

Drawn Into Inquiry



WHEN Congressional investigators of the Pearl Harbor attack asked for papers from the late President Roosevelt's files, Michigan Senator Ferguson stated that some 250 bales of papers were in existence and the only one to know the contents was Miss Grace Tully (above), F.D.R.'s one-time secretary. President Truman made available to the investigation the papers, now stored in the National Archives Building. (International)

Lewis Might Draft Wage Policy, Unite Labor At Conference

Murray Resolution Denounced by Boss Of Miners' Union

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—John L. Lewis may try to draft a wage bargaining policy on which labor's divided forces might unite at President Harry S. Truman's labor-management conference here.

Lewis, president of the strong, independent United Mine Workers union, last night denounced a resolution offered by CIO President Philip Murray, declaring it would limit labor's wage gains to price advances of "a ton of coal, a pair of shoes or a straw hat."

With support from AFL President William Green, Lewis outlined to the conference's executive committee—and later to reporters—a wage program which would free labor to see whatever it could "reasonably" get.

Believes In Profit

"We believe in the right of investors to get a return on their investments, of industry to make a profit, of labor to negotiate freely," Lewis told correspondents after a clash with Murray in a closed committee meeting.

Free competition within industry as peace time production rises, Lewis said, will serve as a "limitation on prices and a brake on profits, while increased efficiency and competition will lower the cost of articles to the consumer."

Asked whether he might try to frame some other declaration of wage bargaining policy on which all of labor's 36 delegates to the conference might agree, Lewis paused, then said, "we might come to that."

Disputed Resolution

Murray's much disputed resolution, held in the executive committee since Monday, would put the labor-management meeting on record as favoring full and prompt collective bargaining under the wage policy broadcast last week by the President—that wage rises are imperative.

150 Strike In Germany

Berlin, Nov. 9.—(AP)—German workers in the Thyssen Iron and Steel Corporation repair shop have staged the first strike in Germany since Allied occupation, halting work for one day in protest against the reinstatement of a managing director who held the same position under the Nazi regime.

Lint Futures Up 75 Cents At Noon

Table with columns: Month, Price, Change. Data for December, March, May, July, October, and December (1946).

Details Of Mass Murder Told At Yamashita Trial

Manila, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The first details of a mass slaughter carried out last February 16 and 18 by the Japanese in a ravine near Taal, Batangas province, were related today by two black-clad women at the Yamashita war crimes trial.

Royall Confirmed



Brig. Gen. Kenneth C. Royall, (above) today was the new Under Secretary of War, succeeding Robert P. Patterson, who was named Secretary. Royall was confirmed yesterday on a voice vote by the Senate. Royall, a Goldsboro attorney, sent an appeal to his family in Goldsboro yesterday asking them to send him his civilian clothes, but they told him he was a little too late—the moths has gotten to them first. He has been in the army for a number of years.

Strong New Insurance Firm Formed

Pittsburgh, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The Rockefeller and Mellons have banded together in a new financial combine with assets exceeding \$30,000,000 to compete with Lloyds of London, noted British insurance institution, which was disclosed today.

FUND FOR NURSES' MEMORIAL BOOSTED

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—General Jonathan M. Wainwright's magnificent praise for the heroic war nurses who faced death on Bataan and Corregidor has spurred contributions for the \$2,000,000 Nurses' National Memorial which will be erected in Washington. Arthur H. Johnson, chairman of the memorial committee, announced today.

Tax Cutting Bill Signed By Truman

Measure Removes 12,000,000 From Tax-Paying Class

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The White House announced today President Truman has signed the bill giving individuals and businesses a slash of \$5,920,000,000 in 1946 taxes.

Mr. Truman thus became the first President in 16 years to sign a general tax reduction measure. Not since Herbert Hoover put his signature on a "Christmas present" slash in 1929 has there been an overall reduction of pocket book levies.

- 1—Removes 12,000,000 low-income persons from the tax rolls and assures reduction of 10 per cent or more for individuals making up to \$50,000 annually. Smaller cuts are provided for incomes over \$50,000. Total reduction for individual amounts to \$2,644,000,000.
2—Provides special tax treatment for veterans of World War II, forgiving all levies on service pay of enlisted men in wartime and giving officers three years to settle with the government.
3—Cuts \$3,136,000,000 off the burden of business next year, principally through repeal of the war-imposed 85 per cent excess profits tax on corporations.
4—Repeals the \$5 use tax on automobiles and boats at a savings of \$140,000,000.
5—Freezes the social security tax in 1946 at 1 per cent on both employer's pay and employees pay rolls. Without the freeze this tax would have jumped January 1 to 2.5 per cent for each.

President Preparing For Talks

His Weekly News Parley Cancelled; Cruise Is Slated

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—President Harry Truman decided today to forego his usual weekly news conference to get ready for the three-power discussion of atomic energy this week-end.

No Appeal From Java Received At White House

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The White House said today it had no information today on a reported appeal to the President to intervene to prevent warfare throughout Java.

Selected Issues Continue Gains

New York, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Selected stocks kept the forward drive going in today's market although many rail and industrial leaders continued to back water.

