

Coal Strike Conference Deadlocked

Three-Hour Meet Declared Failure; Compromise Given

Washington, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Soft coal operators and United Mine Workers' Chief John L. Lewis failed at a three-hour conference today to reach agreement on a compromise plan to end strikes affecting over 175,000 miners.

They did agree, however, to renew talks with Labor Secretary Lewis Schwollenbach at a session later today.

Schwollenbach sought to settle differences which arose over the wording of a peace proposal to negotiate the dispute over recognition of a foremen's union, affiliated with Lewis' U.M.W.

Lewis objected to making a letter from Schwollenbach, interpreting the agreement, a part of the plan. The operators wanted the secretary's views included.

The 20-day strike over refusal of the operators to recognize the U.M.W. foremen's union—the mine owners say foremen are part of management and not labor—has shut 749 mines in six states. Soft coal production is down nearly 70 million tons daily.

Lewis initially made the proposal to end the strike if the operators would negotiate on the recognition issue. The operators countered, however, that their willingness to negotiate shouldn't be taken as any retreat from their stand that foremen should be allowed to unionize.

Lewis stood pat. He said his own test is "all we have to offer" and that the miners "will not be stipulated out of their bargaining rights by weasel words added to the proposal."

Far Eastern Commission Will Confer

Washington, Oct. 10.—(AP)—The United States has called a meeting of a proposed Far Eastern advisory commission for October 23 in Washington, but intends to make no change in General Douglas MacArthur's post as supreme commander in Japan.

Secretary of State Byrnes announced the meeting today, saying that invitations had gone out to nine governments and that India may be included at Britain's suggestion.

Simultaneously, Byrnes disclosed Russia had suggested that creation of the advisory commission be preceded by establishment of a control council for Japan.

Such a step would mean either replacing or lowering MacArthur from his present position as supreme commander if clear that he personally does not favor this Russian proposition, said there is no intention of altering MacArthur's status.

Nations invited to the meeting here are Russia, Britain, China, France, Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the Philippines.

Britain has suggested that India be included. The United States agreeing for itself, has passed the suggestion on to Russia and China.

Laval's Attorneys Seeking New Trial for Condemned Man

Paris, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Attorneys for Pierre Laval set machinery in motion today for a new trial for the former Vichy chief of government who was sentenced yesterday to die before a firing squad after he was convicted of intelligence with the enemy and attacking the security of the State.

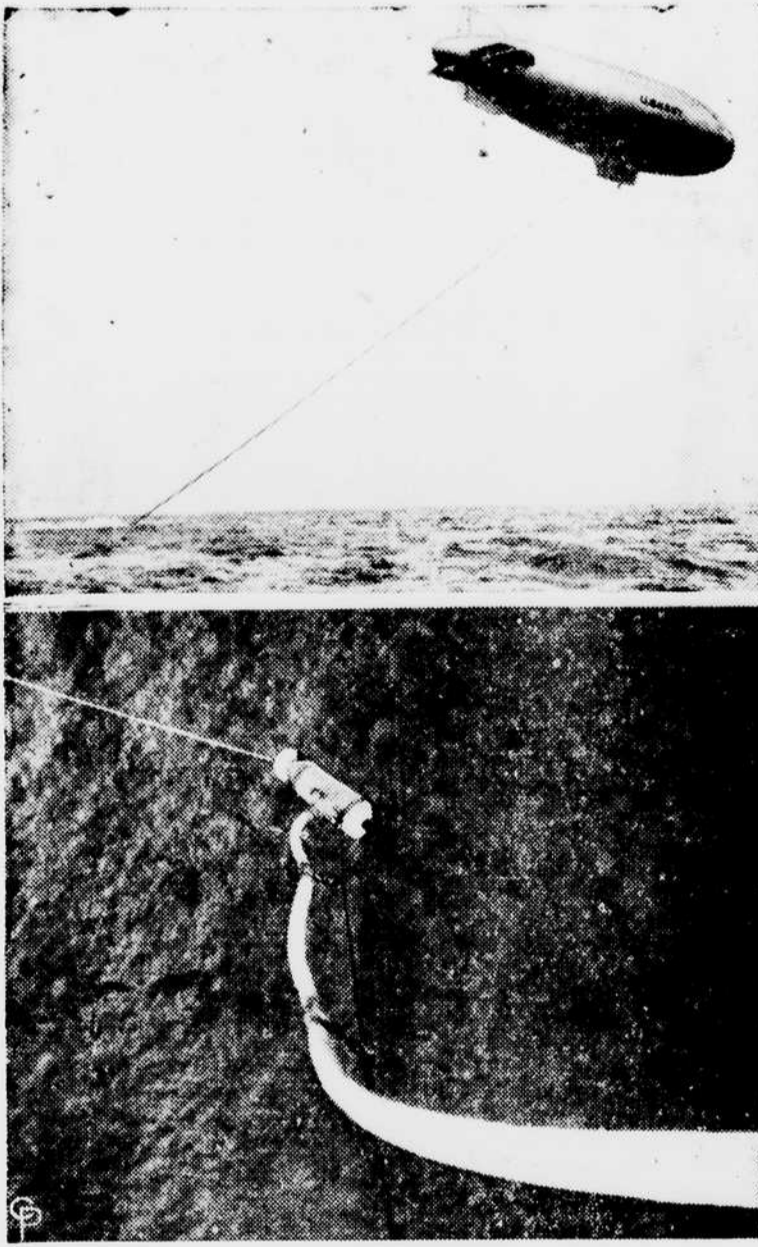
Albert Naud, chief defense counsel, announced last night that he had requested an interview with General Charles DeGaulle, French president, and would seek to have the verdict set aside because of "the attitude of the judge and jurors."

