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FEDERAL COAL BOSS HITS LEWIS DEMAND

Bevin Demands Potsdam Observance Or New Accord

Commons Debate Is Opened By Secretary

Red Dardanelles Demands Opposed

LONDON — (AP) — Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin declared today that "we must either have the Potsdam Agreement observed as a whole and in the order of those decisions or we must have a new agreement."

Opening a two-day debate in the House of Commons on foreign policy, Bevin declared that an "agreement on Germany is at once the touchstone of the relations among the four powers and our opportunity to build a lasting peace and security for the world."

He expressed "almost complete agreement" with U. S. Secretary of State Byrnes' pronouncements on the future of Germany in his Stuttgart speech and added that, "equally, we welcome Marshal Stalin's statement."

WON'T "DESERT" GREECE

Bevin opposed Russian demands on Turkey for the Dardanelles. He declared "we will not desert Greece" and said "we wish to see Persia (Iran) . . . free from foreign interference."

He said Great Britain had no military interest nor "any narrow national interest" in Trieste, where he said British interest "is purely one of international trade". He expressed hope that British troops could be withdrawn from both Trieste and Greece.

Voicing British desires about Germany, Bevin told the packed House:

"We wish to see established first political conditions which will secure the world against any German reversion to dictatorship or any revival of German aggressive policy."

Commenting on the economic future of Germany, he warned that Britain was not prepared to carry out parts of the Potsdam Agreement "unfavorable to us" while other parts were left unfilled.

"It is our considered view," he said, "that German industry has a most important part to play in the whole of European economy and it is not our intention that it should be further crippled, except insofar as it might endanger security."

EAST-WEST DIVISION

Bevin said the Paris Peace Conference presented a trend toward an East-West division of the world which "must, and I am sure, can be prevented."

"If we are to achieve a lasting peace and economic recovery, all the forthcoming (United Nations and Foreign Ministers' Council) meetings in New York must have a readiness to recognize the legitimate interests of others and to subordinate national interest to the common good."

He said he was "not unhopeful" of lasting amity among the major powers.

Canned Bean Prices Go Up

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Grocery prices for canned pork and beans and baked beans will go up 2 to 3 cents a can, OPA announced today.

The agency allowed an immediate increase in ceilings for processed beans because of higher labor and other costs. The increases will reach consumers, OPA added, when the first cans of the higher priced food reach retail stores.

Dry edible beans, sometimes called navy beans, are used in preparing the canned products. They are reported to be scarce and for that reason have been kept under price ceilings.

School Lunch Plan Praised

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman, terming the new Federal-State school lunch program a "splendid start," said today "we must look forward to the day" when such lunches "are available in every community."

In a message to state school lunch officials meeting at the Agriculture Department, Mr. Truman said legislation which he signed last June "provided the basis for strengthening the nation through better nutrition for our school children and wider markets for the products of our farms".

He referred to the National School Lunch Act which authorized expenditure of $50,000,000 in Federal funds, to be matched by State appropriations for lunches.

Flights Halted

Mediation Board May Intervene In Pilot Strike

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The White House said today the National Mediation Board is considering possible intervention in the two-day-old strike of pilots which has halted Trans World Airline flights at home and abroad.

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross emphasized at a news conference that the White House itself has not entered into the wage dispute, but simply has been advised that the board is studying the case. He added that he did not know what that agency might do.

At the same time, he said Government seizure of the world-wide TWA system has not been discussed.

Otherwise, there was no sign of a break in the deadlock over the pay increase demands of the AFL pilots who now earn about $1,000 monthly.

The Mediation Board, proceeding under the Railway Labor Act, intervened in the controversy last May when the pilots first threatened a strike against TWA.

President Truman subsequently set up a fact-finding board, automatically deferring strike action. The pilots, however, rejected the panel's recommendation and called the current walkout. The panel's proposals, the pilots contended, amounted to a wage cut.

TWA officials took over the controls of a special plane to fly United Nations delegates and officials from Paris to New York for the U. N. Assembly tomorrow. But aside from that, all TWA Skymasters and Constellations were parked at airports.

Thirty-three were aboard the special plane flown by Larry Trimble, TWA Assistant Superintendent of Flying in Europe, and Stanley Stanton, Assistant Technical Manager. Approximately 100 other New York - bound passengers were stranded at Paris, Rome and Shannon after pilots left planes there.