Chinese Nationalists Are Ready For Battle Along Great Barrier

Communists Well Dug-In About Linya

Forces Carried To Fight Scene By U. S. Troops

Chinwangta, Nov. 9.—(AP)—American transported Chinese Nationalist troops have moved into battle positions in the area, fighting has not broken out, despite the fact that thousands of Nationalist and Communist troops oppose each other at Linya, the ancient city which formed part of the Great Wall and is its eastern anchor on the Gulf of Chihli, ten miles north of Chinwangta.

The elements of two Chinese Nationalist Armies, the 13th and 52nd, were put ashore by United States amphibious forces under Vice Adm. Daniel Barbary.

Troops spread out at first the Chinese troops crowded into this relatively small harbor city and milled about doing nothing before they spread out toward the Great Wall of China and the strong forces of the Communist 8th army along it.

From all indications the Communists are well dug-in, both in and around Linya, and are sufficiently mobile to swing in either direction to combat any forced entry into Manchuria along that sector.

Meanwhile, in Chungking, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, U. S. commander in China, just returned to his China command from Washington, found himself involved in a long-range controversy with Communist leaders, who renewed charges of U. S. intervention in China's civil war.

Minor Skirmishes

Wedemeyer denied intervention, but said his troops had been caught in minor skirmishes. Simultaneously, representatives of the Chinese government and the Communists reported some progress as they resumed negotiations on a four-point peace program. A Red spokesman said the chief obstacle was the demand that Nationalist troops be withdrawn immediately from Communist liberated areas.

Eisenhower To Testify On Merger

Frankfurt, Germany, Nov. 9.—(AP)—General Eisenhower will have to testify before Congressional committees, his headquarters said today. The announcement did not state the nature of his testimony, but it is expected he will support the stand of the United States Army Chief of Staff, General George Marshall, for consolidation of the army, navy and air forces into one defense department.

CIVILIAN WINS SEA-BATTLE AWARD



RARE AMONG HONORS is the awarding of the Silver Star to a civilian for gallantry in combat against the enemy. Shown above is Donald H. Russell, 26, field service representative, receiving the medal from Rear Adm. Monroe Kelly at New York. The accompanying citation praised Russell's leadership in jettisoning bombs and shells from the burning aircraft carrier Franklin, valiantly helping to keep the ship afloat after it was hit by a Japanese dive-bomber. (International)

G. M. Asserts It Hasn't Broken Wagner Measure

Wage Disputes Between CIO and Two Large Firms Hold U. S. Spotlight

Wage disputes between CIO unions and General Motors Corporation, and United States Steel Corporation held the top spot along the nation's labor front today. The scores of work stoppages in various industries and businesses kept idle some 275,000 workers.

In Detroit, General Motors termed "unjust and absurd" the charges by the CIO United Auto Workers that it had violated the Wagner Act by refusing to bargain collectively on the union's demand for 30 per cent wage rate increases for the firm's 325,000 workers.

In Washington, the United States Steel Corporation told the National Labor Relations board it would cooperate in making arrangements for a strike vote November 22 among 500,000 CIO employees in 13 of its subsidiaries.

Ford Workers Back Strike In a statement, General Motors, shortly after the CIO-UAW filed a complaint with the NLRB accusing the company of unfair labor practices, said the union's position was not born out by the facts.

Preliminary reports from the strike vote among 80,000 Ford Company employees indicated today they had followed the lead of G. M. and Chrysler workers in favoring a work stoppage to support their wage demands.

Another strike vote was tentatively set by the NLRB for December 6, a ballot among hundreds of thousands of CIO United Electrical Workers at plants of General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors Electrical Manufacturing works. The union has asked a \$2 daily wage boost.

Threats of a Pacific coast shipping tie-up came from a CIO union which announced it would back up the National Maritime Union demand that: "Unless by December 1 proper guarantees have been given that our troops are securing every possible means of being retained from war areas, we will provide crews for troop ships only and deny them for vessels of commercial operators."

His statement was made during an audience granted to five American Protestant church leaders.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Increasing cloudiness with showers in west and central portions tonight; Saturday mostly cloudy in east portion with showers in forenoon. Colder Saturday.

Newsprint Production Is Dropping

Washington, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Newsprint production of United States mills already is 600,000 tons less than estimated for the fourth quarter of 1945 and is still falling, Colonel J. H. Steinman said today.

The printing and publishing chief of the new Civilian Production Administration said some northwestern mills had cut deliveries by 20 per cent. This is creating over order on Canadian mills, which already supply about 80 per cent of the paper on which newspapers are printed, he said.

One move expected to encourage U. S. production on newsprint is an increase in the price ceiling, which CPA is expected to grant soon. The increase, according to CPA informants, will be about \$5 per ton, effective the first of the year.

Furious Six-Hour Bucharist Riots Are Fatal To 6

Bucharest, Nov. 9.—(AP)—A furious six-hour riot between Communists and supporters of Romanian King Mihai was halted last night by the intervention of a Russian general after at least five persons were killed by gun fire and possibly 100 others wounded.