Police said Laval would be transferred to his former cell in Fresnes prison, where he will await a final decision.

BAPTIST PLAN AID

Richmond, Va., Oct. 10.—(AP)—Southern Baptists will give \$63,000 for relief of war victims in Europe and Asia and hurricane sufferers in the Caribbean area, it was announced today by the war emergency council of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention.

REVEALING ANOTHER NAVY SECRET



DISCLOSED NOW BY THE NAVY is its method, still experimental, for off-setting the weight lost by blimps as they consume their fuel. Illustrated by photos taken over Lake Erie, the method permits a blimp to take a water-ballast as it flies (top picture). A "fish" containing an electric pump is lowered (bottom) on a line that carries a hose and an electric wire. Thus water is pumped from the surface of lake or ocean and into the blimp's ballast-tanks to hold its normal weight. (International)

Solons Cool Toward Peacetime Draft

Congressmen Talk, Vote on Fateful Policy Decisions

Washington, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Congress voted and talked today on fateful policy decisions for America's future. Here is a quick summary: Military—General Marshall's proposal for compulsory military training had this congressional response: Wait.

Atomic—A House committee hurried to secret session to wrestle with a history making bill to control atomic developments.

Scientific—A Senate committee tried to discover what sort of leadership is planned for a federal research agency which Congress has been asked to create.

Diplomatic—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expected to give its blessing to the nomination of Spruille Braden as assistant secretary of state. Committee action has been postponed, pending more information on the Latin American situation.

Economic—There was an outburst over allowing a communist to testify on the full employment bill. There also was more testimony from employers today against raising the minimum wage from 40 to 65 cents an hour.

A large, angry Texan Representative Patman, protested because the House Expenditures Committee has consented for communist William Z. Foster to appear on the full employment bill.

British Loan Might Have Few Strings

Washington, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Russia like Britain may be asked to commit herself to a liberal foreign trade policy before she obtains financial assistance from the United States.

This developed today in the wake of reports that Anglo-American trade and financial negotiations are moving swiftly toward agreement on a \$5,000,000,000 U. S. credit to England. Present tentative plans call for the loan to carry a very low interest rate and be repayable over many years. A grace period of no repayment probably will be in effect for the first five years.

As part of the deal by which they will obtain American help, the British are expected to agree to reduce both governmental and private restraints on international trade. This would include such things as broad elimination of cartel practices.

Army Men Ruling In Argentine

Navy Wants Court To Take Over Rule After Resignations

Buenos Aires, Oct. 10.—(AP)—The army ruled Argentina today after forcing the resignation of the strong man, Vice President Col. Juan Peron, but the navy reported demanding that the entire government quit and turn the nation over to the supreme court.

The situation in shabby Argentina was confused, but this much was clear: General Farrell, head of the military regime, still is president, but he takes his orders from Avalos, commander of the big Campo de Mayo garrison in suburban Buenos Aires, whose personal quarrels with Peron brought about the military's demands for the resignation of the vice president.

A high naval officer, said the resignation was not enough, since it left unsettled the essential problem—the existence of the military government. There was no reason to believe the army and navy could come to terms.

Juan Cooke, Farrell's foreign minister, announced the cabinet would meet today. The Campo garrison from whence in June 1943, General Rawson overthrew the government of Castillo and became president for two days, has been Peron's chief supporter. It turned against him yesterday amid the storm of opposition to his military rule which had been gathering fury for weeks.

42,000 Print, Dye Workers End Strike

(By The Associated Press) The nation-wide total of persons away from work because of labor disputes was reduced by 42,000 today with the settlement of a three-state strike of textile workers.

The reduction left the number of workers off their jobs in various industries at approximately 413,000. At the same time, Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwollenbach was hopeful of ending a strike in the soft coal fields which would enable some 175,000 miners to resume digging in 749 closed pits.

