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# Harold Ickes

### Lewis Got Everything He Wanted In Dealing With The Government

By HAROLD I. ICKES (Former Secretary of the Interior) It is not all strange that John L. Lewis is willing to throw generous shovels-full of coal into the... pulling the inflation train out of the station... A coalition of Manufacturers in its campaign for... all price controls.

I want to discuss the political and social implications of the inflationary contract cheerfully entered into by the Government and Mr. Lewis. This will put John L. Lewis a long step along the road of his ambition to become the dominant union leader... less benignly dealt with by the Government will wonder why they... the usually sturn John L. Lewis, broadly grinning, receives a cordial handshake from President Truman who also wears a happy smile.

At the same time, others may ask why it took so long to settle the coal strike. President Truman knew early in February that there would be a strike on a scale not seen since the war. The terms finally dictated by John L. Lewis could have been secured long before the strike... exactly the same was solved by Milton Winslow (center), police identification expert. The girls, both listed for overseas service as Army nurses, had said that even the FBI found their fingerprints the same. After catching Joanna Lesjenski of Minneapolis, Minn., who was trying to put her prints on Julian's glass slide and cross him up, Winslow found fifteen points difference in the layout of just two fingers.

## CONGRESS

### Death Toll In Dubuque Hotel Fire Goes To 16

19 Others Reported As Missing Fifteen More Hospitalized

DUBUQUE, Iowa — (AP) — The death toll in a tragic fire at the Canfield Hotel went to sixteen today as a three-pronged investigation was started in an effort to determine the cause of the blaze which swept through the 200-room structure shortly after midnight yesterday.

Taking leading parts in the investigation were the State Fire Marshal, Chief of Police, Dubuque County attorney and the Coroner. At the same time Dr. F. S. Leonard, Coroner, countermanded a previous decision and said an inquest would be held before a three-member jury.

The 16th fatal victim of the fire was Mrs. William Canfield, 73, wife of the hotel owner. Her husband was taken down from the ruins yesterday. She died in Mercy hospital of third degree burns.

Three of the dead remained unidentified and 19 persons still were reported missing by the Red Cross. Fifteen more were in the hospital.

While officers held off further search for bodies on orders of Deputy State Fire Marshal Zach Coe who said the walls were "dangerously sagging," the American Red Cross continued a radio appeal for all persons who were registered at the hotel Saturday night to report to the Red Cross.

Fire Chief Jerry Kirch said he believed most of the persons unaccounted for after the fire passed through the 55-year-old building early yesterday morning were permanent guests who had been interested at the hotel, but had not been checked out.

The hotel register listed 123 names, many of which were illegible because of water damage. Many of the names probably included the three unidentified dead.

Kirch said he expected to find many more bodies in the piles of charred debris. Kirch said to estimate the property damage as the result of the fire, all firemen had been engaged in attempting to lift the wreckage for more bodies.

The fire broke out in the 37th firemen and there were scenes of horror and heroism. Kirch said that the fire started in the kitchen and 35 policemen had to bring out victims.

Many of the bodies had their own escape. One slid down a rope made of bedsheets another dropped from the second story window in safety. A 62-year-old man was rescued by firemen from a fifth-story window.

Firemen said the screams they heard from the burning hotel windows of trapped inmates begging for help as firemen arrived were terrible. Fire Capt. Harold Coe said he would never forget the sounds of those screams if he "lived a hundred years."

William Canfield Jr., the hotel's co-owner with his father, who lost his life, sounded the alarm immediately after the blaze was discovered. John Becker, hotel clerk, said he saw his mother as she ran in the hospital.

Firemen spread nets immediately after the fire and 24 persons leaped to safety in them; others came down fire ladders and ropes. Two persons died when they leaped and either missed the nets, or were unable to hold on.

The death toll in the Dubuque fire brought to 76 persons who died in our time. The buildings are in two cities in four days. Last Wednesday 61 persons lost their lives.

See DUBUQUE HOTEL page 12-A



THERE'S A DIFFERENCE — The question of whether the fingerprints of identical twins Johanna and Juliana Lesjenski of Minneapolis, Minn., were exactly the same was solved by Milton Winslow (center), police identification expert. The girls, both listed for overseas service as Army nurses, had said that even the FBI found their fingerprints the same. After catching Joanna Lesjenski of Minneapolis, Minn., who was trying to put her prints on Julian's glass slide and cross him up, Winslow found fifteen points difference in the layout of just two fingers.

## If Controls Go Warns Of Jump In Meat Prices

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles said after a conference with President Truman today that lifting of OPA controls on meat would cause an immediate increase of 40 to 50 per cent in prices.

