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ALL SOFT COAL SUPPLIES FROZEN

Mayor Looks To Private Funds To Create Housing Units

FIRST FAMILY OF MORRIS FIELD, or at least one of the first, are Mr. and Mrs. George Helms and their two children. He's ex-Navy, and the other day he stood in line seven hours to sign up for one of the Morris Field apartments. He got a notification this morning that he could have an apartment, so he and Mrs. Helms rushed to the rental office. They're shown signing lease papers, with W. H. Draddy (right), Homes manager, looking on. (News Photo by Bill Sumner of Tom Franklin Studio).

Monday Will Be Moving Day

Families Selected For Morris Field

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A young war veteran and his wife, who is expecting a baby next April, will move out of a tent on the Statesville Road Monday and move into an apartment in an old barracks at Morris Field.

Another veteran will move his wife and three children out of the single room where they have been sleeping, cooking and eating, and move into another Morris Field apartment.

A young family will move out of the converted chicken house on a back lot where they've been living, and take up residence at the old Army Air Base.

MOVING DAY MONDAY

They, and 45 other families, will make Monday a great Moving Day.

The folks get calls today from the rental office of Morris Field Homes, and the calls went like this: "You've been selected for an apartment out here; would you be interested?"

Folks were never more interested. They had been waiting for the news since Tuesday when they spent several hours waiting in line to apply for units at the veterns' housing project.

W. H. Draddy, Homes manager, and his assistants spent today notifying the first 48 families. Some of them got the calls this morning. Others were being notified this afternoon.

George Helms got out to the rental office on the double morning, and his wife went with him. They were evicted a month ago, and they had to take their two children and move in with her folks.

A. Henry Orander got out early, too, and signed lease papers. So did Mack H. Powers, whose wife is ill, and Leon M. Fox, who was the first in line to spend the night waiting for the time to apply at the air base.

These, and the other folks, said they would move in Monday if they could find the transfer trucks, and get the furniture sent out.

They'll be at the rental office on Morris Field's main street at 9 o'clock Monday morning to pick up the keys to their apartments.

WAR WIDOW

Among those moving in will be a young woman whose husband was killed during the war. She, her three-and-a-half year old child, and her father are being evicted from their rooms in town this week.

They'll be neighbors to a family of four: veteran, wife and twin babies. This family has been living in a room in Pineville, in a house with three bedrooms where nine people are living. One of the nine is an invalid who is greatly disturbed by babies in the house.

Close by in this new community of ex-GIs will be a couple and their four-year-old daughter, who has been suffering from asthma. This family has had a room in a private home, and the heating has been such that it didn't feel like heat at all, and the daughter's

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Thinks GI Bill Would Back Loan

Baxter Seeking Housing Solution

Possibility of the use of private funds, guaranteed by the Veterans Administration under the GI Bill of Rights, for construction of additional housing units at Morris Field was being investigated today by Mayor Baxter.

The Mayor, who has been trying every conceivable means of quickly meeting the distressing shortage of housing, as graphically demonstrated by the 1,300 applications for the 404 units at Morris Field Homes, said today he was looking into the possibility of obtaining the needed units through private funds.

SEES HOPE

If some developer could be interested in converting the Morris Field buildings into apartments, under a lease granted by the City Government, and be assured that his loan would be guaranteed by the Veterans Administration, there is some hope of relieving the situation, the Mayor said.

"Of course," he added, "legal complications might prevent this but I certainly am looking into the possibility because I do not want to lease a single stone unturned," Mr. Baxter said.

Under the GI Bill of Rights, a veteran's home loan is guaranteed up to $4,000 and the Mayor is of the belief that a developer might get the same guarantee if he would build a large number of dwelling units for veterans.

He is hopeful that such a plan can be legally worked out and he is pressing that as fast as he can, so that he can discuss the lease of city-owned property at next Tuesday's session of the City Council.

Harassed by legal barriers, which prevent the City Government from spending public funds to meet the housing emergency, Mr. Baxter has been diligently seeking a solution.

Gets Life For Killing Singer

SPENCER, Ind. — (AP) — Joseph Luther Woolridge, 29-year-old Negro handyman of Bloomington, Ind., pleaded guilty today to the stone quarry slaying of Mrs. Phyllis Coleman, 32-year-old Bloomington choir singer, and was sentenced by circuit Judge Frank M. Martin to serve a life term in prison.

Another first degree murder indictment in the slaying of Russell Koontz, 43-year-old Bloomington stone company executive, was nolle prossed.

