

UMW OFFICIALS ENGAGE IN ROW

CINCINNATI, Sept. 11.—Ray Edmundson, leader of a movement to extend district self-government in the United Mine Workers, may be barred from a voice and vote on the issue in the union's biennial convention which opens tomorrow.

The credentials of Edmundson and three others from the same local union in Springfield, Ill.—the home local of UMW President John L. Lewis—have been challenged by other members of that unit.

As a result, under rules of the organization, Edmundson's name does not appear on the partial report of the credentials committee which will be submitted to the convention on the first or second day. Challenged delegates have no voice or vote unless and until the challenges are heard and disposed of in their favor. By that time, the convention may have disposed of the hotly debated subject of district self-government.

Two years ago, the convention dealt with the autonomy question on the third day. The final credentials report was not made until the second week of the convention.

The protest reportedly is based on an alleged illegal procedure in the local union's election.

Edmundson said he did not know anything about the protest but, added, "I have known ever since I resigned (as president of District 12) there would be something like that." The former Lewis Lieutenant said he and the other three delegates from No. 764, Springfield, were chosen according to custom, and added that "we were particularly careful on that point."

All credentials protests are heard by the following national auditors, who are elective officials: William Foster of New Eagle, Pa.; Archie F. Woods of Dorchester, Va.; and Michael Medvitz of Hazleton, Pa. They would not disclose the names of the challengers or how many other delegates had been protested.

The other delegates from Edmundson's local are John Young, Harry Salkeld, and Frank Puppik. The local customarily has chosen President Lewis as one of its delegates.

Twenty-one of the UMW's 31 districts do not elect their principal officers. Lewis has taken the position that complete district autonomy has been costly to the organization, not only in the loss of union funds but in negotiating with the operators. He contends that a basic policy and a united front are essential.

CERTIFICATES FILED BY FOUR BUSINESSES

RALEIGH, Sept. 11.—Four certificates of incorporations were filed today with the Secretary of State.

Elizabeth City Golf club, to maintain a golf course and club; non-stock; incorporators: W. H. Weathers, J. A. Jenkins, J. H. Leroy of Elizabeth City, and others.

Carolina Potato company of Faison, to buy, sell, store and market potatoes; authorized capital stock, \$2,500, subscribed stock \$7,500 by Harold S. Precythe, George Joseph both of Faison, and A. W. King of Baltimore.

Port Publishing company of Wilmington, to engage in a printing and publishing business; authorized capital stock \$100,000, subscribed stock \$20,000, by W. S. Carrell, O. B. Carrell, S. M. Carrell, all of Wilmington.

Caduceus Flying club of Winston-Salem, to own and operate aircraft and airplanes of all kinds; authorized capital stock \$50,000, subscribed stock \$225 by George Harrell, Harold Sluder, W. E. Woodruff, all of Winston-Salem.

Texas Democrats Refuse Efforts Of Compromise

DALLAS, Tex., Sept. 11.—(AP)—Texas' squabbling Democrats today turned thumbs down on preliminary efforts at compromise and headed for a showdown at tomorrow's state convention on whether the party's 23 electors would be bound to vote for Roosevelt and Truman.

A suggestion by Gov. Coke R. Stevenson that the names of electors nominated by rival state conventions on May 23 be placed on the November ballot—one set pledged outright to the national ticket and the other bound by conditions which were not met by the national convention—was submitted to the voters apparently had been rejected by leaders of both fighting factions.

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Marine General "Forced" To Oust Army General



Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith (right), commander of the fleet Marine force in the Pacific, told a Washington news conference that he was "forced" to relieve Army Maj. Gen. Ralph Smith (left) of his command of army forces during the battle for Saipan. The Marine general did not explain why.

Gas-Spraying Prowler Still Elusive As Ever

MATTOON, Ill., Sept. 11.—(AP)—Mattoon's nocturnal, gas-spraying prowler remained as elusive and as versatile as the late John Dillinger tonight as nervous residents watched for him beneath their bedroom windows.

At least 33 apparently legitimate reports of attacks have been received in the last 12 days and a dozen or so more—including two over the week-end—have been sifted and dubbed "nerves" by police and physicians.

