

15-Year Plan

Railways Rate High In Soviet Program

"Budet kak skazal Stalinsk Stalin!" (It will be as Comrade Stalin says.) That, says Eddie Gilmore, Associated Press bureau chief in Moscow, was the Russian reaction to their leaders' recent speech outlining his great plans for the next 15 years. It remembered some of those orders of the day that Stalin had issued when the Germans were at Moscow, when the Germans had the Red Army pinned against the banks of the Volga at Stalingrad. . . . Here then was another order of the day. . . . An order to this giant which has one-third of the world's population. . . . It would be well for any American safe in the complacent belief that America sets the industrial pace and always will be read and reread. (Gilmore.)

This is the first of a series of stories in which are outlined some of the principal things the Russians are doing, or plan to do, to make their dream come true. . . . They hope to become the world's greatest industrial nation. The attention the Soviet is giving its Far East is implicit in this description of railroad developments.

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW.—The railways were one of the tremendous handicaps of Old Russia. An observer once described pre-Soviet trains as "splintered matchboxes drawn by battered samovars over two ribbons of rust." Saddled with a railway system which drew forth such comment, the Bolsheviks have gone a long way. But they are going much further.

New lines have been built during the war. Others have been completed in recent months and plans are announced almost weekly about new projects. In 1937 the USSR had 53,000 miles of railway compared with 236,000 in the United States. That figure of 53,000 has been considerably upped in the last five years.

Sweeping projects are under way in distant Kazakhstan, largest of the Soviet republics except Old Russia, itself abundantly rich in grains, minerals and fuels. Kazakhstan occupies a vast portion of the northeastern section of the Soviet Union, extending from the eastern border at the corners of Mongolia and Sinkiang almost to the Volga below Stalingrad, and encompassing the northeastern shore of the Caspian Sea.

NEW LINES.—A new line is to be laid between Semipalatinsk and Kuldala, which will considerably shorten the haul from southern Kazakhstan to Pavlodarsk, connecting the Alma Ata region on the Chinese frontier with the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Another great line will be the Mount Alma Ata—a span of rail which will run from Moscow around the western shore of Lake Balkhash connecting the Trans-Siberian at Krasnodar and Saratov to the way of Karaganda coal and metals to the large cities and towns of eastern Kazakhstan. This communication will thus be established between Alma Ata, Balkhash, Karaganda and Krasnodar, the latter whose administrative center is Petropavlovsk, 225 miles east of the Ural.

Plans are also ready for a vital branch line in the rich grain district of Taldy-Kurgan, Aktyubinsk and Saratov, and at which lie along the northwestern slopes of the Dzhungarskaya steppe, separating the USSR from Sinkiang. This railway will connect with existing systems and run midway between the mountains and Lake Balkhash.

The Far East has come in, and will come in for more rapid systems. By October of last year Soviet engineers had got into operation the eastward flow of maritime territory running from Sien Tambovsk on the western coast of the Gulf of Genghis north of Komomok, thereby affording a connection across the northern maritime between the

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COAL MINES Coal Conference Meets To Hear Lewis Demands



out expectantly, children of St. Etienne, France, wait for their daily ration of the first milk they have had since

tries is distributed through the American Red Cross. (American Red Cross Photo from Acmel.)

Auto Price Rise Scored

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH WASHINGTON.—AP.—A CIO-United Auto Workers official blasted today at OPA's plans for next year's price increases, saying they mean "not a bulge in the price line but an explosion."

"If OPA," said Donald Montgomery, UAW consumer committee chairman, "wants to give price increases to the auto industry, then they'll have to give them to the rest of the economy. . . ."

Montgomery made these statements to a reporter after OPA announced that higher prices for cars and trucks will be applied to the new model cars and trucks.

Milk, butter and gasoline also are on the list of items on which pressure is being applied by OPA for higher prices.

Until the new car prices are announced for the three firms, they and their dealers must continue to sell cars at current ceilings, but they can require an agreement that customers will pay the increase when it is put into effect.

An OPA official who asked to remain anonymous estimated that the price hike for manufacturers probably will not exceed three per cent for \$45 to a \$1,500 model, and for \$10 to a \$1,500 model.

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Present Pay Pact To Be Terminated Lewis Keeping Plans Secret

By HAROLD W. WARD WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A national bituminous wage conference, requested by John L. Lewis for presentation of postwar wage demands, convened today.

Era Van Horn, of Cleveland, chairman of the Bituminous Operators Negotiating Committee, was nominated by Lewis to be permanent conference chairman.

Lewis, president of the AFL-United Mine Workers, described Van Horn as having served through the years "with distinction and eminent fairness to the joint contracting parties."

The conference heard immediately Lewis' notice, under provisions of the contract, of intention to terminate the present agreement April 1.

OFFICERS ELECTED The conference did not hear at once Lewis' demands on the operators, but proceeded with electing officers and hearing reports from the credentials and procedures committees.

Charles O'Neill, the operators' chairman in the actual negotiations, nominated United Mine Workers Secretary-Treasurer Thomas A. Kennedy for conference secretary.

With Joseph Ardoin, Williamson W. Va., an official of the Southern Coal Operators Association, assistant secretary, and John T. Jones, a UMW official, secretary pro tempore.

