(AP)— Described as the world's most powerful, high-speed long-range fighter—and the first plane to fly with a gas turbine engine combined in propeller drive and a jet engine in the rear, the XP-81 has been completed by Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. and is now undergoing flight tests at Muroc, Calif., the company announced today.

The plane has two complete power units, a gas turbine in the nose to drive the four-bladed propeller and a jet engine in the fuselage aft of the pilot. With both units it can attain speeds in excess of 500 miles an hour, and the combined power is virtually the same as that produced by all four engines on a B-29 Superfortress, the announcement said.

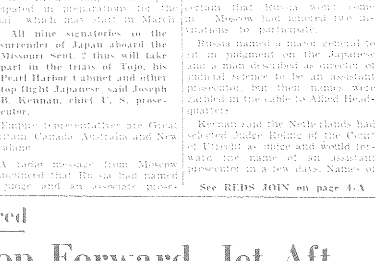
Performance details are still secret, but the company said the plane is adaptable not only as a long-range bomber escort, for which it was primarily designed, but also as an interceptor fighter. This presumably means the fighter when equipped with droppable external fuel tanks can cruise in excess of 2,000 miles.

Both of the engines—neither of which require a warm up—use kerosene. The company said the plane can take off on both engines or either one.

A large scoop on each side of the fuselage admits air to the rear jet engine. Air reaches the gas turbine through a circular duct in the nose of the plane.

General Electric Co. which manufactures both engines, described the turbine engine as being efficient and economical for long flights, and Consolidated said it is considering use of six turbine engines in its 204-passenger Model 37, now in design.

The XP-81 has a wing span of 50 feet 6 inches, is 44 feet 8 inches long, and has a gross weight of 19,500 pounds. The plane is of low-wing all-metal design. The plane is now flying at the Muroc, Calif., Army flight test base.



SPEED OF SHOOTING STAR—Artist's conception of the world's most powerful fighter plane, the Consolidated Vultee XP-81, shows how the craft harnesses a propeller drive gas turbine and a superjet engine. The power units work separately or as a team, driving the plane at speeds above 500 miles an hour.

William Tell

He Shot Tin Cans Off His Wife's Head

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—(AP)— Elliott C. Beardsley, Monroe farmer, testified in Superior Court yesterday that on an occasion when they both were "feeling pretty good," he demonstrated his skill with a rifle by "plinking" a tin can balanced on top of his wife's head.

Beardsley described the William Tell incident yesterday while defending a divorce suit which charges him with intolerable cruelty and habitual intemperance.

Identifying himself as a former cowboy, Beardsley said he was careful not to hit his wife, and remarked that "if I had wanted to shoot her, I could have shot her."

Beardsley told the court he permitted his wife to shoot the can from the top of his head.

The Beardsleys, married in 1928, separated four years ago. They have five children.

Judge James E. Murphy reserved his decision.

French Need Of U. S. Loan Cited

PARIS —(AP)— President Felix Gouin was reported to have told his Socialist Party today that only a $2,500,000,000 loan from the United States could save France from chaos.

Struggling to get three-party approval of a drastic financial program before forming his new government, the President asked the Socialists to adhere to the plans of Finance Minister Pierre Mendes-France.

Bodies Of 17 Europeans Found In Batavia Canal

BATAVIA —(AP)— The Dutch news agency Aneta said the bodies of seventeen European men and women, their hands tied behind them and one beheaded, were found yesterday in the Angol Canal by workers repairing that waterway between Batavia and its port, Tandjoeng Priok.

Aneta said two of the victims apparently had been killed recently.

WEATHER

Fair and rather cool today. Not quite so cold tonight. Saturday considerable cloudiness and little temperature change, followed by clearing and colder Saturday night.

Temperature at 7:30 today 46
High and low last 24 hours 39, 30
Sunset today 5:44
Sunrise tomorrow 7:26

German Atrocities Related

Reds Slain To Please Himmler; Yanks, Dutch Tortured, Killed

By NOLAND NORGAARD

NUERNBERG —(AP)— Fifty Russian officers and political commissars were executed as a special treat for Gestapo Chieftain Heinrich Himmler at Mauthausen murder camp in September, 1944, and 47 American and Dutch fliers were tortured and stoned to death the same month, a former inmate testified today before the International Military Tribunal.

The witness, Maurice Lampe, a Frenchman, telling a particularly graphic story of the beatings and stonings of the fliers, said the Americans and Dutchmen arrived at the camp the morning of Sept. 6.

DOOMED FOR ESCAPE EFFORT

Barefooted and dressed only in their underwear, the fliers were taken before the SS commandant and told they were condemned to death for trying to escape.

When one of the American officers requested the privilege of dying "like a soldier" he was beaten and then the entire group was led, still barefooted, to the bottom of a stone quarry.

"Each man was then loaded with stones and had to go to the top of the quarry — up all 186 steps," Lampke related.

"That first trip each man carried 25 to 30 kilograms (55 to 65 pounds) of stone. They were beaten all the way. They had to run back down again.

"On the second trip, the loads were heavier still. The blows on them were redoubled and stones were hurled at them. The same process was repeated the whole day.

"That evening the party in which I was working came from the quarry and climbed the steps which were covered with blood. I almost stepped on the jaw of a man.

"Twenty-one bodies were lying there, and the 26 others died the following morning."

Lampe said he was in the block house opposite Mauthausen's infamed death house and crematorium the day of Himmler's Roman holiday and watched the assembled Russians kiss one another farewell before they were marched one by one down the steps to the execution chamber.

"The executions went on all af-

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