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## Soft Coal Wage Talks Continuing

### Reconversion Chief Says Possible Coal Strike Last Hurdle

(By The Associated Press.)

Negotiations for a new wage contract for 460,000 soft coal miners, who will be told by John L. Lewis to strike on April 1, if their demands are not met, held principal attention on the nation's labor front today.

The bituminous coal operators to whom Lewis, president of the AFL-United Mine Workers, presented his general demands on Tuesday, had had any opportunity to reply.

Union officials headed by Lewis talked about what he called "unacceptable" health and safety conditions in the coal industry. In demands to the operators, Lewis proposed among other things, higher wages, a shorter work week and a health and welfare fund for the miners.

In Washington, scene of the wage conference, Reconversion Director John Snyder, expressed hope there would be no strike in the coal industry. He said that with settlement of major strikes—including the long work stoppages in General Motors and General Electric plants involving 275,000 workers—"the one hurdle remaining in reconversion is early, friendly settlement of labor contract in the coal industry."

AFL President William Green, in a speech in Carbondale, Pa., described the economic situation as dark and confused and attacked the administration's new wage-price policy. He proposed a new formula, to be in effect only for one year, be drafted by labor, industry and agriculture assistance. At the end of the year, he said, all government controls over wage and prices should be dropped.

One of the country's biggest strikes continued as negotiations in the wage dispute involving 75,000 electrical workers at Westinghouse Electric Corp. were adjourned without an agreement. Special Mediator Arthur Meyer said he did not plan a meeting with company officials until Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the 10,000 strikers at G. E., who went on strike with the workers at Westinghouse and General Motors electric division on January 15, prepared to return to their jobs. The union's conference board approved the agreement granting 18 1/2 cents an hour wage increase and early approval was expected to be given by the strikers.

## Stock Mart Heads For Lower Ground

New York, March 15.—(AP)—The direction was irregularly lower in today's stock market although some and there, favorites managed to edge into recovery territory.

Backward most of the time were Santa Fe, New York Central, Great Northern, General Motors, Chrysler, American Telephone and DuPont. Resistance was shown by Woolworth, Goodyear and Boeing.

## New Government Formed In Iran?

Ankara, March 14.—(Delayed By Censorship)—(AP)—Diplomatic sources said today that the reported movement of Russian troops in Iran might be aimed at partly at backing up a new government said to have been formed recently at Khorramshahr, north of Lake Urmia in Iran.

Formation of a new government has not been announced, but there have been reports of its existence.

## Accuses U. S. Reds



REVEREND John F. Cronin (above), assistant director of the Social Action Department of the Catholic Welfare Council, has publicly charged that members of the Communist Party are infiltrated in high U. S. government departments and that top-secret bomb data have been forwarded by them to the Soviet Union. (International)

## Support For Pay Measure Being Asked

### Senate Is Without Votes To Approve Minimum Wage Bill

Washington, March 15.—(AP)—The minimum wage bill now pending in the Senate has sufficient support to pass, but lacks sufficient support to pass the administration's 65-cent minimum wage bill. But got hints that votes could be picked up by eliminating the measure's provisions for enlarging wage-hour coverage.

Senator Smith (R) of New Jersey who voted against the measure in the Labor Committee told reporters he was more concerned over the proposed expansion of coverage than over increasing the statutory minimum wage from 40 to 65 cents an hour.

Similarly, Senator Johnston (D) of South Carolina said he "might not object" to 65 cents if certain other amendments were adopted. These amendments would deal with the question of who comes under the law.

As debate reached its second day, the leadership indicated it would seek to postpone votes on amendments until the situation is clarified by week-end conferences.

The minimum wage law now applies to about 29,000,000 workers. Some 3,500,000 others would be brought under it by the administration bill. These include seamen, fish processors, agricultural products and employees of chain and larger retail establishments.

## AMERICAN SERGEANT IS SHOT IN REICH

Frankfurt, March 15.—(AP)—An American sergeant was shot to death in his billet at Haderheim yesterday and military police, finding a 20-year-old German girl standing over him with his own gun, said they were investigating the possibility of murder in a lovers' quarrel. The sergeant, whose name is being withheld, was shot through the heart. The girl said the shooting was accidental.

## Relief Work Hailed By President

### Again Pledges U. S. Help In Feeding Starving Nations

Atlantic City, N. J., March 15.—(AP)—President Truman, hailing UNRRA's work as evidence that "cooperation for peaceful ends is possible," pledged today that America's full aid would be mustered to feed the starving millions of areas freed from war—but not from hunger.

Tersely, he declared in a message to UNRRA's fourth international council that "in this country, our efforts are now solidly behind an emergency food economy program intended to release as large as possible a proportion of our food supplies for export to the starving peoples of the world."

