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Plenty of Coal In Germany If The Army Knew How To Get It

By HAROLD I. ICKES
SO far as coal is concerned, Germany has plenty of money to supply the needs of Continental Europe. But it cannot be brought out of the mines because of the lack of machinery to produce coal. Military engineers cannot get their way about a battlefield but they can get it at home in a coal mine. In Germany in all three of the occupied zones—French and American—some coal is produced. In the French zone, the coal mines in the British, French, and American zones produce about 20 per cent of Germany's coal with by far the greater part coming from mines now in the British zone. In the American zone, the coal mines in the French zone, coal is coming out of the ground at the rate of about 65 per cent of the total production. The American production is about the same. In the British zone, the coal mines in the French zone, it is being brought out at the rate of approximately 40 per cent of normal.

THE MILITARY CAN'T GET OUT THE COAL
This does not make sense. Such a low level of production is a reflection upon our intelligence. The armies of occupation can hardly get the largest and most modern coal mines in the world to produce more than a few million tons of coal. The explanation for the low rate of production in the British and American zones is easily spelled out. It is A-R-M-Y.

Over a year ago a commission consisting of Dr. Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of War, Administrator of the United States, and Lord Hymudley, one of the greatest coal operators in Great Britain, went to Germany to take a look at the coal situation. When Dr. Potter got back to Washington he recommended that the coal situation in the British, French, and American zones be unified under a single authority. He recommended that Dr. Potter get back to Washington he recommended that the coal situation in the British, French, and American zones be unified under a single authority. He recommended that Dr. Potter get back to Washington he recommended that the coal situation in the British, French, and American zones be unified under a single authority.

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The Charlotte News

Truman Urges Inter-American Military Program

Congress Asked For Legislation U. S. Would Aid Other Countries

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman asked Congress today for legislation authorizing a program of military collaboration with other American countries, including the training, organization, and equipment of the armed forces of those countries.

He transmitted the draft of a bill entitled "The Inter-American Military Cooperation Act," and asked its enactment.

Asserting that the American republics have common interests for their mutual defense and maintenance of peace, he said it was highly desirable to standardize military organizations, training methods and equipment as has been recommended by the Inter-American Defense Board.

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OPA Hearing Coal Strike May Require Need For Price Controls

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chester Bowles, Economic Stabilizer, told Congress today the coal strike may prolong the need for price controls and subsidies.

3 More May Die
FBI Investigates Alcatraz Revolt
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The FBI moved into Alcatraz today to collect evidence against three survivors of the half-dozen convicts whose desperate, 36-hour siege of their cell-block and left five men dead and 15 wounded.

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Coal Talks' Recess Stirs Speculation Possible New Developments

By HAROLD W. WARD
WASHINGTON (AP)—Fresh developments in the soft coal negotiations were indicated today when the Government-sponsored conferences were recessed suddenly to permit attendance of all operators at this afternoon's session.

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MAHARAJAH AND FAMILY ARRIVE—The 37-year-old Maharajah of Indore, one of the five wealthiest men in the world; his American-born wife, the former Mrs. Alexander Watt Crane, and their two-year-old son, arrive at La Guardia Field from London. He is en route to Boston to undergo a chest operation. (Acme Photo.)

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War Dept. Estimates Submitted By Truman Plan For Force Of 1,070,000

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today submitted to Congress a program calling for expenditures by the War Department in the next fiscal year totaling \$7,246,335,200.

The President said the estimates contemplate maintenance of an Army of 1,070,000 men and officers on June 30, 1947. This would compare with 1,500,000 men on June 30, 1946.

In addition to maintaining this strength the estimates provide \$500,000,000 for Government and refer in occupied areas and \$200,000,000 for the atomic service formerly carried on by the Manhattan project.

Woman Pleads Murder Case In House Of Lords
LONDON (AP)—Attired in traditional hair and gown, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Lane, middle-aged and well-dressed, became the first woman in history today to plead a murder case in the House of Lords.

Merger Bill Opposed Vandegrift Fights For Marine Corps
WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift came to the House today to oppose a bill to merge the Army and Navy. He argued that the merger would result in a loss of military effectiveness.

Weather Bureau Forecasts
Fairly clear and warm today, tonight and Tuesday. Slight showers Tuesday. Temperature at 3:30 today 71° and low last night 51°. Wind light S.W. 1-10. Sea smooth today. Forecast tomorrow 72°.