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Destiny Of Pacific At Crisis

Lewis Refuses To End Strike

Steel Mills' Coal Supply Shut Off

Lewis Writes President Roosevelt That Open Shop Agreement Would 'Invalidate' Other Agreements In Industry.

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—John L. Lewis informed President Roosevelt by letter today that the United Mine Workers had refused to accept an open shop agreement in the captive coal mines because it would "invalidate" other agreements in operation throughout the soft coal mining industry.

He told the President that officials of the union had no authority to execute an open shop agreement, "thereby destroying the assets of the membership represented by existing collective bargaining agreements."

The open shop was the sole issue in the dispute which culminated in a coal stoppage today in the captive mines.

Lewis did not call at the White House as he had been requested to do when Mr. Roosevelt asked last Friday that negotiations be extended.

Pittsburg, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Complying with orders of UAW Chairman John L. Lewis, most of western Pennsylvania's "captive" coal miners staged a strike today, cutting off fuel supplies to steel mills for the third time in ten weeks.

A survey of strategic areas showed fewer than 1,000 reported on the 7 1/2 m. shift, the first full shift scheduled since Lewis called for renewal of the strike that had twice been terminated by truces.

Over the week-end in an eleventh hour attempt to halt the threatened shutdown in captive mines which supply coal to steel mills.

The three representatives of the steel companies, Eugene G. Grace of the Bethlehem Steel Company, Frank Purnell, head of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, and Benjamin Fairless of United States Steel Company, conferred at the White House with President Roosevelt for nearly an hour.

They announced they would send a formal report this afternoon to be (Continued on Page Two)

Strike Law In Prospect

Speaker Rayburn Declares Flatly That Measure Will Be Offered in House.

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Speaker Rayburn said flatly today that the House would be given an opportunity to pass on defense strike legislation "at the earliest date consistent with proper consideration."

He declined to specify whether a bill designed to prevent strikes in defense industries would be called up for action this week, saying that it "might take some time" because he "certainly want to pass considered legislation."

Rayburn took the floor last week during debate on the neutrality act to assert that he would "follow or lead" in any movement to deal "squarely" with the labor situation.

Rayburn's press conference statement followed a stormy session of the House rules committee at which the acting chairman, Representative Cox, Democrat, Georgia, urged swift congressional action to deal with defense strikes without awaiting settlement of the captive mine dispute on the ground that President Roosevelt is still in the talking stage.

The committee session was called technically to consider granting right of way for the price control bill but Cox asserted that the committee might "put the lid" on that measure until the question of labor legislation was settled.

They Spoke for Coal Operators



Steel company officials arrive at White House for the conference with President Roosevelt and labor heads on the coal strike crisis. Left to right: Benjamin Fairless, of U. S. Steel; Eugene G. Grace, of Bethlehem Steel, and Frank Purnell, of Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.

Axis Vessel Flying U.S. Flag Captured

No Recess For Solons

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Because they considered the labor situation acute, administration leaders decided today to keep Congress on the job and abandoned their hopes for a series of three-day recesses after Thanksgiving.

Democratic chieftains in the House were reported to have told friends that "something" apparently will have to be done about continuing strikes in defense industries, and a group of southern Democrats already was at work drafting a new bill they intend to lay before the administration shortly.

At the same time, Chairman Norton, Democrat, New Jersey, called a meeting of the House labor meeting for tomorrow to consider whether to initiate strike legislation.

Six Billions Requested For Army

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked Congress today for \$6,667,369,046 additional for the Army, more than half of which was earmarked for ordnance.

The estimates included \$388,000,000 for expediting production of defense equipment and supplies and \$269,000,000 for the Army of the Philippines.

In another estimate the President asked for \$308,050,000 for the Navy, including \$120,000,000 for defense installations on merchant ships, presumably guns for protection of the ships against submarine and air attacks as authorized by Congress last week in revision of the neutrality act.

Raleigh, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Governor on his desk today, a vase 53rd birthday today, and the present which had the place of honor on his desk was a vase of large, beautiful flowers.

He said they came from his "four best friends"—the Broughton children.

Navy Escort Bringing Cargo Ship to Port 'Within Jurisdiction of United States Court'; Capture Made November 6.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The German motor ship Odenwald, seized in the South Atlantic by units of the U. S. Navy, arrived here this afternoon under American escort.

It was understood that prompt action would be brought in United States court to forfeit the ship, a 5,698-tonner listed as owned by the Hamburg-American Lines, for operating herself illegally as a U. S. merchantman. She was en route to Germany from Japan when she was seized. Much of her cargo was understood to have been rubber, metals and other essential war materials.

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President In Parley With Kurusu

"Many Things" Discussed, Japanese Tell Reporters, But No Indication is Given as to Progress of Conversations.

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—A formal conference between President Roosevelt and Japanese special envoy, Shigen Kurusu, for the first time in nearly two years today to talk of "many things" centering around the explosive Far Eastern situation.

But there was no indication immediately whether any satisfactory progress had been made toward achieving a better understanding on Pacific problems between this country and Japan or whether any decisions were approached which might lead to assurance of continued peace in the Pacific.

Kurusu was accompanied to the White House by Japanese Ambassador Nomura, and Secretary of State Hull.

The two Japanese dodged questions about the conversations, although the ambassador reported that "many things" were said. What they were was something which he did not care to discuss.

As they entered a waiting limousine, reporters pressed them for information.

"Was a satisfactory beginning made?" the ambassador was asked. Kurusu dug an elbow in Nomura's ribs and admonished against answering. The special envoy merely laughed when he was asked if he was "near a touchdown." He had suggested, upon his arrival in this country Saturday, that he might score a touchdown in his conversations with American officials.

