

COAL INTERESTS SEEK CONTRACT

Operators And Lewis Negotiate, Hope To Avert Strike

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—Bituminous coal operators began negotiating a new contract with John L. Lewis today with both sides hopeful agreement could be reached without a strike.

The present contract between Lewis' United Mine Workers and the Soft Coal Operators expires March 31.

Lewis has served notice to the government that a dispute exists and a strike vote therefore must be taken in 30 days by the National Labor Relations board.

The operators, disagreeing that a dispute could arise before the wage talks even start, said they entered the conference "with a sincere and honest desire to attain in the speediest possible manner, and without any threat or intimidation to the country of a suspension of production, a fair and equitable agreement in accordance with the laws of this nation."

"Our hands are not tied in any way and our minds are free and open," they said.

In a joint statement representing 90 per cent of the 498 operators holding contracts with the U.M.W.A. the mine owners said both labor and management held the "compelling obligation and duty to give to our country in this most critical hour the greatest possible production of coal, without interruption."

TWO THIRDS

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Several days would have been required to bring supplies 700 miles by ship.

The Third division's push penetrated the center of the main enemy line of resistance. From there northward Japanese strength can be expected to weaken.

Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey's Fifth division advanced up the west shore, paced by tanks, after being slowed momentarily on Tuesday, Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates' Fourth Marines are on the east coast.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that opposition continued stiff in all sectors. The enemy, short of water and supplies, tried more infiltrations into American lines but was driven off.

4,784 ENEMY DEAD  
By 6 p. m. Monday, 4,784 enemy dead had been counted, but that toll was far from complete. Many hundreds are dead in cave-dug pillboxes and other fortifications. Other enemy dead have been dragged away by the Japanese to conceal their losses.

Only 10 prisoners had been captured—an indication of the kind of battle being fought for the ugly outpost just 750 miles south of Tokyo. (The enemy radio made the unconfirmed claim today that Marine casualties exceed 20,000.)

Nimitz said Japanese mortar fire hit the northern beaches yesterday but did not delay the construction of unloading facilities. (Tokyo radio said a "strong formation of Japanese planes made 'violent attacks' on a concentration of American warships in the vicinity of Iwo and the Bonin islands immediately to the north this (Thursday) morning. Tokyo time. There was no confirmation.)

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automatic use of armed forces without reservation.

The changes consist mainly of dividing into two periods the operation of the commitment to put down aggression, during the remainder of the war and in the postwar period. Under the proposed redraft the declaration would take effect as soon as signed and would bind the American nations so long as the war continues. After the war a treaty would be negotiated carrying the same principles.

PROTECTION  
This covers the points (1) President Roosevelt has the authority to use U. S. armed forces to protect the United Nations' war effort under his special emergency powers and (2) after the war congressional approval would be necessary.

Senator Tom Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, is expected to pass on the formula by tomorrow. At present, it would commit United States armed forces for use in this hemisphere at least during the war. A senate treaty would be required in peacetime.

Connally arrived here yesterday from Washington, and was immediately asked to pass on basic United States policy decisions for this hemisphere.



SPEAKER—M. L. Funkhouser, district manager for Eastern Air Lines at Charlotte, will discuss wartime and post-war aviation in an address to the Shelby Rotary club Friday.

Posey Bryan Martin Claimed By Death

Posey Bryan Martin, aged 47, veteran of World War I, died suddenly at his home in Patterson Springs last night at 11:45 o'clock. He farmed up until about 17 or 18 years ago. Recently he had been a patient at a Veterans hospital. He was a member of New Buffalo Baptist church.

He is survived by his wife who was formerly Miss Mary Sue Rippey; three sons, Eugene Floyd Martin, who is serving in the navy, Kenneth and C. L. Martin; a sister, Mrs. C. B. Horton, of Grover; three brothers, C. B. Martin, of Gaffney, E. J. Martin, of Birmingham, Ala.; J. V. Martin, of Shelby. Funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the New Hope Baptist church at Earl. Service will be conducted by Rev. Nathan Hardin. Interment will take place in the church cemetery.

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the air. These were among munitions totals announced for the first time, covering the period from the start of the defense program in July, 1940, to the end of 1944.

PLANE OUTPUT  
All types of planes numbered 246,845, of which 79,776 were fighters and 19,547 were transports.

In merchant vessels we have produced 45,384,000 deadweight tons of ocean-going cargo ships. Of naval vessels there have been constructed no fewer than 56,697. x x x  
"The President wanted 4,000 tanks. Well, we have actually turned out 75,000 tanks. x x x

"We have produced 37,198,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition x x x 2,297,502 short tons of ground artillery ammunition x x x 3,130,000 short tons of aircraft bombs, 59,646,000 grenades.

