

Neutrality Issue Much Confused

Gas, Guns Kill One, Injure Scores in WPA Riot



Central Press Phonephoto

Scores of persons were gassed in this battle, climaxing day of wild fighting between several thousand WPA strikers and police in front of WPA sewing project in Minneapolis. Tear gas failed to disperse the demonstrators, so policemen opened fire. One man was killed and scores injured.

No Decision Reached On Next Move

Barkley's Reference to "Overwhelming Duty" of Congress Seen as Possible Effort To Halt Adjournment; Labor Pushes WPA Fight

Washington, July 17.—(AP)—Democratic Leader Barkley reported "no decision has been reached" on the next move in the congressional deadlock over neutrality legislation today, after a conference with President Roosevelt, attended by Secretary Hull.

After the usual Monday morning meeting between Mr. Roosevelt and congressional leaders, Barkley told reporters that the whole matter, including an adjournment date for Congress, was in the study phase.

He added, however, "I do not believe Congress would adjourn in the face of an overwhelming duty it might be called upon to perform."

Whether the statement foretold a determination by the administration to continue pressure for neutrality legislation at this session was not disclosed. The President and Hull, in a joint message to Congress Friday, asked for immediate action on the neutrality issue.

The conference today, which lasted an hour and a half, was attended also by Vice-President Garner, Speaker Bankhead and House Democratic Leader Rayburn.

Barkley said it was absolutely correct that no decision had been made on steps to be taken on neutrality or on adjournment of Congress. He said that the entire legislative field had been discussed, including the \$2,800,000,000 lending bill.

Asked by a reporter whether the situation on the lending measure "looked all right," Barkley replied: "So far as I can tell, yes. Hearings will probably be completed in a Senate committee in a day or so."

While nothing can be determined about possible changes in the legislation until the committee meets in executive session, the majority leader asserted there probably would be some.

Barkley told reporters it was "unlikely" that Congress would adjourn by August 1, but declined to speculate on an exact date. He also declined to say when the administration might reach a decision on whether to seek to revive neutrality legislation.

Chamberlain Reiterates Firm Stand Toward Japs In China; Will Not Tolerate Dictation

ONE OF THREE RESCUED MINERS



While bodies of 27 miners trapped deep underground by an explosion in the Duvain soft coal mine at Providence, Ky., were being brought to the surface in relays, the three who were rescued found a warm welcome at the surface. Photo shows Douglas Cates who was slightly injured by falling debris, with his overjoyed parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carney Cates.

Atmosphere Is Cleared By Premier

New Inspector General of Overseas Forces Flies to Poland To Map Concerted Action; Unified Command Likely; Inspect Air Defenses

London, July 17.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared today in the House of Commons that the British government "would not and could not" reverse its foreign policy in the Far East at "the demand of another power."

He was referring to statements in both the Japanese and British press that Japan had made such demands as a condition for opening negotiations on the Tientsin dispute. The prime minister denied that the government had received any demands from Tokyo.

"In the opinion of His Majesty's ambassador at Tokyo," he explained, "The Japanese official attitude would be more correctly described as a desire that Great Britain should endeavor to regard the Sino-Japanese hostilities with more understanding of Japan's difficulties and the Japanese side of the case."

Chamberlain declared that the "local situation at Tientsin," where the British and French concessions have but Daniel said that poor air conditions on the whole improved and food supplies are now entering in sufficient quantities, and adequate supplies of milk are now available."

In Tokyo, pending the next British-Japanese talks on the Tientsin dispute, now set for Wednesday, informed quarters almost unanimously predicted that the conference would fail. A feeling between Foreign

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Labor Leaders Are Angry Over Congress Attitude Over WPA; Position Of House Uncertain

Withdrawal of Jobs of Strikers Called Lock-out and Repudiation of 1936 Democratic Program; Workers Vote on Return to Jobs

(By The Associated Press.) Virtual abandonment of congressional efforts to rescind the 130-hour work month on WPA projects brought these developments today in the widespread relief walkout:

1. David Lasser, head of the Workers Alliance, disclosed that the organization's national board was voting on the question of ending temporarily all work stoppages in which the Alliance has been participating.

2. John L. Lewis, CIO president, said in Chicago that the new relief bill is a direct repudiation of the pledges made by the Democratic party in its 1936 program."