The bodies of Koontz and Mrs. Coleman were found last March in a water-filled sludge pit at an abandoned stone quarry near Bloomington.

Before imposing sentence Judge Martin read a statement which state police said they had obtained from Woolridge. In it Woolridge said he surprised the couple in a tryst at the quarry and bashed in Koontz's skull with an iron bar when Koontz lunged at him. He said he then strangled Mrs. Coleman with a rope and threw both bodies into the sludge pit.

Koontz was a former director of the Clear Creek Christian Church Choir and Mrs. Coleman was in his soprano section.

Cruiser Tows Typhoon-Damaged Army Vessel

TOKYO—(AP)—The cruiser Chicago today took the typhoon-damaged and nearly flooded army concrete ship, Edwin C. Echels, under tow and proceeded toward Yokohama, about 200 miles distant.

U. N. Motion

France Proposes Halt In Debate On Veto Question

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. — (AP) — France proposed today that the United Nations Political Committee suspend debate on the controversial veto question to enable the Big Five powers to try to find a formula for voluntary modification of the veto's use.

At the same time British sources said Big Five consultations on the veto problem would start Monday regardless of any decision taken on France's proposal. All of the major powers, including Soviet Russia, have agreed to take part in the discussions, it was disclosed.

French Delegate Alexandre Parodi lined up with the other big powers in opposing any revision of the U. N. Charter, although he pointed out that France originally had opposed the principle of the veto.

The problem, he said, is to find a way to improve the procedure of the Security Council without altering the Charter.

Parodi spoke shortly after Chinese Delegate V. K. Wellington Koo had endorsed the positions taken yeserday against any amendment of the Charter at this time. Great Britain, the only member of the Big Five which has not yet stated its position before the Committee, has also made it clear that she opposes any Charter revision.

All of the five major powers, except Russia, have taken the position, however, that the Security Council itself should limit the use of the veto to rare and exceptional cases. Individual members of the Big Five already were studying a British plan aimed at softening the use of the veto.

Parodi admitted that the Security Council has not so far worked "very satisfactorily" and said the preoccupation of the Assembly with the veto question seemed to be justified.

Prods Again

U. S. Urges Fair Romanian Vote

WASHINGTON [illegible] Romania another pre-election prod today to guarantee opposition parties a square deal in Tuesday's balloting.

That was the main point behind the formal language of a note handed the Soviet-sponsored Romanian Government by Burton Y. Berry, United States political representative in Bucharest.

The new note was put out here by the State Department. It said the American Government "assumes" the Romanian Government shares its view that "all parties represented in these elections should participate on equal terms."

It was only an assumption, though. The United States had no more assurances on that than when Romania first began getting ready for the voting months ago.

Today's note was fourth in a chain dating back to last May. If Romania follows the pattern of the past, she will send back a politely worded answer and go right ahead with election plans tailored to her own desires.

There were no indications the United States might pull Berry out of Bucharest, by way of a rebuke, if Romania ignores American protests against preparations for the balloting.

Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson said yesterday there was no basis for rumors to this effect.

Acheson emphasized again to a news conference that the United States, Britain and Russia pledged themselves at the Crimean Conference early in 1945 to sponsor free and unfettered elections in liberated lands and those once Allied with the Axis.

Thugs Set Off DDT Bombs

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — Safecrackers who broke into a Philadelphia exterminating firm early today accidentally set off four DDT bombs and may have inhaled the fumes.

Police notified hospitals to be on the lookout for anyone applying for treatment who may show symptoms of DDT poisoning.

The thugs cracked a safe in the building of Vogel-Ritt, Inc., but officials were unable to say immediately what was taken.

CIO Unity Effort Made

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(AP)—A committee of six CIO leaders, equally divided along ideological lines, strove today to formulate a statement that would ease the left wing-right wing warfare that has torn many CIO unions during the last few months.

The committee, appointed by President Philip Murray in secret, was disclosed by other persons on the CIO Executive Board, as including three outspoken anti-communists: Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers; Emil Rieve, president of the Textile Workers, and Milton Murray, president of the American Newspaper Guild.

"LEFT WING"

The other three—Michael Quill, president of of the Transport Workers Union; Abram Flaxer, president of the United Public Workers, and Ben Gold, president of the Fur and Leather Workers—represent the indefinable element in the CIO known as the "left wing." Some persons identified with this group are further to the "left" than others.