"Now these are some stratospheric figures x x x and every American may justifiably feel proud."

But, Batt said, this does not permit extensive planning for reconstruction.

DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE  
"We must not underestimate the Japanese any more than we have now learned not to underestimate the Germans."

Saying the Japanese land army now is about as large as the German army at its peak, Batt added:

"Our present naval operations and victories must certainly be preliminary to big military landings somewhere. At the end of supply lines three times as long as those that have separated us from the Germans, and lacking an advance Fortress base such as we had in Britain, we must conduct a land war, possibly a scale comparable to that we have waged in Europe, at that tremendous distance. x x x

"I can tell you that our military men may not use much of the equipment they have employed in Europe against the Japanese. Secretary Stimson says they will use what they can."

PRIMITIVE CONDITIONS  
"But men fighting in the tropics and in many parts of the Orient require, as you know, different clothing than men fighting in northwest Europe. Weapons designed for the fairly good highways and rail transportation of Europe are not necessarily adapted to the primitive conditions of the Far East."

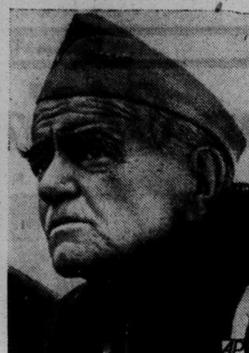
"Further than that, just the mechanical job of cleaning up, repairing and packing much of the equipment x x x so that it could be shipped to the Pacific is an appalling job and to a very considerable degree simply not practicable."

"I think the inevitable result must be therefore that as we move to the Orient from Europe, our Army and air force will have to be pretty completely re-equipped. This is another part of the big job ahead of us."

Thirty-seven percent of France's land is arable, and about 38 percent of her prewar population was directly engaged in agriculture.

HALSEY-ISMS

'Bull' Throws 'Em Like Lariats



(AP) Newsfeature

Odm. Killiam Frederick "Bull" Halsey is one of the World War II's most washing, colorful figures. As commander of the mighty U. S. Third Fleet, he is writing history in the South Pacific with broad, smashing strokes. That he can also throw a phrase like a lariat is evidenced by these quotations:

"Attack. Repeat. Attack." 1942.

"Kill Japs. Kill Japs. Kill more Japs. Sink ships. Sink ships. And sink more ships." 1942.

"Hacing sent Gen. Patch to do a tailoring job on Guadalcanal I am surprised and pleased at the speed with which he removed the enemy's pants to accomplish it." 1943.

"We have laid to our own satisfaction the myth of Japanese invincibility." 1943.

"When the yellow monkeys are well-fed and well-uniformed, they are tough like any other rat. When they're not well-fed and well-uniformed, they're easy to beat—like any other rat." 1944.

"We can say of the Pacific generally that if the Jap's back is not broken, his spine is severely bent."

"All the Japanese are congenital liars from bottom to top." 1944.

"I have a good time wherever I am."

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Churchill at Yalta just a little more than 24 hours after his return to the White House.

The chief executive described the Big Three meeting at Yalta as a successful effort to find a common ground for peace.

"It spells the end of the system of unilateral action and exclusive alliances and spheres of influence and balances of power and all the other expedients which have been tried for centuries—and have failed," he said.

"We propose to substitute for all these a universal organization in which all peace-loving nations will finally have a chance to join. x x x"

The President reminded the senators that they will soon have an opportunity to make a great decision "which will determine the fate of the United States—and the world—for generations to come."

SECURITY ORGANIZATION  
He apparently referred to the projected world security organization, American participation in which will be passed on by the senate some time in the future.

He expressed a hope that congress would decide his journey was "a fruitful one."

"For unless you here in the halls of the American congress, with the support of the American people, concur in the decisions reached at Yalta and give them your active support," he said, "the meeting will not have produced lasting results."

Mr. Roosevelt asserted that the senate and house both would be represented at the San Francisco United Nations conference beginning April 25, with both major parties having equal representation.

Discussing at length the Big Three agreement for united action in the political and economic field in liberated areas, the President mentioned the specific agreement regarding Poland's future boundaries as an outstanding example of such joint action.

POLISH QUESTION  
Asserting the whole Polish question was a potential source of trouble in postwar Europe and the Yalta participants were determined to find a common ground for its solution, the President said:

"We did."

The decision to partition Poland he described as a compromise under which the Poles will receive compensation in territory in the north and west in exchange for what they lose east of the Curzon line. The limits of the western boundary, he said, will be permanently fixed in the final peace conference.

The President emphasized the unity of the major allies and said they are determined to continue to be united so that "the ideal of lasting world peace will become a reality."

VOTING PROCEDURE  
The President said the Big Three had agreed on voting procedure in the proposed world security council—a point not settled at Dumbarton Oaks, and added:

"It is not yet possible to announce the terms of that agreement publicly, but it will be in a very short time."