Before their reception by Mr. Roosevelt in the White House red room, the Japanese met with full at the State department.

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Russia Looks East for Oil



In the past, between 80 and 90 per cent. of the oil consumed by the Soviets has been produced in the Caucasus, now threatened by the twin Nazi drives through the Crimea and at Rostov. Capture of this region by the Nazis will not entirely cripple the war effort. Map shows where new oil supplies are available, far from the present battle regions, in the minerals-rich Ural Mountains.

(Central Press)

Nazi Forces Driven Back Near Kalinin

AMBASSADORS SAFE IN TEHRAN, IRAN

Teheran, Iran, Nov. 17.—(AP)—A plane bearing Maxim Litvinov, Soviet ambassador to the United States, and U. S. Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt landed here safely at noon today, five days after departing from Kuibyshev, Russia, in a snow storm.

Six Persons Die On Roads

Charlotte, Nov. 17.—(AP)—At least six persons died in traffic accidents on North Carolina highways over the week-end. Many were injured.

A motorcycle-automobile collision near Randleman resulted in the death of Private Lawrence Francis Ripley, 23, of Durham, N. C. Cleveland, Ohio, State route 1, and an unidentified soldier were injured.

Thomas Albert Clark, 1, Canton, N. C., and Mrs. Paul Lanier, John Morgan and Mrs. Thomas Clark, all of Charlotte, and Fred D. Morris and Mrs. E. E. Keenan, both of Richmond, were killed in a wreck near Raleigh. Edward M. Mitchell, 49, of Pine-ton, was killed near Windsor when an automobile crashed into a steel bridge.

James M. Madole, 46, of Mountain View, was fatally hurt in an automobile accident on the Asheville-Black Mountain highway.

Mighty Attack In Army Games

With the Army in the Field, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The biggest attack of the Army's training year was launched in dawn today in the Caucasus war games.

Two armored divisions and a full air support command were ordered to smash ahead at a strong spearhead when the First Army had forced over the Pev-Dee river on the south edge of the 10,000-square mile mountainous region.

There and at the northern tip of Charlotte, N. C.—were the only two places the stonier but less mobile First Army was able to get any sizeable force across the river during the past day of the two-week field exercise. Under the direction of Army general headquarters, the training battle will end November 30.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair, continued rather cool tonight, Tuesday fair and warmer.

Japan Makes Her Terms For Peace

Japan's Premier Informs Diet of Minimum Requirements; Chiang Kai-Shek Urges Britain and U. S. To Smash Japan Without Delay.

(By The Associated Press.) The destiny of the Pacific stood at a crisis today.

Japan stated her demands for understanding—in effect calling for reversal of the United States' major policies in the Orient—and on their satisfaction may depend peace or war.

With them went a blunt warning that Japan's patience is reaching its end.

While these declarations were being made in Tokyo, a special Japanese envoy in the United States arranged to see Secretary of State Hull for what he called a "fighting chance" to avoid war.

But in Washington and elsewhere, on both sides of the world there was pessimism.

Tokyo, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Japan's premier, General Tojo, informed a grave and hushed diet today of the empire's minimum requirements for peace in the Pacific—chiefly, an end to the British-American blockade, a halt to what he called military encirclement, and hands off Japan's conflict with China.

He spoke after Foreign Minister Tojo had warned bluntly that little time was left for negotiations to satisfy those terms.

The house of peers, to which the ministerial messages were delivered, gave them unanimous standing votes of approval.

These were the salient points set forth by the premier.

"The Japanese government," he said, "expects:

"1. Third powers to refrain from obstructing successful conclusion of the China affair which Japan has in view.

"2. Countries surrounding our empire will not only refrain from presenting a direct military menace but actually such measures of hostile character as economic blockade and restore economic relations with Japan.

"3. That utmost efforts will be exerted to prevent extension of the the European war and spread of disturbances in East Asia."

(By The Associated Press.) Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek declared today that preparations were complete for a united defense of the Far East and urged Britain and the United States to smash Japan without delay unless she withdrew from China and broke with the axis.

At the same time, Chinese forces were reported preparing deep defenses in anticipation of a Japanese drive toward the Burma Road from French Indo-China, which was reported in Changsha as an imminent possibility.

HEARING POSTPONED IN TOBACCO TRIAL

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 17.—(AP)—Federal Judge H. Charles Ford today postponed until December 8 a hearing on motions for a new trial by the tobacco industry's big three companies, one subsidiary and 13 executives, convicted of criminal anti-trust charges.

Attorneys for the major concerns, the R. J. Reynolds, Liggett and Myers and American tobacco companies, will then argue their motions in an effort to avert imposition of sentences. The verdict was returned October 27.

Nazi Leader To New Post

Berlin, Nov. 17.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler today appointed Alfred Rosenberg as reichs minister in charge of civil administration in the eastern occupied regions.

The first region placed under Rosenberg includes Lithuania, Latvia and parts of White Ruthenia.

The administrative unit will be known as the reichs commissariat Ostland.

Rosenberg, known as the ideological leader of national socialism and familiarly called "the thinker," is publisher of Hitler's newspaper, the Volkischer Beobachter, and is an expert on eastern and especially Russian affairs.

Nazi Raider In Pacific?

Balboa, Canal Zone, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The U. S. 15th naval district ordered its patrols on the alert today, following receipt in maritime circles of unconfirmed reports that a British-operated Yugoslav ship had been attacked in the Pacific, apparently by an axis raider.

The ship attacked, according to these unconfirmed reports, was the 4,375-ton Olga Topic.

Naval circles reported that officers of a Greek vessel arriving here told of hearing the Olga Topic sending an SOS reporting she was being attacked.

The Olga Topic left Balboa November 13 and was believed to be sailing down the Pacific coast of South American en route to Chile.