First Break Develops In Ship Strike

Engineers And Operators Sign

NEW YORK—(AP)—CIO Marine Engineers and East and Gulf Coast ship operators today signed a contract to settle their 22-day old maritime walkout but the strike of deck officers and licensed ship personnel continued to bottle up virtually all American shipping.

Signing of the contract between the ship operators and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association was announced by U. S. Conciliator Frederick Livingston after thirteen and one-half hours of negotiations.

But before the shipping tieup on the East and Gulf Coasts comes to an end the pact must be ratified by both the union membership and the 44 shipping companies and representatives of agents and operators.

SESSION ADJOURNED

Also the ship operators and the other union involved in the strike, AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots—who adjourned a long negotiating session to late today—also must come to terms. The Masters seek a 30 per cent increased and closed shop.

This would leave the West Coast still strikebound. The unions are to negotiate with West Coast shipping interests after concluding talks with the East and Gulf Coast operators.

E. P. Trainer, chairman of the Marine Engineers Negotiation Committee, who signed the contract for the union, said he would recommend to the general membership that they ratify the agreement.

He said he did not know when the ratification meetings would be held, but that locals would be notified as soon as possible and an attempt made to hold meetings simultaneously in all affected ports.

Lawrence Kammet, MEBA publicity representative, said the general shipping tieup would not be ended by the agreement, since the AFL organizations still was negotiating for a settlement, and the engineers would continue to respect AMP picket lines.

Terms of the contract were withheld by Trainers and Frank J. Taylor, president of the American Merchant Marine Institute, representing the operators, pending notification of the union membership and ratification by companies.

TENTATIVE PROVISIONS

While the exact terms of the contract are not disclosed, a spokesman for the Marine engineers, who declined use of his name, said earlier that a tentative agreement provided the following:

1. A 15 per cent general wage hike. The union originally sought a 25 per cent increase.

2. Payment of $1.60 per hour for overtime. The MEBA originally asked for $2 an hour and substantially reduced the demand to $1.75 an hour.

3. Payment of $1.50 an hour on night relief work.

4. Inclusion of a preferential hiring clause which would state, in effect, that non-union engineers could be hired by ship operators, but that such employes would be expected to join the union after employment.

MOLOTOV ARRIVES FOR UN CONFERENCE—Soviet member of the United Nations Organization Andrei A. Gromyko, (center) greets Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov (left) and Deputy Foreign Minister A. Y. Vishinsky as they arrived in New York aboard the Queen Elizabeth. (NEA Telephoto).

Says Call To Reopen Wage Pact Unwarranted

Threat Of New Strike Raised

By HAROLD W. WARD

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Capt. N. H. Collisson, Federal Coal Mines Administrator, told John L. Lewis today his demand for reopening the wage contract of soft coal miners is "clearly unwarranted.

Nevertheless, Collisson said at a news conference he is willing to discuss arbitration of whether the agreement between the United Mine Workers chief and the Government, under which the mines are now operating, can be opened legally.

REPLY GIVEN

At the same time, the Administrator made public his reply to Lewis in which he asserted that terms of the contract, negotiated last May 29 by Lewis and Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug, were to remain in force for the duration of Government operation of the mines.

Lewis, raising the threat of new shutdown in the coal fields, last night charged the Government with breach of that contract and demanded that negotiations for new one begin by Nov. 1.

Replying to Lewis' demands in a letter, Collisson expressed willingness to meet with the UMW leader at any time to discuss terms of the present contract. But, he said, he was unable to treat the notice as requiring "a joint conference for the purpose of negotiating new arrangements affecting wages and other matters."

Lewis had mentioned "significant changes" in Government wage policy, but Collisson replied that such changes, if any, provide no contractual basis requiring negotiations for a revision of the Krug-Lewis agreement.

Krug, now travelling in the West, told Lewis earlier that he would meet him in California if he wants to discuss a new contract by Nov. 1.

Lewis' new challenge, ending nearly six months of comparative silence, could mean a walkout of the nation's 400,000 soft-coal miners by Nov. 20—on the icy edge of Winter.