The strike of 42,000 CIO textile print and dye workers in 284 shops in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania ended with a union-management agreement for a 10 cents per hour wage increase for men and five cents for women. The wage question, under terms of the agreement, can not be reopened until November 1, 1946.

Full production was expected to be reached by tonight or tomorrow. The stoppage began in Patterson, N. J., on September 27 and spread to other areas. The union scaled downward its wage demands from 15 cents per hour to 10.

Russian Premier Starts Vacation, First In Years

Moscow, Oct. 10.—(AP)—The Kremlin announced today that Generalissimo Stalin who has not had a respite from the duties of his office since before the war had left Moscow for a vacation and a rest.

The announcement, which was printed on the front pages of all Soviet newspapers, said Stalin had left the capital yesterday but did not say where he had gone, nor how long he would be absent.

ARGENTINA'S ENVOY TO MEXICO OUSTED

Mexico City, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Argentine Ambassador Hector Ghiraldino said today he had been relieved of his post and will leave for Buenos Aires as soon as a secretary arrives as charge d'affaires. The action is due to personal reasons and is not linked with international matters, he said.

Truman Urges River Valley Development

Speaking At Dam Dedication, He Says TVA Projects Just Plain Common Sense

Gilbertsville, Ky., Oct. 10.—(AP)—President Truman voiced assurance today the nation soon will "press forward" in the development of all its great river valleys with traditional pioneering spirit.

Speaking at the dedication of the Tennessee valley authority's Kentucky dam here, he called TVA "just plain common sense" and added:

"The valleys of America await their full development. The time has come—now that materials and manpower are more plentiful—to press forward. The days of the pioneer are not dead. The development of our national resources calls for men of courage, or vision, or endurance, just as in the pioneering days of old."

The President said the policy of regional decentralization under which the Tennessee river has been harnessed for power, flood control, navigation and other purposes "ought to be followed in the other river valleys as regional agencies are created and set to work."

At the same time, he said "details of administration and control" may "have to be different" in the development of other valleys.

In an address broadcast regionally and apparently not regarded as a major political speech, the President said the underlying "common sense principles" of TVA "can provide guidance and counsel to the people in other regions."

At the same time he declared flatly: "Let me emphasize that in the last analysis such development is a matter for the people themselves to decide."

TVA is operated by a three-member board of directors responsible directly to the President and Congress under an independent agency status. It sells electricity directly to municipalities, rural cooperatives and other agencies as well as to aluminum and defense plants.

One of the early projects of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, it was set up to fix a yardstick for power rates through use of its multiple-purpose power-navigation-flood-control dams.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and continued cool tonight; Thursday, increasing cloudiness and not much temperature change.

Communists In Japan Demanding Overthrow Of Imperial System

Political Prisoners Are Freed

National Federation Of Toilers Seeking To Retain Hirohito

Tokyo, Oct. 10.—(AP)—

Liberated political prisoners emerged from behind the massive walls of four Japanese prisons today to receive the acclaim of welcoming communist crowds shouting opposition to imperial rule—while a newly formed national federation of toilers arose to defend the imperial house and assail the reds.

Promoters of the newly created federation resolved to wage a fight against communism when anti leaders said at the extermination of "our unique" they under the emperor.

The federation and another group favoring drastic overhauling of the Japanese diet arose suddenly today as the new liberal premier, Baron Kijiro Shidehara, told his people in a broadcast:

"The hold of the military clique on political power has been broken and all political and economic policies will be determined by the will of the majority."

Sixteen liberated prisoners walked through the big wooden gate in Fuchu prison's massive stone walls today to be hoisted immediately to the shoulders of a cheering crowd of communists and Koreans.

Shouting "banzai for the release of fighters of the peoples' front," the crowd waved red flags and the Korean independence banner—then 2,000 gathered quietly while the communist leader Tokuya urged overthrow of the imperial system.

"The imperial system is the root of all evil," he asserted. He spent 18 months in prison after voicing such thoughts—before General Douglas MacArthur's directive and Premier Shidehara's liberality gave him immunity.

NLRB WILL COUNT MOVIE STRIKE VOTES

Washington, Oct. 10.—(AP)—The NLRB acted today to one today to count ballots of strikers and non-strikers in last spring's collective bargaining election. This is the issue which touched off a seven months dispute in Hollywood movie studios.

The election was held to determine a bargaining agent for set decorators. A jurisdictional battle between AFL painters and AFL international alliance of theatrical stage employes over these set decorators spread to every branch of studio workers.

Now involved are some 15 unions and 8,000 workers who walked off the lots in sympathy with the painters, or refused to cross picket lines.