O'Neill likewise nominated M. L. Markel of Somerset, Pa., secretary of the Somerset County Coal Operators Association, for secretary at arms, with Clarence Donaldson, vice president of District 2, UMW, for assistant.

Lewis kept secret just what wage and other demands he has for the mine owners.

By putting off final action until minutes before he read the demands to a "town meeting" of the industry, Lewis added an element of suspense to the proceedings.

An assortment of demands of the UMW's 13 district conventions had to be filed down to be presented on an industry-wide basis.

The operators were inclined to believe, however, that Lewis would demand a shorter work week, and that he would make up the loss in take-home wages by the unionization of the non-unionized workers.

A "participation" royalty on each ton of coal mined. Last year he estimated at \$35,000,000 tons. Bituminous production this year is estimated at 55,000,000 tons.

While only the bituminous industry is involved in negotiations, Lewis said the anthracite contract is timed to expire a month later. And that industry usually has the nation's coal supply.

Lewis has prepared for a strike of 400,000 bituminous coal miners April 1, if necessary.

Judy Garland Is Mother HOLLYWOOD.—(P)—Film Singer Judy Garland became the mother of a daughter today by co-sponsoring the birth of a child named Lizzy and weighing six pounds, ten and one-half ounces, were reported by the British-born actress.

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The Marshal said he commanded the air attack on Warsaw. He described the Polish capital as a fortress and asserted that everything possible was done to hit only military targets.

He described the Luftwaffe which Goering commanded as "a defensive weapon."

Paul Koerner, intimate of Hermann Goering since 1929, told the tribunal the former Reichsmarschall intervened against the Nazi Party purge twelve years ago and that he created concentration camps only to re-educate enemies of the state.

Argentine Election Dr. Tamborini's Forces Concede Peron's Victory

BUENOS AIRES.—(AP)—The Association of Professional and Cultural Organizations which supported Dr. Jose P. Tamborini for President conceded his defeat today by Col. Juan D. Peron.

Peron further strengthened his commanding position by taking a lead in Tucuman Province, until now held by Tamborini. The popular vote count was Peron 2,630, Tamborini 2,585.

Peron already has captured 66 electoral votes and should he hold his present advantage in other districts, he would have a total of 216 electoral votes. Only 128 are needed to win. Tamborini has won 29 electoral votes and is leading in districts having 140. His 160 total is 29 less than needed to win.

In a note directed to the Democratic Front, the fusion which supported Tamborini in the Feb. 24 election—the Association said:

"In view of the incontrovertible evidence of the figures, the only remedy left is to repair immediately our past errors and dedicate ourselves to the public education of the people in the doctrines of democracy."

A spokesman for the Democratic Front said the group had not yet abandoned hope for Tamborini, in belief that he still could overtake Peron's lead in the Federal capital.

PERON tal and then go on to capture the province of Buenos Aires.

The letter said it was essential that "Argentine democracy in all its great nuclei have parliamentary representation . . . so that it may contribute to the solution of important pending national problems."

Connally called for maintenance by this country of "an adequate Army, a superior Navy and a superlative air force."

These, he said, would back up America's determination not only to resist aggression by arms, but to "oppose aggression economic or political pressure or maneuver."

Pinning his hopes on the United Nations, the Texas Senator said that so long as Russia, Great Britain and the United States remain loyal to the obligations of the Charter and adjust differences as they arise, there will be peace.

World Food Program Cereal Supplies Far Under Needs

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover said today supplies of cereal now available to avert starvation in war-torn countries are 8,000,000 to 9,000,000 tons short of minimum needs.

However, he told a news conference, that he believed all but 1,000,000 or 2,000,000 tons of the deficit could be made up through reduced in return for food in the United States and other Western Hemisphere countries.

Hoover is honorary chairman of President Truman's emergency committee which has appealed to the United States to donate wheat by the ton per cent and of fats by 30 per cent.

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Hal Boyle

Egypt's Students Are Backbone of Struggle For Independence

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Second Attack Russian Writer Blasts Churchill

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW.—(AP)—A special writer in the Soviet Government newspaper Pravda declared today that if Winston Churchill's proposals concerning British-American military co-operation met with success they would "sharply change for the worse the already tense" world situation.

In the Russian press' second attack in as many days on Churchill's March 5 speech at Fulton, Mo., Pravda said Churchill had this assumption of Churchill's events:

"The Soviet Union will offend England's sensibilities and then the Trans-Atlantic brothers (Americans)—as ardently loved by the British—will be led by indignation and come to the rescue."

The article said that Americans already have noted that Churchill obviously assigns the primary role to the United States and not to England in the future struggle which he is trying to inflame with all his strength.

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Warsaw, Rotterdam, Coventry Kesselring Takes Partial Blame For Bombings Of Three Cities

By DANIEL DE LUCE NUREMBERG, Germany.—(P)—General Field Marshal Albert Kesselring told the international military tribunal today that he was at least partly responsible for the bombing of Warsaw, Rotterdam and Coventry.

The military, who opposed American troops in Italy, and France, testified that German Goering, one of 22 Nazis on trial as war criminals.

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WEATHER

Official Weather Bureau Forecast Clear to partly cloudy and warmer today and tonight. Wednesday mostly clear and mild with scattered showers in afternoon.

Temperature at 3:30 today 68 High and low last 24 hours 68-64 Lowest today 61 Sunrise tomorrow 6:27 Sunset 6:27

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