The prowler, described by those who claim they saw him as "tall and thin, with a black skull cap," sprays some sort of gas or anesthetic through bedroom windows or under doors. The motive is obscure. Many victims have been nauseated, some suffered mouth burns, and several have been hospitalized.

Obituaries

MRS. FANNIE DUNN ALLEN
Mrs. Fannie Dunn Allen, widow of Edward Allen, died at her home in Wake Forest yesterday after a lingering illness.

She was the daughter of the late William B. Dunn and Eliza Gill Dunn. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. T. E. Bobbitt of Wake Forest, Mrs. Harry Rabenhorst of Athens, Ga., and Mrs. Thomas B. Caldwell of Wilmington, one grandchild, Mrs. Stephen Prevost; two great grandchildren, Stephen Prevost III and Elizabeth Allen Prevost of Wilmington; and two sisters, Mrs. John Briggs and Mrs. Ivy Riddick of Raleigh.

MRS. LENORA JANE WHITE
WHITEVILLE, Sept. 11.—Mrs. Lenora Jane White, 68, of the New Hope section, died in the Columbus county hospital at 3:30 o'clock this morning after a lingering illness.

She is survived by two sons, Easia White and V. G. White of Whiteville, one daughter, Mrs. M. brothers, Sam Duncan of Chadbourn and Kelly Duncan of Clarendon; one sister, Mrs. Laura Duncan of Bladenboro; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the New Hope Baptist church, with Rev. Mr. Gaddy officiating. Interment will be in the New Hope cemetery.

NEW YORK POLICE SEEK BLONDE GIRL

MINEOLA, N. Y., Sept. 11.—(AP)—A blonde girl was sought by police tonight in connection with the escape from the Nassau county jail last night of five men, three of whom were still at large.

A police alarm was broadcast after it was disclosed that the girl on last Saturday visited Teddy Delmar, 30, one of the escaped prisoners. The police said they had identified her. A woman drove the automobile in which the men raced away after using a gun to force their way out of the jail.

Police recaptured Henry Ambrosiac, of Glen Cove, N. Y., jailed on two charges of rape, and Ralph Head of Rome, Ga., a sailor charged with assault and rape. Both men are hospitalized following injuries suffered when they tried to climb the prison wall.

Charleston Navy Yard Recruiting War Workers

CHARLESTON, Sept. 11.—(AP)—The Charleston Navy Yard needs 2,000 new employees within the next 30 days for vital war work. Ormond G. Sexton, civil service representative, said today.

He told civil service recruiting agents there was a critical need for welders, electricians, machinists, sheet metal workers, chippers, and chalkers, laborers, gas cutters and burners, shiplifters and helpers.

5,516 War "Vets" Already Re-Hired by U. S. Steel



Veteran of Guadalcanal, Tulagi and New Guinea, Marine Raider Andy Doby was down six times with malaria, and finally given a medical discharge. Returning home, he went to work at a McKeesport, Pa., plant of U. S. Steel. Andy's story is much like that of 5,515 other war veterans who have come back to work for U. S. Steel. A warm welcome is given to U. S. Steel's former employees when they return. Every opportunity is offered for advancement, including special training in the skills for which they are best suited.



City Briefs

DAVIS BETTER
The condition of M. T. Davis, who suffered a compound fracture of his right leg in a motorcycle accident Saturday night, was reported as satisfactory by officials at James Walker Memorial hospital last night. Davis was injured when the motorcycle on which he was riding crashed into an automobile on Tyler Street, near the shipyard.

"PALESTINE SPEAKS"
The dramatic story of how a handful of 87 volunteer soldiers from Palestine defeated two divisions of Axis troops and captured the Nazi stronghold of Bardia on the Libyan coast, will be told by stage and screen star Victor Jory when "Palestine Speaks!" bows in tonight over station WMFD, at 9 o'clock.

BUYS TICKETS
One local merchant, in support of the Policemen's ball scheduled for next Saturday night at Lumina, proceeds from which will go toward furnishing the Police recreation hall, has purchased 50 tickets, at \$2 a ticket, according to Sgt. P. J. Parrish, chairman of the ticket-selling committee.

