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WARM UP HELL-DIVER DURING 'OPERATION FROSTBITE'



USING A POWERFUL BOOSTER, the deck crew of a Hell-Diver turns over the cold engine on the big plane as the U. S. aircraft carrier *Midway* plows through a snowstorm during naval experiments in the Labrador Sea. The maneuvers were held to determine how our planes and other fighting equipment work in sub-zero temperatures and raging winter storms. This is an official U. S. Navy photo. (International)

GE Employees Return After 62 Day Strike

Local Issues In Way Of Workers In G. M. Plants

(By The Associated Press.)

As General Electric employees went back to their jobs of building refrigerators and other consumer goods today local issues stood in the way of the return of General Motors workers in about a third of the 49 G. M. plants.

Announcing its 62 day strike had ended, the CIO-United Electrical Workers union said its 100,000 members would start returning to General Electric plants in 16 states today.

Settlement of the GE disputes was on the basis of an 11.5 cent an hour wage increase, the same raise accepted overwhelmingly by 39 of 31 CIO-United Auto Workers units which approved a national settlement with General Motors.

Top of the local voting decided not to enter G. M. plants until local differences have been settled. G. M. has indicated it would begin calling back to work this week employees from these locals which have approved the national settlement.

Beside the General Electric workers today's back to work movement included 50,000 male idle for 20 weeks by a strike of machinists in San Francisco; 14,000 employees of Timken Roller Bearing Co. in Ohio; and 3,300 employees of the Oliver Corp. equipment concern with plants in South Bend, Ind., and Charles City, Iowa.

These settlements cut the total idle in labor disputes to 538,000, with the prospect that another 175,000 could be loped off when the General Motors workers return.

Troops In Japan Learn March News, Wait For February

Yokohama, March 18.—(AP)—A lot of Americans in Japan know what happened at home early this month, but are still waiting for news about January.

Over the week-end, they received 4,700 pounds of air mail estimated at more than 2,000,000 letters dated as late as March 8.

However, the S. S. Durham Victory which left San Francisco Feb. 17 with an estimated 47,000 pounds of air mail letters in addition to a large amount of packages which accumulated in U. S. ports in February hasn't arrived.

Lehman Says Lack Of Food Can Sew Seeds Of New War

Atlantic City, N. J., March 18.—(AP)—Director General Herbert Lehman of UNRRA said today that failure to furnish relief for the world's hungry millions can "sow seeds of further armed conflicts."

In an address for UNRRA's fourth annual session the retiring chief of history's greatest mission of mercy said that "we have demonstrated that the men and women of many nations can work together in harmony for the common good of mankind."

"The organization is not perfect," Lehman added, "nor have the results been perfect, but the United Nations should recognize the basic

Violence In State Causes Nine Deaths

(By The Associated Press.)

Violence in various forms accounted for at least nine deaths in North Carolina over the week-end and for the first time in several months traffic accidents failed to head the list of causes of death.

Only two of the nine fatalities were reported due to an auto accident.

Gun shot wounds caused three deaths. Others were due to injuries received in a fall, electrocution and poison. In Asheville a woman was found fatally beaten in her home.

Dr. Rhee, Korean Political Leader, Resigns His Post

Seoul, Korea, March 18.—(AP)—Dr. Syngman Rhee, who came out of 27 years of exile to work for Korean independence, announced today his decision to resign as chairman of the American supported representative democratic council of south Korea.

The supreme political development in the complicated Korean political situation came in the 19-man Russian-American-Korean committee prepared to hold its first meeting, aimed at uniting the nation with a view to ultimate self-rule.

Seventy-year-old Rhee gave ill health as his reason for stepping down from his position.

Rhee was the target last week of the Russian newspaper Pravda which charged he headed a Korean group seeking to gain governmental power and control mining enterprises. Pravda said he was "making deals with the Americans." Rhee called this absurd.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers in the north-east portion this afternoon. Warmer tonight. Fair and mild temperature Tuesday.

fact that international cooperation is possible and can be effective."

47 Nations Attend.

Lehman told the delegates from 47 nations that UNRRA has accomplished the following:

1. By the end of March more than 7,000,000 tons of supplies will have been shipped and "the scale of our operations is increasing."

2. Since the first of September approximately 725,000 displaced persons have been repatriated with the help of military authorities.

3. "Were it not for the present food crisis, UNRRA could undoubtedly have claimed an even greater record during the battle of the winter of 1945-46."

NAM Urges Congress To Let OPA Die

Watson Asks End Of Controls On Manufactured Goods

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—The National Association of Manufacturers called upon Congress today to end price controls on all manufactured goods, contending that OPA is "fostering inflation, enabling black markets to flourish," and slowing production.