SUDDEN BLOW

Unleashing his attack with sudden fury, the United Mine Workers' union boss accused the Government of contract breaches resulting in the loss of millions of dollars due to the mine workers."

In a letter to Krug yesterday, Lewis demanded that negotiations for a completely new contract begin by November 1, and coupled with it a threat to tear up the existing contract in 30 days.

Krug, reached at Amarillo, Tex., during an inspection trip, expressed shock at Lewis' assertions.

"The Government has not breached its contract with the United Mine Workers," he declared.

"I have already suggested to Mr. Lewis arbitration on these (disputed) points.

"The Government's contract with the United Mine Workers covers wages, hours and working conditions during the period of Government operation. It does not provide for reopening of the contract to revise wages or hours."

Krug disclosed that he and Lewis had a heated discussion in his office last Saturday morning. He also declared that in his opinion some of the wildcat strikes constituted a breach of contract on the part of the miners.

"The Government of the United States lives up to its contracts," he said, and added:

READY TO TALK

"I shall, of course, be willing to discuss at any time any matters arising under the contract with the United Mine Workers which the United States of America has made with Mr. Lewis."

Coincidental with Lewis' new blast, Collisson disclosed that he already had written a letter to Lewis ac-

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Millions Lost

Jordan Named As Big Cotton Trader

NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—Thomas L. Jordan, who ran a few dollars into a big cotton fortune, declined today to affirm or deny that he was the trader who lost several million dollars in a plummeting market last week and forced the closing of all exchanges Saturday.

Commodity Trend Mixed

CHICAGO — (AP) — Commodity price trends continued to pull both ways in the nation's various markets today and no pronounced movement was apparent.

Cotton, wheat futures, cash butter, choice cattle, sheep, soybeans and soybean oil, cottonseed and cottonseed oil, were up in price.

On the skids somewhat, however, were New York stocks, Chicago corn and oats futures, hogs, eggs and poultry.

New York cotton futures followed a more orderly course and were slightly higher, with selling cutting into early substantial gains.

Chicago wheat futures continued to climb as much as 1 1-2 cents a bushel, on top of yesterday's 3 cent advance. Buying was influenced by Government cash purchases yesterday, and easing of restrictions on wheat use. Corn and oats futures ruled almost a cent lower, however, with trading influenced by weakness in stocks.

COTTONSEED JUMPS

Cottonseed was reported bid at $100 a ton, an advance of $30 over prices prevailing last Thursday, when ceilings were lifted from vegetable oils. Cottonseed oil was bid at 26.50 cents a pound, up 1 3-4 cent, without attracting offerings early.

New York stocks dipped, with pessimism generated by labor-management disputes.

Chicago hogs were slow and closed $1.50 per hundred pounds lower at an extreme top of $24. Good and choice fed steers and yearlings were higher, topping at $34.50. Sheep were 25 cents and more higher.

9 Greek Soldiers Sentenced To Die

LARISSA, Greece —(AP)— The Greek military court today sentenced nine soldiers to death and eighteen others to life imprisonment on charges of deserting or collaborating with leftwing armed bands.

The 27 were part of a group of 94 who went to trial ten days ago. Three officers were given terms of three to ten years and 31 others were sentenced to two years imprisonment; The remaining 33 were acquitted.

Ex-Rail Executive Dies

ST. LOUIS—(AP)—Daniel Upthegrove, 75, former chief executive officer and corporate president of the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Line (Cotton Belt Railroad), died here early today at St. Luke's Hospital following a stroke last Friday. He retired Sept. 15 after 50 years service with the Cotton Belt.

Operators on the New Orleans Exchange said, however, that Jordan's was the 150,000-bale account which was liquidated.

Jordan appeared in the Exchange today. He remains a member in good standing.

"I have nothing to say," he told a newsman.

Jordan's presence on the Cotton Exchange floor shortly before noon created a mild flurry among onlookers.

He strolled into the Exchange, was greeted by several of his associates and then went down a private elevator with friends for a cup of coffee in a bar.

EXCHANGE NORMAL

The Exchange, which remained closed along with the New York and Chicago markets Saturday while arrangements could be made for a major spot cotton company to take over Jordan's commitments, returned to normal today.

Prices took an upswing.

In the last three days of trading last week the market here dropped $25 a bale. There was a further, but less sizable decline yesterday when the Exchange reopened.