3. Declaring that maintenance of the new wage regulations constitutes a lock-out by the government, James McDevitt, president of the Philadelphia Building Trade's Council's 3,000 members to stay away from work on 41 WPA projects today.

Union rules, McDevitt said, require expulsion of any member who reports to a lockout employer.

The decision of a group of senators, led by Senator Murray, Democrat, Montana, to end their attempt to restore the prevailing wage system for WPA work was followed by a statement by Representative Sobath, Democrat, Illinois, that he did not know whether he would press for action on a similar proposal in the House.

It was the dropping of this system on July 1 and the substitution of the 130-hour work month for all WPA workers that started the strike in many cities throughout the United States that at least 20,000 WPA employees had been dismissed for being absent five days during the walk-out.

Jews Given Brief Haven In Lebanon

Paris, July 17.—(AP)—Two small German steamers loaded with Jewish refugees have been given temporary refuge at Beirut, Lebanon, following the outbreak of a pestilential disease among the passengers, French authorities announced today.

The disease developed after a wave of suicides was reported among the refugees, who despaired of finding a haven after weeks of wandering. The steamers Breslau and Osiris,

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Confessed Bund Leader Jumps Bond From Court

South Bridge, Mass., July 17.—(AP)—A man who identified himself as Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, failed to appear at the appointed hour at the South Bridge district court this morning to answer to charges of drunkenness and using profane language after a brush with a Webster, Mass., policeman.

Shortly before 10 a. m., nearly two hours after Kuhn was supposed to be present in court, his case was called by Judge Louis Rieutord. The

name of the Bund leader was called twice, but no one answered. Newspapermen asked the judge if he was going to default Kuhn and declare his bail forfeited, or whether the case had been continued.

"I do not want to talk about it," the judge replied.

Kuhn was arrested yesterday by Motorcycle Officer Henry Plasse after the former allegedly had addressed some uncomplimentary remarks at the officer, and was held for approximately four hours before being released in \$34 bail.

Grand Jury Gets Harlan Coal Cases

Bonds Doubled for 34 of 260 Men and Women Involved in Last Week's Pitched Battle; Union Leader's Bond Halved

Harlan, Ky., July 17.—(AP)—Cases against 260 men and women arraigned today on charges growing out of a pitched battle between coal mine pickets and national guardsmen last week were passed to the grand jury by agreement between attorneys. Bonds of 34 were raised from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The 259 were held under the all-inclusive Kentucky charge of banding and confederating.

Bonds for George Titler, secretary-treasurer of the Harlan district United Mine Workers Union, was reduced from \$16,000 to \$7,500. He faces charges of sedition, forcible rebellion and attack on a national guardsman and banding and confederating. He also is under a peace bond.

Machine guns were mounted outside the court house, and as persons entered they were searched by military for firearms. There was no disorder.

Brigadier General Ellerbe Carter, commanding the State troops on duty in the Harlan area, brought into

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WPA Fight Taken Into the Capitol

(By The Associated Press.) American Federation of Labor officials at Washington, pressing their fight for restoration of wage rates of the WPA, carried their appeal direct to the Capitol today. President William Green headed a committee which went direct to Speaker Bankhead. They planned to go to Vice-President Garner next.

One spokesman said it was hoped to learn why a group led by Senator Murray, Democrat, Montana, had "cooled off" on proposing amendments which would end the controversial 130-hour month work required under the new act.

Soviet Raids Are Reply To Manchoukuo

Hsinking, Manchoukuo, July 17. (AP)—Manchoukuoan advices received here reported that eight Soviet war planes attacked the railway center of Halunarsan yesterday, the fourth such raid within a week.

The invading planes dropped several dozen bombs, the advices said, destroying four railroad cars and the post office building and wounding four persons.

Halunarsan is northwest Manchoukuo about 125 miles from the Outer Mongolian border. The raid was believed by some observers to have been the Mon-

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Rail Lease Approaches Some Nearer

Raleigh, July 17.—(AP)—Attorney General Harry McMullan said today that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation had released the Atlantic & North Carolina State-owned railroad from its guarantee of \$188,000 of bonds of the Morehead City port commission.

The release was obtained, McMullan said, by having the RFC sell \$76,000 of North Carolina institutional bonds which brought \$108,322.80, and by turning over to the RFC at face value an issue of \$28,000 Goldsboro Union Station bonds. The RFC had held both issues as collateral on \$326,000 Morehead bonds. With coupons and accrued interest, the RFC got \$161,064.80, and in turn gave the State that amount of Morehead City port bonds, including coupons and accrued interest.