Robert B. Watson, president of NAM, opposed a year's continuation of OPA as asked by President Truman in a statement introduced for the House Banking Committee.

Asking what he termed OPA's proponents' campaign to "frighten" the country into a new lease on life for price controls, Watson said: "Inflation can never be stopped in this country until we stop creating fear in the minds of our people through irresponsible statements; assure the public that they will get the goods they want at reasonable prices by taking OPA shackles off manufactured goods; and bring the federal budget into balance; and thereby put an end to the growth of the inflationary danger which comes from continuous government deficits."

He termed "false" the administration claim "that only OPA stands between the people and disastrous inflation."

Rayburn Certain House Will Pass Extension Of Draft

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—Speaker Sam Rayburn said today he is hopeful of House passage of legislation extending the draft act beyond the May 15 expiration date.

Leaving a conference with President Truman, he told reporters "I am not very discouraged" over the prospects.

He said the President discussed selective service, appropriations and atomic energy legislation with his congressional "big four" at their regular Monday meeting.

Baruch Named U. S. Representative On Atomic Commission

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—President Truman is nominating Bernard Baruch as United States representative on the United Nations atomic energy commission.

White House Press Secretary Charles Ross said the nomination of the financier and presidential advisor will go to the Senate tomorrow.

Baruch, 75, one of the nation's elder statesmen, was chairman of the War Industries Board during the first world war. The late President Franklin Roosevelt called upon him many times during the last war for advice and for special missions.

One of his best known services in world war two involved a solution of the rubber crisis.

Iran Is Willing To Talk Oil With Russia If Troops Leave

SPRING COMES TO THE WHITE HOUSE



OUT FOR A STROLL in the White House grounds, President Harry S. Truman stops for a moment to sniff a magnolia blossom. His employees about the international situation has done much to allay the rising belief that a break may occur between the U. S. and Russia. (International)

Law Prohibits Discussions If Troops Present

London, March 18.—(AP)—Iranian embassy officials in London said today that Iran was prepared to negotiate oil concessions with Russia only on condition that Soviet troops leave the country.

An embassy official said he could neither confirm nor deny reports that Premier Ahmad Qavam Es Salsali is at present negotiating with the Russians in Tehran.

He said it was "highly improbable" in view of an Iranian law prohibiting oil talks until foreign troops were evacuated.

"We do not believe that the premier would care to break this law," he added.

Embassy officials said there were no Iranian objections to Russia having oil concessions in northern Iran.

Equal Opportunity.

Both the British and Americans are understood to hold the view that they should be given opportunity to negotiate oil concessions on an equal basis with Russia or any other power.

When the Iranian government approved the law prohibiting negotiations until after the war, the American government asked Iran to notify the State Department on resumption of oil concession talks to insure that U. S. interests would have equitable treatment.

One of the Russian contentions is that since Britain holds oil rights in southern Iran, the Soviets should be allowed to also. The British are understood to have no objection to Russia being given concessions, but support the Iranian view that Soviet troops first should leave the country.

Soft Coal Operators Rap Lewis

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—Soft coal operators today accused John L. Lewis of "deliberately" trying to make a false case in his demand for a miners' health and welfare fund.

Opening their case against Lewis' demands for wage increases and other benefits for 400,000 coal miners, two representatives of the coal operators flatly disagreed with the claims the chief of the United Mine Workers has made thus far in the coal wage conferences.

Harry M. Moses, a member of the operators negotiating committee, speaking for captive mines owned by steel companies said:

"We deny your accusations, and on this record charge you with having attempted deliberately to create by understandable design a false case upon which to rest your royalty or welfare demand upon this conference."

Lewis last week emphasized demands that the industry set up a miners' health and welfare fund. Pressing this, he said pedaled his general proposal for increased wages and a shorter work week.

Negroes Placed In Raleigh Prison For Own Protection

Prominent Robeson County White Woman Claims Being Rapd

Raleigh, March 18.—(AP)—Three negroes were rushed to Central Prison here today for safe keeping after a promise if Robeson county white woman reported she had been raped, Warden H. H. Wilson said today.

Highway patrol headquarters here said that it had received a radio report that several others still were being questioned in Lumberton but there was no evidence of possible mob action.

The three negroes were Calvin Covington, Grant Thompson, and Stey Powell all of Robeson county.

The negroes were brought to Central Prison by Sheriff E. C. Wade, of Robeson.

Wade returned immediately to Lumberton to continue investigation of the case.

Truman Asking Conservation Of Vital Foods

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—The White House said today that President Truman is asking for the conservation of vital foods rather than the elimination of public dinners during the world food emergency.