There were unofficial estimates that Jordan held on margin as much as 300,000 bales of cotton shortly before the slump began. These reports said that he managed to get rid of about half before his heavy selling started prices tumbling.

The result was that the market fell faster than Jordan

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Next To Go

End Of Rent Curbs Seen By Bowles

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)— Former OPA Administrator Chester Bowles predicted that rent control would be the next item removed in the Government's decontrol program.

Speaking at a meeting of the Citizens Political Action Committee yesterday, Bowles also said that despite the urgent need of housing for veterans, the nation today "has the greatest unnecessary building program in history, even greater than 1925—a crowded year."

Then swinging around to the subject of price ceilings, the one-time director of the Office of Economic Stabilization said that the loudest critics are those who are making the most profit.

The country's 175 largest meat companies in 1939 had a total profit of $39,000,000 before taxes, while last year their profits "jumped six times over the 1939 figure."

This year, he added, "one company alone, and not the largest, will make between $125,000,000 and $150,000,000 despite seven and half months of price control."

Jittery Crew In Bloody Fights

Wailing Salts Lay Jinx Ship's Ill Luck To Cat And Whistle

BALTIMORE—(AP)—The SS John Trumbull, a "jinx ship" where whistling aboard was taboo, lay at anchor in the calm of Baltimore harbor today as the Coast Guard readied an inquiry into mysterious troubles, climaxed by a threat of "murder."

As a hearing unit of the Coast Guard's marine inspection department prepared a probe into disturbances aboard the Trumbull, stories were unfolded of superstition and ill luck that plagued her.

Old "salts" shook their heads.

"They called her a jinx ship—and that spelled nothing but a heap of trouble," veteran mariners commented. And the trouble, they said, was sparked, perhaps, "when someone whistled" or when "a live cat was thrown overboard."

Violence and fear reportedly rode with the Trumbull as she crossed the Atlantic from Italy, with weeks of shipboard trouble which her master said included gun fights and stabbings.

As the ship rode at anchor in the harbor here late Saturday, the master, Capt. Bernard Fleming, who had armed himself with a long-barreled revolver, radioed for help lest there "be a murder before daybreak."

County police went aboard in a City of Baltimore police launch—there was a dispute about whose responsibility she was — and three seamen were taken off. They were released yesterday, however, when Fleming failed to press charges.

Along the waterfront here, there were stories that the ship also had been dogged with fires in her hold during the crossing. But there were tales, too, that she made the crossing with her propellers swirling at a record rate. Nobody could say what the record was.

The Trumbull's misery began months ago.

When she was at Houstin, Texas, last August, crew members were bitter and suspicious.

Fleming said then that he was inclined to believe that the cat overboard could have been the cause

The skipper has never permitted, in his 42 years at sea, a member of his crew to whistle aboard ship. But crew members didn't know what to believe when the messboy complicated matters by throwing the live cat overboard.

Shortly after the two incidents, the ship ran aground near New Orleans, and crew troubles were reported. Off Jacksonville, Fla. a member of the crew suffered a broken arm. The ship's mascot dog disappeared at Danzig, Poland, and never returned. And the ship went aground off Denmark.

Fleming said the recent trouble started before the Trumbull, carrying a cargo of coal, hit Venice. One man was stabbed when members of the crew began fighting among themselves. And between Venice and Gibraltar, two others were stabbed.

Police here said they were told also that the Trumbull had to take on several new engineers at New Orleans.

The Trumbull will lay at anchor here until "the trouble is straightened out."

Double-Barreled

Byrnes Takes Up Soviet Challenge

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of State Byrnes broadly implied today that the degree of political freedom demonstrated in Bulgarian elections Oct. 27 will govern U. S. policy toward that Soviet-dominated Balkan country.

At the same time he set up a policy of American loans only for friendly nations which do not respond to such assistance by raising such issues as "enslavement" and "dollar diplomacy."

Thus the secretary at his news conference took up a double-barreled Soviet challenge over eastern domination of neighboring European areas.

His reference to economic enslavement was in connection with the withdrawal of a $40,000,000 credit from Czechoslovakia, largely on the ground of Czech applause for a Russian complaint against American loans as leading to such entanglement.