CHUBBIEST BUFF IS 'TINY TIM'



LIGHT AS A FOUR-ALARMER, "Tiny Tim" Jones of the Liberty Borough volunteer firemen, Imperial, Pa., is proclaimed by his comrades as the country's biggest firefighter. Crushing the scales at 473, emperor-size "Tiny" is said to be a fast worker at smothering blazes. (International)

Firing Squad Executes French Gestapo Leader

Truman Salutes Chinese Nation On Anniversary

Washington, Oct. 10.—(AP)—President Truman saluted China today on the 24th anniversary of the republic and expressed confidence the Chinese nation would achieve "the democratic objectives established by Dr. Sun Yat-sen."

In a statement issued by the White House, the President told China that Americans took pride in the "decisive role played by our gallant ally in this titanic struggle for world freedom."

Paris, Oct. 10.—(AP)—A firing squad of 12 French soldiers executed Joseph Darnand former chief of the Vichy militia, at Fort DeChapallon at 9:40 a. m. today.

Darnand was convicted of treason on October 3 by the same court which yesterday condemned his superior, Pierre Laval, to death.

A Dominican priest, Darnand's lawyer, a doctor and two magistrates were in the small group which witnessed the execution. Just before the shot were fired, he cried out: "Vive La France! Farewell, my militia men."

The short, gray haired leader of the French gastapo had been convicted of numerous crimes, including intelligence with the enemy, recruiting enemy forces and collaboration with the Germans inside France.

He was described by the judge who presided at his trial as "one of the military heroes of France who had many Frenchmen was misled by Hitler."

Darnand went when the court pronounced the death sentence. "If I made a mistake, I regret it," he said. "I remain respected for me a great man. He was the marshal of France. He represented: loyalty, legality, however, is now in other hands."

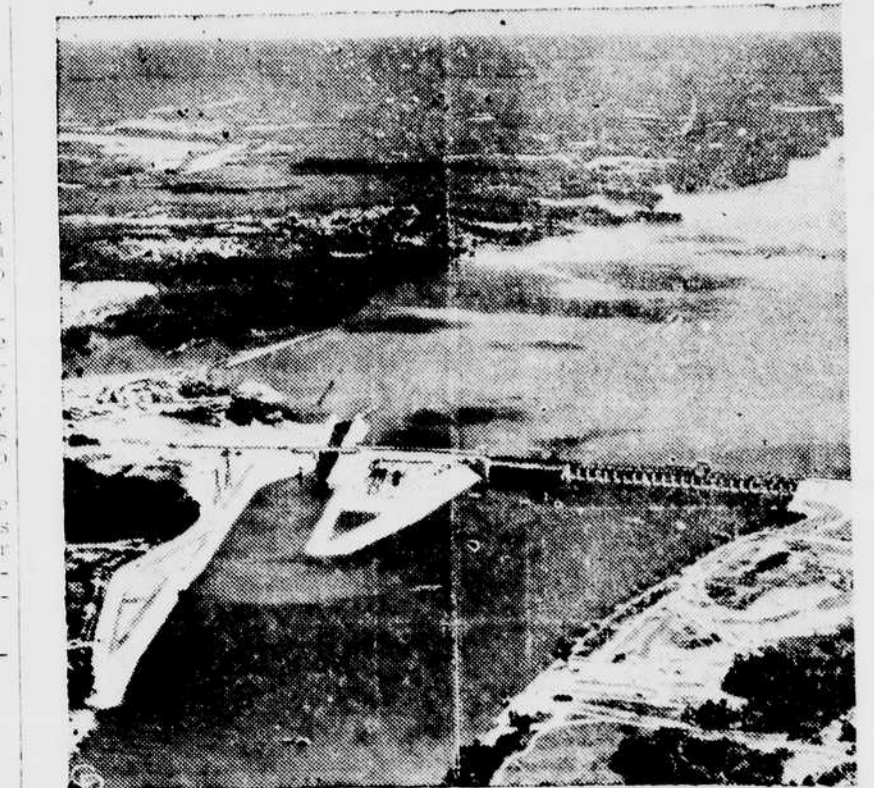
Chungking, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Lt. Shao-shih, the communist party secretary general here, was not assassinated but was slain accidentally by a Chinese corporal, Lt. Gen Chang Genme reported today after an investigation.

Chang's statement to the official Chinese news agency quickly shattered a theory that Li, an ardent communist once jailed for his political activities, had been assassinated.

The general said an investigation disclosed that a corporal fired when Li's chauffeur ignored an order to halt.

"The shooting was purely accidental," it was as simple as that," Chang said.

President Dedicates New Dam



THE NEWEST TVA DAM on the Tennessee River at Gilbertsville, Ky., near Paduch which was dedicated this noon by Mr. Truman.