MISSING IN ACTION
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Colvin, of near Atkinson, have been notified that their son, Sergeant DeVane Colvin, has been missing in action since August 22. He was serving with Co. I, 121st Inf., U. S. Army somewhere in France.

WOUNDED
Among the 2,237 soldiers wounded in action overseas, whose names were revealed yesterday by the War Department is PFC. George W. Simmons, son of Mrs. Violet I. Simmons, Route 1, Bolton.

DRAFT BOARD CALL
Local Draft board No. 1 will call 30 Negroes to be sent to Fort Bragg October 6.

Governor Rejects Plea For Negroes

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Sept. 11.—(AP)—Gov. Spessard L. Holland rejected today a second plea by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties for stay of execution for three confessed negro rapists.

The Governor said the negroes—Freddie Lane, James Williams and James Davis—would be electrocuted at 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18.

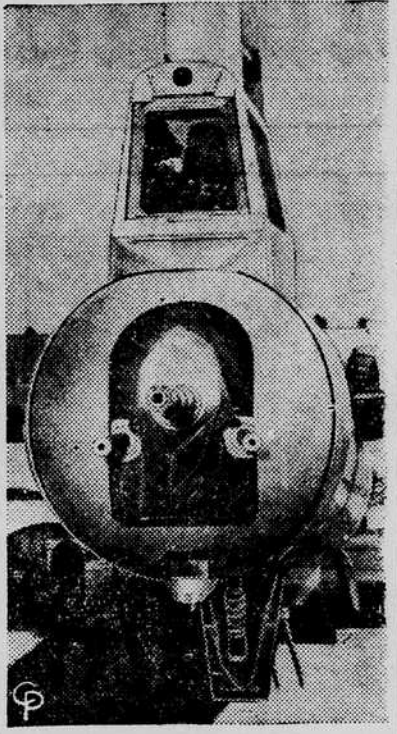
CONFERENCE

DURHAM, Sept. 11.—(AP)—The Southeastern Personnel conference will open a three-day session at Duke university tonight. Macon Miller of Chicago will deliver the opening address on "The Foremen's Place in Personnel and Industrial Relations." C. W. McLennan of Lynchburg, Va., will preside.

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Soviet Troops Cross Into East Prussia

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the roads to East Prussia's Masurian lakes, first World War battleground.

Berlin said this massive drive on both Warsaw and east Prussia was aided by thousands of reserves moving into the lines from the big rear bases at Bialystok and Brest-Litovsk.

In central Romania the second Ukraine army under Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky captured 200 localities during the day, the Moscow communique said. These included Sighisoara, 25 miles southeast of the Hungarian stronghold of Targu-Mures, Medias, 18 miles to the west, and a great number of other localities inside the southeastern tip of Hungarian-annexed Transylvania.

The Russians, in their steady drive to knock Hungary out of the war, have now conquered nearly 1,500 square miles of Transylvanian soil taken by Germany from Romania in 1940 and given to Hungary. Romanian troops are aiding the Red Army in recovering this territory.

The most significant development in Romania during the day was the seizure of Petrosani by Russian columns which climbed from the Danube valley through the 8,000-ft. Transylvanian Alps by way of Vulcan Pass to capture it.

Petrosani is only 124 miles from prewar Hungary's frontier, and 65 miles northeast of Turnu-Severin.

Carolina Coal Dealers Getting Winter Supply

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 11.—(AP)—Most of the Carolina retail coal dealers will have received 40 per cent of their winter quotas by Oct. 1, M. L. Burtless, representative of the Solid Fuels Administration in this area, said today.

The SFA policy of controlling distribution is designed to avert local shortages such as troubled some vicinities last year, Burtless said.

State Tobacco Yield Increased In 1944

RALEIGH, Sept. 11.—(AP)—North Carolina's tobacco yield for the year is now estimated at 724,785,000 pounds, 31 per cent more than produced last year, J. J. Morgan, state agricultural statistician, said today.

The flue cured crop, estimated at 711,269,000 pounds, is the second largest crop ever produced in the state, being exceeded only in 1939 when production totaled 812,540,000 pounds, he said.

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