The basis for the agreement, he said, was an American proposal "which after full discussion, was unanimously adopted by the other two nations."

He pointed out that France has

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Palawan's southern tip. That tip lies within 90 miles of Dutch Borneo. The nearest American holding in the Philippines is Mindoro island, 125 miles northeast of Palawan.

Palawan's principal port, Puerto Princessa, is midway along the east coast. MacArthur's communique today reported the port's installations were pounded by "strong formations of attack bombers with escorting fighters" Wednesday.

On Corregidor, a little more than 3,000 Yanks, comprising the 503rd parachute regiment and elements of the 24th division, have all wiped out an enemy garrison twice that size to pry open Manila's big bay. Already a cargo ship has entered the bay, bringing badly needed supplies to liberated but hard hit Manila, once more the capital of the Philippines.

CASUALTIES  
MacArthur said 4,215 dead Japanese have been counted on Corregidor with hundreds more known to be dead in tunnels and caves of the rocky fortress. The cost to the Americans was 136 killed, 531 wounded and eight missing.

The Luzon campaign east of Manila is growing more rugged as Yank divisions encounter growing enemy resistance. Along a 10-mile line between Antipolo and Wawa an equal distance from Manila, the Japanese are firing rockets as well as mortar and artillery at the advancing Yanks.

Far to the north of Manila in Nueva Vizcaya province, other Yank battalions are pushing through the Caraballo mountains had to repulse a Japanese counterattack.

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was fashioned.

Toward the South, infantry captured Muenchen, 17 miles northwest of Bonn (101,391), and outflanked the useful road center of Zuelpich by capturing Gladbach, five miles northeast of Zuelpich and nine from the larger road center of Euskirchen (14,500). They also reached Ginnich, two miles west of Zuelpich.

NINTH ON MOVE  
A dispatch passed through the Ninth army's blackout said Simpson's forces "advanced farther toward the Ruhr along several approaches." The continuance of the blackout was in itself the most substantial evidence that tank and motorized infantry teams still were on the loose in their surge around Muenchen Gladbach (127,000), due west of Duesseldorf.

The dispatch said resistance was light to moderate with the Germans in some places retreating in a wild dash to cross the Rhine, often destroying their own pillboxes.

In the weeklong offensive, the First and Ninth armies have captured a total of more than 290 inhabited places east of the Roer river. Both armies are fighting now in built up areas, easily defended, with towns and villages almost continuous.

The Third army on the south flank of the Cologne plain pushed on from the captured road center of Bibbur to the Kyll river west bank, where a crossing would crack the last natural defense line before Coblenz.

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communications centers and three road bridges from northwest of Cologne to west of Coblenz.

Allied air fleets during February against the Reich with record low air flew more than 100,000 sorties losses.

Berlin was bombed again last night by RAF Mosquitos with two-ton blockbusters. It was the ninth successive night attack on the German capital.

Two thousand Allied planes made six attacks in daylight yesterday on rail and oil targets in western Germany. U. S. Eighth air force losses in those attacks were three bombers and four fighters.

Pfc. Everett Camp Is Cited In France

Pfc. Everett G. Camp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Camp of Shelby, has been awarded the Army Good Conduct medal for "fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty and for behavior such as to deserve emulation." Pfc. Camp is serving with the 127th General hospital stationed somewhere in France. Prior to induction he was employed by the Instruktur Mills Co.

been invited to accept a zone of control in Germany, to join as a sponsor of the United Nations conference, that she will have a permanent member on the International Security Council with the other four major powers, and she will be associated in the joint responsibility over liberated areas.

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Today's Markets

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N. Y. COTTON AT 2:00 Today Prev. Day March - 22.24 22.20 May - 22.13 22.09 July - 21.83 21.78 October - 21.23 21.17 December - 21.15 21.10

CHICAGO GRAIN WHEAT May - 1.64% 1.63% July - 1.56% 1.55% September - 1.55% 1.54%

CORN May - 1.13% 1.12% July - 1.12% 1.11% September - 1.09% 1.09

RYE May - 1.13% 1.12% July - 1.12% 1.10% September - 1.09 1.07%

STOCKS AT 2:00

Ann Rolling Mill - 19 1-8 American Loco - 34 1-4 American Tobacco B - 73 3-4 American Tel and Tel - 163 1-4 Anaconda Copper - 34 Assoc Dry Goods - 21 3-8 Beth Steel - 74 5-8 Boeing Air - 20 1-8 Chrysler - 102 3-8 Curtiss-Wright - 6 1-4 Elec Boat - 15 General Motors - 68 Pepsi Cola - 24 3-8 Greyhound Corp - 25 1-4 International Paper - 25 3-8 Nash Kelco - 18 1-8 Glenn L Martin - 27 Newport Ind - 21 1-4 N Y Central - 24 3-4 Penn R R - 36 3-4 Radio Corp - 12 1-8 Reynolds Tob B - 34 Southern Railroad - 39 Stand Oil N J - 60 5-8 Sperry Corp - 30 3-8 U S Rubber - 59 3-4 U S Steel - 64 7-8 Western Union - 47 3-8 Youngstown S H T - 48

STOCKS HIT PEAKS

NEW YORK, March 1.—(AP)—The stock market got a head start on March today by registering new highs for more than seven years with steels and pivotal industrials again providing the leadership.