Then he added: "Emergency Evidence. "As to the great work which UNRRA has undertaken, I know of no more encouraging evidence that international cooperation for peaceful ends is possible than the record of UNRRA's achievements."

His visit from UNRRA's activities already announced, Director General Herbert Lehman combined a greeting and a farewell to the delegates in a short, sharp message. He declared:

"Our host nation entered into the combined operations for war with characteristic energy and confidence. The support given to UNRRA by the people of America is indicative of their determination to continue to take part in a combined operation in the interests of peace."

## Goering Denies Being A Looter Of Art Galleries

Nuernberg, March 15.—(AP)—An angry Herman Goering denied to the international military tribunal today that he was a looter of Europe's art galleries, declaring he paid for all he received and was "rehabilitated" in many of the deals.

Sadly, he testified, that Hitler made him produce photographic copies of all confiscated art objects whose Jewish owners had fled. Hitler took first choice for the museum he planned at Linz, he said, and left Goering only "seconds."

Although the former Reichsmarschal has freely admitted many prosecution statements concerning his part in Germany's aggression, he showed indignation at French charges of his part in the rifling of Europe's art treasures and went into great detail to explain his action.

## Foul Play Feared In The Death Of Fayetteville Woman

Fayetteville, March 15.—(AP)—Coroner W. C. Davis today took the body of Mrs. W. C. Ewing who died in a local hospital Wednesday to Duke Hospital in Durham for an autopsy after it had been viewed by a coroner's jury.

Davis said an inquest would not be held pending the results of the autopsy. Fayetteville Police Chief L. F. Worrell said bruises on the body suggested foul play may have caused the death of Mrs. Ewing several hours after she had been taken to the hospital.

## Cherry, Erwin To Confer On E.C.T.C. Salary

Raleigh, March 15.—(AP)—Governor Gregg Cherry said today he expected Dr. Clyde Erwin, ex-officio chairman of the board of trustees of East Carolina Teachers College to center with him soon relative to the salary of Dr. L. E. Spikes, superintendent of Burlington city schools, who was offered the East Carolina Teachers College presidency yesterday.

## Lint Prices Down 25 Cents At Noon

New York, March 15.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened \$1.45 a bale lower to 10 cents higher. Noon prices were 5 cents a bale higher to 25 cents lower. March 26-60, May 26-3, July 26-63.

	Py. Close	Open
March	26.95	26.65
July	26.63	26.63
October	26.65	26.67
December	26.43	26.43
March (1947)	26.45	26.44

## Scores As Queen



ONE OF the kings of the sport world, Joe DiMaggio, places a crown on the pretty head of Silvia Selles, who was chosen queen of the first national carnival celebrated in Panama City in four years. The war temporarily ended the four-day festival that dates all the way back to 1681. (International)

## British Now Await Reply From Russia

### London Is Unable To Judge Policy Of Moscow Regime

London, March 15.—(AP)—A British Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain would be unable to judge whether Soviet policy in the Middle East is aggressive or defensive until a reply is received to a British note to Moscow asking Russian intentions in Iran.

A dispatch from Canberra quoted high Australian Government circles as stating that the British concurred with a view expressed before the Australian Parliament by Herbert V. Evatt, minister of external affairs, that Russian policy be regarded by Australia as defensible.

The Foreign Office spokesman however, said he could not go beyond the public statement of Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin in the United Nations security council and House of Commons expressing British views on Russian policy.

Bevin told Andrei Vishinsky, Russian deputy foreign commissar, in the security council, that "incessant propaganda" from Russia was stirring up trouble and he told the House he had offered Russia a 20 year extension of the British-Soviet friendship treaty.

## Russians Reply To U. S. Note On Economic Matters

Washington, March 15.—(AP)—A Russian communication delivered to Secretary of State James Byrnes by Nicholas V. Nivkoy, Soviet charge d'affaires, dealt with economic and commercial matters and had nothing whatever to do with the American note on Iran and Manchuria.

Michael J. McDermott, department press officer, told reporters the Russian note had a bearing on a recent United States offer to discuss a Russian request for a \$1,000,000 loan.

McDermott said the U. S. communication mentioned not only the Russian loan request, but reviewed in detail the entire economic situation between the two nations.

## Iran Ready To Fight, War Minister Asserts

### Tehran General Asserts Capital To Be Defended

Tehran, Iran, March 15.—(AP)—General Ahmed Seteh-bad Amir-Abmeh, minister of war, said today the Iranian army was "ready to fight to the last man" if Russian troops move toward Tehran from Karaj, 25 miles northwest of here, where he said train loads of troops and ammunition are arriving nightly.

"Iran has shown to the world it is a peaceful nation, but if Russia commits an overt act, not only every soldier but every boy and girl in the streets will fight to defend their capital," the general said in an interview immediately following an audience with Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Shah, of Iran.