The transaction was a part of the work in connection with the proposed leasing of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad to H. P. Edwards, of Sanford.

Low-Paid State Workers Mad; May Hurt Maxwell

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, July 17.—The sweet young stenographers, filing clerks and typists who keep the wheels of the State government running smoothly, along with field workers who collect the revenue to grease the said wheels as well as enforce laws for public good, are very, very unhappy these past few days.

There isn't much likelihood of any formal strike, and there isn't much talking out loud. But in whispers around water coolers and refresh-

Find Bodies 9 More Men In Ky. Mine

Total of Deaths from Disaster Now 28; Removal Slowed by Poor Air Conditions in Deep Shaft

Providence, Ky., July 17.—(AP)—Bodies of nine men were found deep in the Duvain coal mine by a rescue crew early today, raising to 28 the death toll from an explosion late Friday night.

From rescue workers, F. V. Ruckman, president of the mining company, located near this town, received by telephone the word that ended hope that the nine still might be alive after a search of nearly 80 hours. Bodies of the other 19 victims were found Saturday. Ten men escaped safely after the blast.

John Daniel, State mine inspector, said efforts to remove the nine bodies from the mine probably would not be renewed until later today. He explained that additional ventilation was necessary to clear the air in mine entries.

Earlier a rescue squad had begun the task of taking bodies of the 19 men found previously to the surface, but Daniel said that poor air conditions slowed the work.

A spark which ignited gas fumes is believed to have caused the explosion.

U. S. Farm Exports To Europe Expand

Washington, July 17.—(AP)—Federal farm officials predicted today the European demand for American agricultural products would improve in the next few months, largely as a result of foreign military expansion.

They reported marked improvement in industrial production and general economic conditions in countries which are important markets for United States farm goods. This improvement, especially strong in Great Britain and France, is expected by officials here to be reflected in increased consumer buying power, and a consequent larger demand for American cotton, lard, fruit, tobacco and grain.

Official prediction for an upturn in agricultural exports came at a time when such trade was running 22 percent in value below a year ago.

U. S. To Beat Germany At South Pole

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, July 17.—That Uncle Sam is about to stake out his share of the Antarctic continent is not a bit surprising. The queer thing is that the South Pole has been so long neglected. Not that it hasn't been visited and looked at, but it has remained entirely unsettled. The North Pole is different. That is nothing but open water. It's frozen over, to be sure. However, a drifting ice floe is nothing to plant a colony on. And, at that, the rim of land all around the edge of the Arctic sea is slightly populated—Alaska and Canada, and the northern Scandinavians and European and Asiatic Russia. It isn't a



Admiral Byrd

ment stands and in corridors of the spacious office buildings, the girls don't mind expressing their opinion. There are two or three reasons for the disaffection. The chief victim of the ill will seems to be Revenue Commissioner Allen Maxwell, who most earnestly desires that every state employee shall be friendly to him.

Mrs. Flythe Gets Big Boost What's it all about? Well, most of it is about that \$75 a month raise accorded to Mrs. Bill Flythe in the

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Britain To Resume War Plan Talks

Premier Reports Tientsin Situation Improved, But Negotiations To Be Resumed at Tokyo Wednesday Are Expected To Fail

London, July 17.—(AP)—The new inspector general of the British overseas forces, Major General Sir Edmund Ironside, took off from Croydon airport for Warsaw, Poland today for staff talks with the Polish high military command. War Secretary Leslie Hore-Belisha and a number of high officers at about the same time took off for a tour of anti-aircraft gun positions and searchlights in Yorkshire, in north-east England.

As General Ironside left, it was understood the question of Britain, France and Poland acting under a unified command in event of war would be discussed in Warsaw.

French staff officers arranged talks with Turkish military experts at Ankara, the Turkish capital, on defense plans under the French-Turkish pact.

British anti-aircraft guns were manned for a defensive drill in a mock raid by 100 French bombing planes, probably tomorrow. The Royal Air Force, which made a 1,200-mile hop over French territory last week, awaited orders for another and a longer flight of a series of reciprocal maneuvers to give mutual air attack and defense tests and to impress the axis powers.

In Warsaw, the coming of General Ironside was regarded in Polish circles as a well-timed gesture, which would convince Germany that the British-Polish alliance exists in fact as well as by declaration.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.