

SSPP BREAKS LEEVE IN LOUISIANA

By WARREN ROGERS JR.
BATON ROUGE, La.—(AP)—The muddy Mississippi broke suddenly through a weakened levee and flooded a rich sugar planting area today.

By mid-morning the water had spread over about eight square miles.

The area is sparsely populated, however. Sheriff deputies estimated only about 200 persons lived in the area covered. Another 100 in the surrounding sections were believed in possible danger.

The levee break was in a "V" shape. At 10 A. M. (CST) it was about 500 feet wide on the river side and 15 to 200 feet on the inside. It appeared to be spreading slowly.

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Coal Shipments Will End On Monday

Union Chief
Sends Message

PITTSBURGH — (AP)—John L. Lewis today ordered 463,000 idle coal miners to return to work Monday.

An executive order to district officers said:

"The present memorial period will terminate Monday, March 28. Production may then be resumed in all mines and all members should make themselves available for work."

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New Social Security Tax Plan Advanced

By FRANCIS M. LEHMAN
WASHINGTON (AP)—A new "stampbook" taxing system was suggested today by the Administration to help make possible a vast expansion of Social Security.

The stamp system is designed primarily for farm workers and household help who would be among the 20,000,000 new persons covered under old age insurance if Congress approves the expansion.

Arthur J. Altmeyer, Social Security Commissioner, projected the new plan in his report to the House Ways and Means Committee, the details of President Truman's plan, which would increase the coverage of old age insurance to 20,000,000.

Despite Flurry Of Criticism Seating Of Graham Predicted

By EDWIN B. HARRINGTON
WASHINGTON — (AP)—Despite sharp criticism, Dr. Frank Graham seems certain to take his seat as the nation's newest Senator next week with little or no opposition.

Lewis declared the UMW membership should be congratulated "for their understanding of the important issues involved in the present policy." And added:

"The volume of abuse and denunciations of the laborers, released by the coal operators, financial interests and hostile political elements, has rarely been exceeded in magnitude or intensity in the history of the industry. It is a little bit soft on Communist propaganda."

House Spurns Rent Changes

WASHINGTON — (AP)—The House refused today to accept Senate amendments to its bill continuing rent controls. The House voted 249-179 to reject the measure.

The House measure permits some rent increases up to 10 percent. The Senate measure permits some rent increases up to 10 percent. The House measure permits some rent increases up to 10 percent.

14 Pound Trout Caught, Almost Double Record

Waynesville — (AP)—Max Rogers' fourteen-pound, one-ounce trout, caught yesterday in the Clinch River, set a new record for the largest trout ever caught in the Clinch River.

The trout was caught by Rogers, a local fisherman, while fishing for trout in the Clinch River. The trout was caught by Rogers, a local fisherman, while fishing for trout in the Clinch River.

Once Over Lightly By Walter Schweighaler

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European Recovery Given Priority Over Air Plan

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Measure Loses By Margin Of 1 Vote

WASHINGTON — (AP)—By one vote margin, the House today shelved the Rankin veterans' pension bill.

A rollcall vote of 208 to 207 sent the measure back to the veterans committee for further study.

It is probable for the veterans' committee to write a new bill and submit it to the House at a later date.

State Dept. Report Hits Red Regime

By EDWARD E. BOMAR
WASHINGTON — (AP)—The State Department today issued a report which said the Soviet Union was a "red regime" and that it was a threat to the peace of the world.

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Group Okays Labor Measure

WASHINGTON — (AP)—The House labor committee approved the Administration's labor bill today.

The bill would repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and replace it with a new labor law.

More Prominent Persons Quit 'Peace' Conference

NEW YORK — (AP)—Withdrawal from the controversial "peace" conference by prominent persons, including Dr. Frank Graham, was reported today.

The conference was held in New York City. The conference was held in New York City.

Underground Fire In Texas Put Out

HOUSTON, Tex. — (AP)—A deadly underground fire in a building in Houston was put out today.

The fire started in a building in Houston. The fire started in a building in Houston.

Engineer Killed As Trains Collide

JESUP, Ga. — (AP)—A passenger and freight train collision head-on today, killing an engineer and injuring a fireman.

The collision occurred in Jesup, Georgia. The collision occurred in Jesup, Georgia.

Weather

Partly cloudy and mild today and tonight. Friday mostly cloudy and mild with scattered showers beginning in afternoon.

Temperatures at 2 P. M. today—71 and low last night—54.