The prime purpose of this Committee is to seek an agreement that would reduce energy-wasting fighting over ideologies and present a united CIO front in the coming wage disputes with industrialists.

Whether such a mixed group of men could succeed in negotiating harmony was unknown.

Southern California Temperatures Tumble

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—With the mountain snow blanket hanging up to six feet in depth, temperatures dropped to the freezing mark today in some sections of Southern California's rich citrus belt in the wake of the most severe early November storm on record.

SFA Acts In Anticipation Of Shutdown Next Week

Government Seeks To Avert Strike

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Solid Fuels Administration today froze all soft coal supplies in anticipation of a bituminous mine shut-down next Wednesday midnight.

The freeze order issued by Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug became effective as of noon today.

It came as the Administration sought to hold 400,000 soft coal miners to a Government contract which the Attorney General says is binding.

Krug, acting as administrator of the Solid Fuels Administration, said in a statement:

"Issuance of these orders is an essential precaution in view of the unwillingness of the president of the United Mine Workers (John L. Lewis) to accede with the President's request to reconsider the Government's proposal looking toward a settlement of the coal controversy."

THREE ORDERS

Krug issued three separate orders. One froze all coal in transit or which might be produced from mines. A second held all coal stocks in shipment on the Great Lakes or other waterways. The third froze all coal supplies in retail yards.

The orders provide that no coal can be [illegible] consumers without the approval of the Solid Fuels Administration. They did not affect coal already in the hands of ultimate consumers.

No official was telling just what will be done if Lewis persists in his contention that he can and will terminate the contract next Wednesday midnight, halting production at the 3,300 Government-operated mines.

KRUG MAY SPEAK

But there was talk that for a starter Secretary Krug may take to the radio, tell the miners their chief's maneuver has no legal justification and ask them to keep on mining coal.

Although represented as determined not to put Lewis in the role of "martyr" those concerned with the fuel crisis spoke of:

(1) Possible action under the Smith-Connally Act, which provides a year in prison and a $5,000 fine for inciting a strike against the Government.

(2) A special session of the lame duck Congress to enact new laws forbidding strikes in so vital an industry as coal mining.

The Lewis position, however, is that there simply will be no valid contract in existence after the termination time he has set — and the United Mine Workers do not work without a contract.

Here he clashes head-on with Attorney General Clark, who advised Secretary of the Interior Krug yesterday the contract is binding for as long as the Government runs the mines.

FUEL SUPPLY LOW

Underscoring the gravity of the situation, the Solid Fuels Administration said the nation has only a 37-day supply of fuel on hand, compared with the 42-day stock just before last Spring's crippling two-month walkout.

A proposal by Krug that Lewis negotiate with the mine

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12 Unionists Put In Jail

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. —(AP)— Twelve men involved in a cafe strike were denied bond and hustled off to jail under 90-day to six-month sentences today on charges that they violated court orders against picketing and continuing the strike.

Circuit Judge Richard V. Evans, who said he was without authority to fix appeal bonds, also levied fines totalling $4,596.18 against the 12.

Commenting in advance of AFL officials, one of whose union affiliates was involved, Carey Haigler, regional CIO director, said he regarded the court action "a direct threat to all labor."

Controls On Credit Lift

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Federal Reserve Board is ending, in time for the Christmas buying boom, all controls over consumer credit except installment purchases of autos, radios, furniture and nine other kinds of durable goods.

Effective December 1, the board eliminated requirements that charge accounts be settled in 70 days and single repayment loans in 90. For the first time in five years parties to these deals now may work out their own terms.

Restrictions also will no longer apply to time payments on durable goods involving credit of less than $50 or more than $2,000, the board announced last night.

On sums in between those limits, the board still will require a one-third down payment on automobiles, refrigerators, cooking stoves and ranges, washing machines, ironers, dishwashers, air conditioners, radios and phonographs, sewing machines and vacuum cleaners.

However, buyers may have fifteen months to pay for any of these articles instead of the present twelve month limit on all but automobiles, where the fifteen month term already is in effect.

On furniture and soft-surface floor coverings, the down payment will continue to be 20 per cent. The payment time on these also was extended from twelve to fifteen months.

Told By Truman

Middies Must Guard Peace Of The World

ANNAPOLIS —(AP)— President Truman told United States Naval Academy midshipmen today they must hold themselves in readiness to meet any emergency to "keep the peace of the world."