Bowles expressed regret that the Senate has delayed consideration of the OPA extension bill, telling reporters, "We might as well get the bill now quickly."

He told newsmen that there will be a meat shortage anyhow because of the long delay in the sort of legislation finally comes out of Congress, but that if controls are lifted, as recommended by a Senate committee, the minimum price rise would be from 40 to 60 per cent, beginning July 1.

"STOCKS HELD BACK" He said livestock men are holding back their stocks until July 1 in view of the Senate Committee recommendations. Until a Senate decision is made in Congress, he added, you are not going to get meat.

Meanwhile the future of OPA legislation is in the hands of lawmakers of both parties freely predicting that the Senate will vote drastic changes in the bill to extend price controls beyond June 30.

The legislation, already heavily amended by the Banking Committee, reached the jumpoff spot when the Senate bill was facing even heavier treatment on the floor.

Senator George Democrat, Georgia, voiced the opinion the bill will be "rather badly battered" before it gets through.

Senator Wherry, Republican, Nebraska, the minority whip, foresaw adoption of a manufacturer's price margin amendment, along with other changes.

And Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, at all-out support of the present price bill, told a reporter that enactment of the bill which he rode after the last war would "put us back on the twin horses of isolation and reaction which we rode after the last war."

"I'm for continuation of OPA without any crippling amendments," Pepper said. "I don't want to say what action he contemplated on the Case Bill, and added, 'he was not asked.'"

Hal Boyle

## Lone Peacock Guards Forlorn League Of Nations Buildings

By HAL BOYLE GENEVA — (AP) — The League of Nations, first great experiment in international unity, has come down to earth. The League's buildings of worthy employment built by nations of the world were destroyed by a long, valiant, glorious peacock.

This white, delectable center of the world where the initial bid for world peace faltered, the President did not say what action he contemplated on the Case Bill, and added, 'he was not asked.'

On this farm are dozens of peacocks with dazzling and harsh discordant voices. They walked in spread led wearing as strange men, many hammers built a

## Budget Cut Is Asked

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today recommended to Congress the repeal of appropriations totaling \$2,699,456,586 plus contract authorization totaling \$174,178,000.

A White House statement said these amounts are in addition to three previous rescissions totaling \$5,291,492,373 in cash and \$4,674,708,889 in contract authorizations.

Included in the appropriations recommended for repeal today are \$1,138,258,365 for the civil agencies of the Government, \$1,563,238,418 for the War Department and \$387,894,813 for the Navy Department.

The major reductions, the statement continued, include: 1. A cut of \$80,070,000 in appropriations for the War Shipping Administration, due to revision of shipping expenses and of claims against the war risk insurance.

2. A reduction in appropriations of \$378,460,000 for the Maritime Commission and repeal of contract authorizations of \$173,678,000, both made possible "by revisions of the maritime program."

3. A reduction in Lend-Lease appropriations of \$672,000,000, "made possible by further progress in the liquidation of the program."

4. A reduction of \$310,000 for the U. S. Employees Compensation Administration, due to revision of the previous estimate of the number of beneficiaries.

## Men Return To Hard Coal Pits

SCRANTON, Pa. — (AP) — Pennsylvania's 75,000 anthracite miners went back to work today after being out of work since Memorial Day. All mines in the Scranton district resumed operations and coal companies are taking its place.

Miners had returned with production expected to run 90 to 100 per cent of normal today.

A new contract, signed last Friday giving the miners wage increases, health and welfare fund provisions and other benefits, will be voted on by the general membership of the United Mine Workers here formally as union leaders praised the contract as "the greatest ever written for the miners."

Some thousands of tourists filed daily through these vast chambers and colorful gardens. They came from every quarter of the globe.

Some 300 visitors daily still walk along the empty corridors, but it is as if they trod some old mausoleum. This once busy monument to peace has become to most of them a mausoleum of hope and half-hearted idealism.

To the cynical, this group of buildings takes its place with the Parthenon, the Colosseum, the pyramids and other relics of history.

But although the League of Nations is dead, the idea behind it is still alive—the groping for peace along our time. The buildings are being turned over to the United States.

See LONE PEACOCK on page 12-A

## Supreme Court Ruling

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Supreme Court today affirmed conviction of three charges of violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

The case involved the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co. and the American Tobacco Co. They were fined a total of \$255,000 in U. S. District Court in Lexington, Ky. The Sixth Federal Circuit Court upheld the conviction.