Inflation warnings from bankers and others continued to accentuate the hedging propensities of idle funds. A little chilling to this psychology, however, was the denial of Secretary Morgenthau that there was any likelihood of hiking the gold price. Dividends and earnings persisted as purchasing inspiration.

Bonds and commodities are steady.

N. C. HOGS

RALEIGH, March 1.—(AP)—(NCD-A)—Hog markets steady with tops of 14.55 at Clinton and Rocky Mount and 14.85 at Richmond.

N. C. EGGS, POULTRY

RALEIGH, March 1.—(AP)—(NCD-A)—Eggs and poultry markets steady.

RALEIGH—U. S. grade A large 35 to 37; hens, all weights, 26. WASHINGTON—U. S. grade A large 38 to 39; broilers and fryers 32.5.

Singing Convention Will Be Held Sunday

There will be a singing convention at the Missionary Methodist church in West Shelby Sunday afternoon, March 4, beginning at 2:00 o'clock. Some of the singers in surrounding communities that will participate in the convention are: Vaughn's Happy Four from Rhode Hess, The Carolina Melody Boys and the Spindle City Quartet from Gastonia, The Ranlo Quartet from Ranlo, The Smith Quartet and Victory Quartet from Spartanburg, Parkgrave Quartet from Kings Mountain, The Warren Twins (accompanists) from York, and several quartets from Shelby and Cleveland county. Garland Thompson of Gastonia will be in charge of the convention. All singers are invited to attend and take part on the program.

Suicide is unknown among the Zuni Indians of New Mexico.

WANT ADS

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MEET IN PARIS—Cpl. Lloyd J. Cooke, left, son of J. W. Cooke of Belwood, route 1, and Sgt. Robert M. Parker, right, son of Mrs. C. D. Parker of route 2, Lawndale, met accidentally in Paris for the first time since their induction in August, 1943. Cpl. Lloyd Cooke received his training at Paine Field, Everett, Washington, and Sgt. Robert Parker was trained at Camp Berkeley, Texas.



FLOWERS WILL BE PLENTIFUL FOR EASTER

There will be plenty of flowers for mliady's corsage for Easter Sunday, in the opinion of Cecil Gilliatt, Shelby's retail florist who said today that the prospects are now that roses, lilies, orchids, and other blossoms will be plentiful if ordered early enough. There will also be plenty of potted plants, he thinks.

Orders are already coming in for flowers for Easter Sunday which falls this year on April 1. This is wise precaution, thinks Mr. Gilliatt who says that it gives the florist some idea of the local demand for which he can prepare accordingly.

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The only representative to explain his vote was Vogler of Mecklenburg. He said he consistently had opposed the three percent sales tax since its adoption in 1933 and originally this session had thought about trying to reduce it to two percent. But inclusion of the emergency war salaries in the spending bill caused him to change his mind.

The house also passed, 29-2, on third reading a bill for a constitutional amendment to give equal rights — including jury service — to women.

As the accelerated tempo of the 1945 session of the general assembly continued, scheduled for special consideration today was the state's \$129,000,000 finance bill which came from the committee and is ready for enactment.

The measure was expected to be sent through both houses on speedy passage, as the lawmakers continued their burst of speed looking toward an early termination of their deliberations.

The bill, which provides money for the general fund, is expected to yield a total of \$129,715,000 for the next two years. This is around \$1,500,000 under appropriations, now standing at approximately \$232,000,000.

The Moscow bulletin announced gains of five to six miles along Rokossovsky's 40-mile assault front, but none that would take him any nearer the coast than Bublitz, captured two days ago.

More than 50 towns fell yesterday, however, in the general line-straightening and solidifying operations from Schwornitz, 11 miles north of the Polish corridor city of Chojnice, westward to Bublitz. Moscow announced only minor activities on the rest of the Red Army front. In East Prussia six more villages were captured. In

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The New higher point values which went into effect last week-end will continue during March for lard, shortening, salad and cooking oils, and margarine.

Five more red stamps—E2 thru J2 in ration book four—will be valid for buying meats and fats beginning Sunday. They will be good through June 30.

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