The Shah, he said, plans to present the Iranian question again to the United Nations Security Council which will meet in New York City later this month.

Garrison Increased. Ahmed said the Russian garrison at Karaj had been "increased fourfold" and that there were "three times as many Russians in Azerbaijan as a month ago."

He termed the reported concentration of troops and equipment a "definite threat to Tehran" and added that all necessary precautions were being taken to meet it.

The general said that Iranians would not "go out to meet the Russians or even erect fortifications outside the city. Iran's intentions are only peaceful, but our national security is at stake. Tehran will be defended to the last man—even boys and girls will help—if this extreme and unlikable move becomes necessary."

The general said the Russians have "only partially evacuated" Semnan, Shiraz and Meshed, towns in northeastern Iran, where they announced they had begun evacuation March 2, and that he had recalled to Tehran an army column which Soviet troops turned back at Garmar two weeks ago. He said he considered it "hopeless for forces to sit out there on the plains awaiting the pleasure of the Russians."

## McGill Professor Gave Reds Data On Secret Work

Ottawa, March 15.—(AP)—The Royal Commission said today that its investigation of the Canadian spy case had disclosed that Dr. Raymond Boyer, assistant professor of Chemistry at McGill University, had transmitted to Russia full information regarding his secret work in explosives.

The commission also said three other scientific workers engaged in secret research for the government had given Russia highly confidential data. With publication of the names of these four, the commission now had identified eight government employees it said were operating in a Moscow-directed network in Canada.

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Clear to partly cloudy and warm this afternoon and tonight. Saturday cloudiness with showers, little change in temperature.

## WHERE RUSSIAN CRISIS NEARS



WITH RUSSIAN COMBAT TROOPS accompanied by tanks and planes reported within 20 miles of Tehran (1), Iranian capital, the area shown in the above map becomes the center of a grave political show-down. The Russian advance was believed to be a direct threat to Turkey (2), where shaded section indicates territory that Soviets have broadly hinted should become the property of the USSR. (International)

## Attlee Not Against Freedom For India

### However, He Says Choice Must Be By Own Free Will

London, March 15.—(AP)—Prime Minister Clement Attlee told the House of Commons today that if India chose full independence from Britain "in our view she has the right to do so."

"It will be for us to help make the transition as free and easy as possible," he declared during debate on the mission of three cabinet members who will go to India shortly to take up again the problem of self government for India.

But, he said, "I hope the Indian people may elect to remain with the British Commonwealth. If she does so, it must be by her own free will, for the British Commonwealth and empire is not bound together by chains of external compulsion."

Attlee said that Britain in making a final treaty with India, was not "going to hold out anything to our own advantage that would be to the disadvantage of India."

He said he thought India would "find great advantages within the Commonwealth" and warned that "no great nation can stand alone today."

ROYALTY IN MANHA. Manila, March 15.—(AP)—British secretary of War Kenneth Royall and his party arrived today from Shanghai to study surplus property disposal and methods of reducing military personnel.

## Marshall Returns, Plans Conference With Mr. Truman

Washington, March 15.—(AP)—General George Marshall, President Truman's special envoy to China, returned to the Capital today and was summoned promptly to a White House conference.

The former chief of staff, declined immediate comment on conditions in China, where he has spent the last three months in a role as peace-maker between Communist forces and Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Government.

He was scheduled to see Mr. Truman at 3:30 p. m., only five and one-half hours after his arrival by plane.

## High German Army Officer A Suicide

Hoford, Germany, March 15.—(AP)—Field Marshal Walther Von Model, who had been hunted since his army was crushed in the Ruhr trap a year ago, took his own life with a revolver April 21, 1945. British intelligence officers said today. They said he feared that if he surrendered himself he would be turned over to the Russians as a war criminal.

## DROPS STITCH TO GET SHIP HOME



WITH TIME ON HIS HANDS—and knitting needles in them—Pvt. Joe Fazio was taking lessons in Frankfurt, Germany, from Miss Dina Morelli, Red Cross club worker from Quincy, Mass., when word came that he could ship home to Brooklyn, N. Y. So Joe is bringing samples of his handiwork to Mrs. Fazio and their two youngsters, who have been advised that he will soon be back from the wars. (International)

## GETTING READY FOR ATOM TEST



WORKING OVERTIME AND AT TOP SPEED in unnumbered scenes like this, men of the Army and Navy are getting ships and planes and instruments ready for "Operation Crossroads" at Bikini Atoll in May. Here you see aircraft engineers and mechanics at Johnsville, Pa., checking one of the control planes that will maneuver the drones on which recording instruments will be flown close to the blast of the atomic bomb. (International)