Justice Burton delivered the 6-0 decision. Justices Reed and Jackson refused to participate.

Burton said the companies "have been found to have conspired to establish a monopoly and also to have the power and intent to establish and maintain the monopoly."

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## Boston Mystery

Paper Company's Head Is Shot To Death In Office

BOSTON — (AP) — William A. Whitcomb, 73, president of the Great Northern Paper Co., was shot to death in his office in the heart of Boston today, and police termed an unsigned contract found on his desk a possible clue to the identity of his well-dressed slayer.

"I have a hunch who might have done it," said Lieutenant Harold Wainwright. "This contract would have been very identical to a certain party if Whitcomb had signed it."

Whitcomb, a native of Clinton, Ind., was slain only seconds after 5:45 p. m. by a man, his secretary, admitted the killer to his private office and left the two men alone. His body was found face down on the floor and four discharged .25-caliber cartridges were scattered about.

Miss Whitcomb remembered the slayer as a man who came to the office last week, representing himself as a Treasury Department agent.

Although the slayer strove unchallenged out of the Great Northern Co.'s eighth floor office, where some 20 employees sat at their desks, and apparently left the building in an elevator, police thought he might have remained in the nine-story structure.

They threw a cordon about the building and, with Miss Whitcomb, scanned all who attempted to enter the building.

Lawrence O'Connor, who has an eye for an eye, representing himself as a Treasury Department agent, was seen by a newspaper reporter on page 12-A.

## Tobacco Firms Verdict Stands

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## Solution To Dispute Sought By Legislators

Other Mediation Attempts Fail

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Chairman Augustine B. Kelley, Democrat, Pennsylvania, of a House labor subcommittee, said today that he is going ahead with plans to work out a Congressional solution of the maritime dispute but that other Federal mediation attempts appear doled out.

Kelley of the subcommittee on labor-management, told a reporter that his group had held off hearings long enough, he said, that the Labor Department could work out a settlement.

"We had hoped for a settlement by tomorrow but now that it looks like there will be nothing coming out of the Labor Department negotiations we feel that we should get busy right away," Kelley said.

"The deadline for the strike is getting on now," Kelley said. "Seven unions affiliated with the CIO-dominated Committee for Maritime Unions, or Heavy Bridges, head of the Labor Department negotiations we feel that we should get busy right away," Kelley said.

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## Bread Woes Are Related

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A woodworker clad in work clothes appeared before a Senate Congressional committee today, flourished a loaf of bread and complained he'd spent two hours and searched five bakeries to find it.

The unshod witness, F. L. Fillman of Washington, had a double tale of woe to relate to the Senate's Small Business Committee, which is trying to find out the reasons for the bread shortage.

On top of the bread scarcity Fillman lamented, it's getting so you can't find meat—"nothing but salmon."

"And the only way to eat salmon," he said, "is in a sandwich and the only way to have a sandwich is with bread, and you can't get bread now."

A bevy of bakers got their chance, too, to pass along the gripes they've been getting from bread-buoying housewives.

And a sugar broker, in tones far from grateful, complained that too many Government agencies have their fingers on his hands in the market.

Ode H. Lamborn, New York sugar broker, put it this way: "The Government policy plus the State Department plus the Department of Agriculture, plus the OPA, Army, Navy, Lend Lease, UNRRA, the Combined Food Board and the War Relocation Authority, plus a scrambled egg program so confused and ineffective that the miracle is that conditions were not so bad and not much worse."

## Polish Soldiers Sail For Home

ROME — (AP) — A dispatch from Naples today said 1300 Polish soldiers, last of the members of Lt. Gen. Stanislaw Anders' Polish Corps who chose to return home, sailed from that port for Poland today.

The group, one before refused to take ship because of an argument over back pay and perquisites, use them.

Miss Shivers said: "Then, suddenly, he got bolted from me." She then went on to get help, but on the sidewalk they heard a shot.

She was standing near the stairs, holding a pistol, Miss Shivers wept. "We tried to reason with him, but he refused to listen. Suddenly, he told us to get out."

## Indian Freedom Problems Aired

New Delhi — (AP) — The British Cabinet's mission and Viceroy Lord Wavell met with Congress Party leaders today for discussions with the Congress Party on the Indian constitutional issue in the next two or three weeks.

Informed sources reported Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress president, and Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, the party's president-elect, sought among other things clarification of a number of points in the independence for India plan.

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FARM CROPS SECOND TO NONE You'd naturally expect the farmers of the Carolinas to raise more this year. And in the same way, you'd expect them to read the finest farm pages in the two states, the Carolina Farmer.

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