The discussion of Bulgaria, in the wake of a sharp Soviet rebuff to an American proposal for Allied action to assure political freedom, brought these comments from the Secretary:

1. He cannot say now whether this country will continue to refuse diplomatic recognition to the present Bulgarian regime after elections under the conditions that already have drawn American criticism.

2. No further step in the Bulgarian situation is contemplated now.

The latest step was publication last night of exchanges in which Russia bluntly turned down the American proposal on Bulgaria as an invasion of that country's domestic affairs.

Moscow's official representative, Col. Gen. Sergei Biryusov, asserted that the plan was not only improper from a jurisdictional standpoint but also constituted "rude interference" in Bulgarian affairs.

The issue—once again emphasizing Soviet resentment over any attempts to probe into Russia's spheres of interest — developed originally from a request made by Secretary of State Byrnes in Paris on Sept. 24.

At that time, Byrnes asked for a special session of the tri-power Bulgarian Control Commission to consider steps" necessary to insure a free election in Bulgaria, and urged the following:

1. Freedom of press, radio and assembly for the opposition.

2. Non-interference by the militia, either with candidates or voting, except to maintain law and order.

3. Release of political prisoners or open declaration of charges against them.

4. Elimination of any possible threat of post-election retaliation for political reasons.

Byrnes also addressed a letter to Bulgaria's Prime Minister Kimon Georgiev, reminding him of the hopes expressed at Yalta by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin for free democratic elections in the liberated lands.

The State Department said Georgiev replied that the Bulgarian Government had already decided to hold "entirely free elections" and specified that freedom of the press in Bulgaria was "fully assured within the limits of existing law."

Georgiev further declared that political prisoners had been liberated, that Bulgarian laws prohibited interference in elections by the militia, and that steps had been taken to remove any menace of post-election reprisals.

More Grain For Liquor

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Government boosted grain allowances to whisky, beer and ale makers today in a step pointing to early removal of OPA ceilings on flour, bread and breakfast foods.

The restaurant industry meanwhile petitioned both OPA and the Agriculture Department for an end to ceilings on all meals and drinks served in public eating places.

Under the relaxed grain order, distillers will get about 16 per cent more in October and later months and brewers will get a quarterly increase of about 6 per cent.

Restrictions imposed last Winter on the use of wheat by breakfast food and other food manufacturers also were lifted, except in the case of flour millers. Flour distribution will be kept at the rate in effect since the wheat shortage crisis of last Winter.

RECORD CROPS

Officials said the decision to grant distillers, brewers and food manufacturers more grain reflected the greatly improved domestic supply situation, bolstered by record crops.

They added privately that the Agriculture Department and OPA are working on an order which will lift price controls from flour, semolina, farina, bread, breakfast foods and other bakery products.

The order can be expected within a day or so, the officials said, despite the Agriculture Department's action yesterday denying a decontrol petition submitted by the baking industry.

That petition was based on the grounds that bread and other bakery products are not short supply.

The Department said it could not agree because of the fact that some products use large quantities of scarce sugar and shortening.

Officials emphasized, however, that the denial of the petition did not mean these and other wheat products would be kept under price control. They said the Government preferred to act on all of them as a whole.

The fact that distillers and brewers were granted additional grain was generally regarded as indicating an official belief that wheat supplies are large enough to prevent runaway prices for flour and bread if ceilings are lifted.

Distillers will get around 3,000,000 bushels of grain a month compared with about 2,600,000 in September, and brewers will get about 17,000,000 bushels a quarter, an increase of about 1,000,000, officials estimated.

Chinese Spar For Position

NANKING —(AP)— Chinese Government and Communist negotiators turned their peace meeting into a sparring match for position today. Meantime, the Government pressed preparations to administer areas seized from the Reds.

Gen. Marshall and U. S. Ambassador Stuart, resuming active roles, conferred with minority party leaders whose proposals succeeded in returning Communist Negotiator Chou En-Lai to Nanking.

The Reds clung stubbornly to their demands for restoring of territory the Government has seized since the quickly broken January truce and for acceptance of political pacts which never were put into effect.

WEATHER

Fair and continued mild this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday.

Temperature at 2:30 today . . . 68
High and low last 24 hours . . . 68-46
Sunset today 6:10
Sunrise tomorrow 6:47