Press Secretary Charles Ross made public the following telegram to Arthur Harnett, executive secretary of the Hotel Association of Washington:

"The President directs me to say that he is not suggesting the elimination of public dinners as such but rather the fullest conservation of food supplies needed for the relief of hunger throughout the world."

Stocks Generally Make Recoveries

New York, March 18.—(AP)—Stocks generally continued on the recovery side of today's market although scattered exceptions were in evidence.

Ahead most of the time were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Youngstown Sheet, General Motors, Chrysler, Goodrich and Air Reduction. Defeatment of a dividend weakened Continental Motors. Backward were Glenn Martin and Dupont.

Truman To Speak At N. Y. College

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—President Truman today accepted an invitation to go to New York May 11 to address an anniversary celebration of Fordham University.

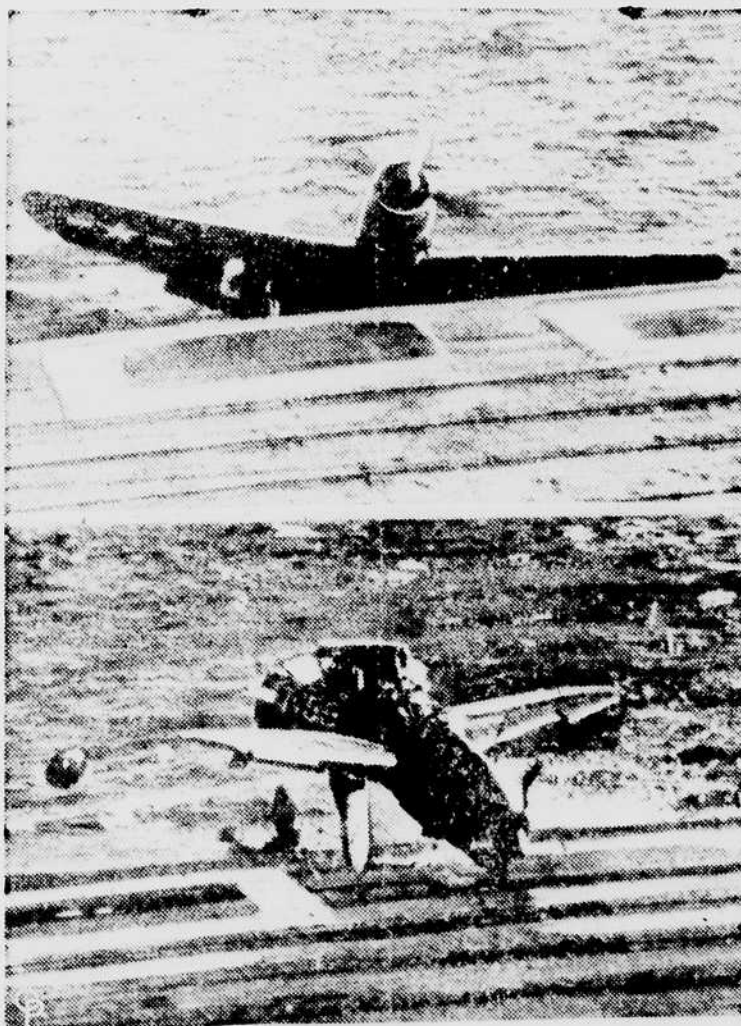
The Rev. Robert L. Benson, president of the university, said the President accepted the invitation which involves two speeches by the Chief Executive.

WINANT WILL RETIRE AS ENVOY TO BRITAIN

Washington, March 18.—(AP)—John G. Winant said today that he hopes to retire soon as American ambassador to Britain.

Winant, after a conference with President Truman said he is returning to London about April 1 for a brief period.

CARRIER CRACK-UP NEAR TRAGEDY



WINGING HIS SCOUT BOMBER IN FOR A LANDING on the carrier *Shangri-La*, Ensign P. Johnson touches the edge of the flight deck (upper photo) and bounces heavily (lower picture), losing wings and tail and landing wheels, before crashing to a stop. A moment later the lucky ensign plopped from the wreck, unharmed. U. S. Navy photo. (International)

UNO BEGINS TO MOVE INTO HUNTER



WASTING NO TIME in setting up the Documents Department of the UNO in the United States, Mrs. Isobel Wallace of Great Britain, a member of the organization's secretariat, is shown putting papers and files in order in one of the offices requisitioned at Hunter College in New York City. While girl students of Hunter have petitioned New York Mayor O'Dwayer for return of the school buildings in time for the Fall term, the UNO wants to move in for at least two years. (International)