The President steered clear of the coal crisis in a brief, extemporaneous speech in which he declared the United States Government must be run "for the welfare of the world—not selfishly; it must be run for the peace of the world."

He advised the young men who will lead the nation's future Navy, as he had advised the West Point Cadets a few weeks ago, that "if you don't keep the peace of the world, there will be no peace."

ARRIVES ON YACHT

Mr. Truman arrived at Annapolis on the Presidential yacht Williamsburg.

Official greetings were extended by Navy Secretary Forrestal and Vice-Admiral Aubrey W. Fitch, Academy Superintendent, who boarded the Williamsburg shortly after its arrival.

Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, the President's Chief-of-Staff, joined Mr. Truman.

Parents Dead

Girl Finds Tragedy On Birthday

MALDEN, Mass.—(AP) — Pauline Handy was up early today—her nineteenth birthday.

She was careful to be quiet so as not to wake the others.

So when the gun blasted, Pauline was the first into the kitchen where she found her father dead and her mother near him, dying.

Police Lt. Frank E. Lenehan said her father, Clements W. Handy Jr., 45, a city fireman, had fatally wounded his wife Ada, 41, and then committed suicide with the same shotgun.

Mrs. Handy died in a hospital several hours after Pauline found her, wounded in the stomach.

Neighbors said Handy, a veteran of World War I, had been in good spirits last night, and police did not determine motive of the shooting.

Awakened by the shooting were Pauline's sisters, Mrs. Marilyn Whetford, 22, Beverly, 8, and her brother, Robert, 15.

Police Hunting Missing House

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Police staged a mass house hunt today. They were looking for a three-room structure which Mrs. Beulah Gideon, Long Beach, reported stolen from a lot in the San Fernando Valley.

Amtorg Head Quits Post

NEW YORK —(AP)— A spokesman for the Soviet Consul General's office here said today that Michael Guisov had "resigned several months ago" as president and chairman of the board of the Amtorg Trading Corp., multi-million dollar Soviet trade agency in the United States.

The official said Guisov quit his post here "because he had been in the United States for more than five years and wanted a vacation in his native country."

He added that I. A. Eremin, head of the Soviet Purchasing Commission in Washington, had been designated to head the Amtorg in Guisov's place, and that Eremin now was serving in both capacities.

The Consul General's spokesman said he knew of no plan to discontinue the Purchasing Commission, formed during the war to direct Russian purchases in the United States, and turn over to Amtorg all American-Soviet trade dealings.

Earlier, an officer of Amtorg declined to comment on a story published by the Times saying that it had learned that a shakeup "on the highest level" had been instituted in the Amtorg Trading Corp.

Prepare For Truman Trip

KEY WEST, Fla.—(AP)—Four Secret Service agents headed a party of ten flown here yesterday from Washington to make security arrangements for the arrival Sunday of President Harry S. Truman.

No Contract, No Work

Miners View Strike Prospect Dimly But Are Ready To Walk

LIBRARY, Pa. — (AP) — With Christmas just around the corner, John L. Lewis' coal miners in this western Pennsylvania community aren't looking forward to a strike with pleasure, but, they say, if their leaders tell them their contract is void, they will quit work.

Thomas McMonagle, who at 71 still works a regular shift in the Montour No. 10 mine, said:

"I'm not much for this striking business but I also don't believe in working without a contract."

McMonagle, who has worked in the mines since he was eight years old and has witnessed some 25 strikes, added:

"The operators should be running the mines, not the Government. Lewis was foolish in dealing with the Government in the first place."

Other Montour miners also were somewhat critical of their leaders.

"Lewis got a good deal and should have left well enough alone," asserted John Snock. "I sure hope we don't have a strike. My pocketbook can't stand it."

"My house can't stand it, either," said a companion, George Young. "I'm having a tough time getting it built as it is. A strike would make it worse."

James Sherer said "what with the way the cost of living is going up, there's nothing else for a working man to do but try to get more money."

He added "they're talking about raising rents. I don't know where it will end."

A veteran worker at nearby Coverdale No. 8 mine probably expressed the feelings of his fellow workers most succinctly.

"Lewis is the boss. We'll do what he says regardless of our personal feelings—but it will be a tough Christmas."

WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness this afternoon, followed by occasional rain tonight and Sunday. Warmer tonight, cooler Sunday. Monday clearing and colder.

Temperature at 3:30 today [illegible]
High and low last 24 hours [illegible]
Sunset today [illegible]
Sunrise tomorrow [illegible]